

Stakeholders Statement

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Gender Equality Indicators Goals 5

Thank you chair. I will speak on indicators relating to Gender Equality, particularly goal 5. However, gender equality is, of course, related to all goals, targets and indicators. As an example the indicator for target 6.1 must include the time use of women collecting water.

I would like to start with some comments on the discussions you had this morning focused on the 'yellow' indicators:

We support the suggested reformation of 5.a proposed by UN Women and supported by many colleagues this morning on women's access to land but **suggest that this indicator not be limited to agricultural land** and instead to refer to land, property and inheritance to ensure inclusion of all women including Indigenous women and other land holders who have access to communal or non-tenured lands.

While we hear the desire for governments to limit indicators and thus the proposal to merge the two indicators (that were marked green) in 5.5, we stress the need for monitoring women's role and leadership in decision making at local level and urge you to ensure that this merger does not result in merged data – we need the separate figures to focus work where it is most needed.

5.1.1, we welcome Denmark's proposal to add elements of enforcement and monitoring.

We support the indicators on 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 by UN-Women, and other UN agencies, and their expansion to include women of all ages. We also support IOM's proposal to add an indicator on human trafficking; however, it is important that human trafficking is not equated with or conflated with sex work.

We recommend amending 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 to include girls under 15.

Indicator 5.4.1, is important and should disaggregate data per type of work (childcare, aged care, housework etc) but we also note that this indicator does not measure key components of the target – namely 'the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies'.

Target 5.6.1 should measure the exercise of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all ages rather than limit it in age. 5.6.2 to guarantee all women and adolescents universal access to comprehensive services. We propose an indicator be included on grievance redressal mechanisms.

5.b.1, we support proposals by some member states to include access to and usage of internet and other technologies. We also support adding the indicator, "proportion of individuals in ICT profession, by skills, sex, ethnicity, and age."

5.c.1, we support proposal by Brazil to change the indicator to "Expenditure on gender equality policies as a percentage of total government expenditures." we propose these indicators: "5.c.2 Existence of gender-responsive budgetary resources across the public sector, "5.c.3 Number of institutional mechanisms present that allow for resources and meaningful participation of women's and feminist organizations in policy and legislation-making."

Thank you.