Reality check: Are we on track to achieve SDG 5 by 2030?

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The pandemic has tested and even reversed progress in expanding women's rights and opportunities. Women have not recovered lost jobs and income, hunger is on the rise, and school closures threaten girls' educational gains. Women's participation in government, research and resource management remains far from equal. Vulnerable groups of women, including migrants, those with disabilities and those affected by conflict, are frequently left behind. Disparities between rich and poor countries are preventing equal access to lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines and treatments, putting women in poorer countries at disproportionate risk. Moreover, despite women's central roles in responding to COVID-19, including as front-line health workers, they do not have the leadership positions they deserve. Building forward differently and better will require placing women and girls at the centre of all aspects of response and recovery, including through gender responsive laws, policies and budgeting.

Using the latest data and estimates, the annual stocktaking report, *Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot* reveals a long road ahead in meeting the targets set out in Goal 5. Globally, only 1 of the 18 indicators (including sub indicators) is assessed as being "close to target". Where data are available over time, they reveal limited or no progress across regions and in at least one case a deteriorating outlook. The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet known but is expected to further erode progress. Comprehensive analysis and policies in areas relevant for Goal 5 but also across all Goals are necessary to fully achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, including in areas such as climate change, energy, infrastructure development and financing. Data and information gaps are wide in many of these areas. In 6 out of 18 indicators, global data remain insufficient to assess current levels. Trend data are even more sparse. Only 2 of the 18 indicators have sufficient data to assess progress over time across all regions. Without a bold commitment to fill these gaps, the picture of progress will remain incomplete.

Join us for an engaging discussion with key stakeholders to understand where we are on achieving the SDGs from a gender perspective and why more and better gender data are fundamental in broader approach to building back smarter. Panelists will also share recent successes in visualizing SDG 5 data which center and tell the stories of the women and girls behind the numbers.

List of Panelists (TBC)

- Papa Seck, Chief, Research and Data Section, UN Women (TBC)
- Giorgia Lupi, Partner, Pentagram (TBC)
- Caroline Criado Perez, Author of *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Built for Men (TBC)*