

FAQ – Commitment Micro-Site

1. How can a Commitment be made? What is the deadline?

Commitments should be submitted through the [Commitments Platform](#). An extension has been issued so that Commitments can be submitted by **Tuesday 22 June 2021 at 11.59 PM EST.**

Only commitments that are formally registered through the Platform will be showcased during the Action Coalition high-level sessions at the [Generation Equality Paris Forum](#) and featured on a virtual World Map of Commitments.

Commitments will ***not*** be disclosed before the Paris Forum.

If additional time is needed to register your commitment, please reach out directly to: actioncoalitions@unwomen.org

2. What is the guidance to define and register commitments?

The Action Coalitions Secretariat launched a [Commitments Platform](#), which is a user friendly platform that includes key resources on the Action Coalitions, guidance on the definition of strong commitments as well as a form to register your strong commitments.

All Leaders and Commitment Makers are encouraged to use the key resources share on the platform, including the [Commitments Handbook](#), to finalize their [strong commitments](#).

3. What types of commitments can be registered?

Commitments to implement any of the actions outlined in the [Global Acceleration Plan on Gender Equality](#) can be comprised of:

- **Financial** commitments—to support the realization of an action to advance gender equality results.
- **Advocacy** commitments—to amplify and mobilize support for transformative change to achieve the goals of the Action Coalition.
- **Policy** commitments—to demonstrate how an action can be translated to concrete policy change in the context of a government, company, or organization.
- **Programmatic** commitments—to deliver programs, services, research or other actions, with a focus on scale.

4. Can individuals make commitments?

Commitments should be registered by the following entities:

- Governments (including regional and local governments)
- Private sector entities
- Philanthropic organizations
- UN agencies and other international or regional organizations (including IFIs)
- Women's and feminist organizations, movements, and civil society actors
- Youth-led organizations
- Other institutions (including Universities, research centers, professional organizations, Media, knowledge focused organizations, cultural and /or faith-based organizations or institutions, etc.)

5. Do I need to already be in an Action Coalition to make a commitment?

You do not need to already be part of an Action Coalition to make a commitment. Any of the above listed actors can become a Commitment-Maker. For more information on what it means to be a Commitment-Maker, you can refer to [this deck](#).

6. Do I have to fill out both the commitment form and the Action Coalition membership form?

Now that the Commitments platform has been launched, it is no longer required to 'apply' to become a Commitment-Maker. Therefore, all stakeholders can go directly to the [Commitments Platform](#) and register your commitments. We will undertake all due diligence assessment processes in the back-end.

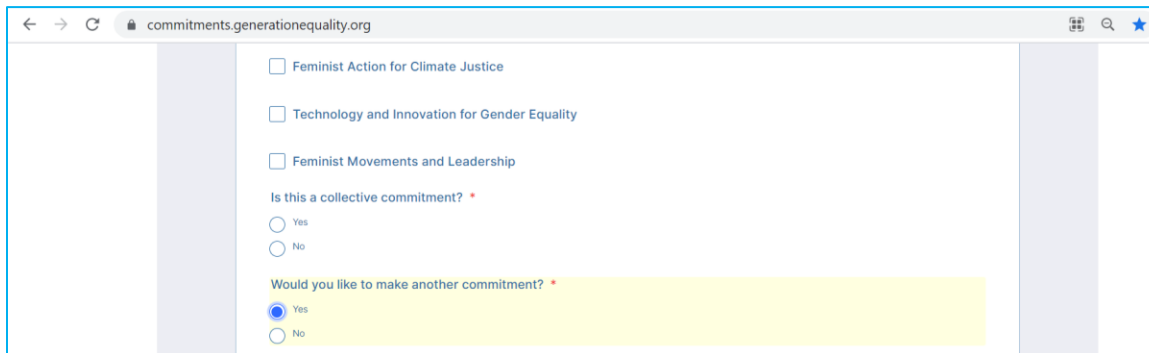
7. The form on the Commitments Site asks for both "internal' and 'external' commitments. What is the difference?

Leaders and Commitment Makers are encouraged to submit strong commitments that aim to achieve significant, transformative change. This transformative change is expected to impact women and girls' lives in the world (an external commitment). Transformative change should also be advanced within an organization, government, company's internal structures (an internal commitment).

In this respect, Leaders and Commitment Makers are invited to articulate an internal commitment that will advance change within their organizational / institutional structures and apply an intersectional approach. Examples of 'internal' Commitments are included in the [Commitments Handbook](#).

8. How many commitments can be submitted through the online platform?

There is no limit in terms of registered commitments. Leaders and Commitment Makers are encouraged to submit multiple [strong commitments](#) through the [Commitments Platform](#) **by Tuesday, 22 June, 11.59 PM EST**. It is possible to submit two (2) at a time through the Commitments Platform by checking the box 'Would you like to make another commitment?' To submit additional commitments, it is necessary to begin a new submission. Thank you.



The screenshot shows a web browser window at commitments.generationequality.org. The form contains the following elements:

- Three checkboxes for commitment types:
 - Feminist Action for Climate Justice
 - Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality
 - Feminist Movements and Leadership
- A question: "Is this a collective commitment? *". Below it are two radio buttons:
 - Yes
 - No
- A question: "Would you like to make another commitment? *". Below it are two radio buttons:
 - Yes
 - No

The question "Would you like to make another commitment? *" and its radio buttons are highlighted in yellow in the screenshot.

9. My government / organization / company will be making a financial commitment. How do I include this information in the form?

There is a field on the Commitments form to select the type of commitment, including making a financial commitment. If you select this field, a further box will appear requesting you to clarify the amount of your organization / government / company's financial commitment in USD. Dollar value will be calculated based on current rate of exchange.

This is differentiated from another question which requests the total *value* for all commitments- programmatic, policy or advocacy. This field should estimate the approximate total value of your Commitment. For example, this would include the total budget required to implement a program or advance a policy.

10. How will Commitments be recognized at the Paris Forum?

All [strong commitments](#) will be featured on a global virtual 'map of Commitments' on the Paris Forum platform.

Furthermore, some [strong commitments](#) will be amplified during the Opening Plenary session by Action Coalition Leaders & Commitment Makers.

Finally, [strong commitments](#) will be showcased during the High Level Events on the Action Coalitions during the Generation Equality Paris Forum programme.

11. What is a Collective Commitment and how do I become involved?

A series of Collective Commitments have been defined by Action Coalition leaders. Collective Commitments are open for Leaders and Commitment Makers to join and are, by definition, multi-stakeholder. By bringing together various regional and thematic expertise, pooled resources and capacities, collective commitments will ensure enhanced impact on all women and girls.

You can learn more about the various Collective Commitments that have been advanced in the [Commitments Handbook](#) and Collective Commitments [guide](#).

12. How do I register my interest to join a Collective Commitment on the platform?

On the platform, you will see a question asking whether your commitment is part of a Collective Commitment. If you answer 'yes', then a drop-down menu will appear of the Collective Commitments that Action Coalition leaders have co-designed. You can then select which Collective Commitment you intend to join and contribute towards. You can also name other partners who will be part of this Collective Commitment. Collective commitments can be registered as a group, or individual partners can signal their intent directly.

13. What happens after my commitment is submitted? Will I be notified of its validation?

Once your commitment(s) is submitted, you will see a 'Thank You' page with social media tools to amplify that you have made a Generation Equality Commitment!

You will be notified by the Action Coalition Secretariat only if your commitment does not meet the requirements of a [strong commitment](#), or to complete missing information / validate information.

The information provided will be utilized for amplification on the global 'Map of Commitments' on the Paris Forum platform. Please reach out to the Action Coalition Secretariat for any adjustments to the Commitment descriptions that might be required.

7. Can I make a Commitment after the submission deadline?

Each year, there will be an opportunity for more stakeholders to join the Generation Equality Action Coalitions as Commitment-Makers. There is no maximum number of Commitment Makers per Action Coalition. Commitment

Makers will participate in the Action Coalitions for a minimum of one year and a maximum of five years.

14. What is the accountability framework and monitoring mechanism for commitments made at the Paris Forum?

An Accountability Framework for the Action Coalitions is being co-designed through a participatory, multi-stakeholder process. It will include the key principles, measures and mechanisms to ensure that all commitments are effectively implemented.

This will be a holistic framework for the Action Coalitions and will aim to ensure that the implementation of Actions is effective and clearly monitored. It is envisaged that Action Coalitions leaders and Commitment Makers will contribute to an annual report by sharing inputs and information on implementing their respective commitments.

The Accountability Framework will be aligned with the Action Coalitions core principles of Intersectional feminism, feminist leadership and transformation.

15. What are the concrete steps ahead? Where do I learn more about the Action Coalitions?

To define a strong commitment, you can follow these steps:

1. **Learn more about the Action Coalitions** ambition by reviewing the draft [Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality](#), inclusive of the Action Coalitions thematic Blueprints.
2. **Learn about what a strong Commitment is** by reviewing the guidance and examples in the draft [Commitments Handbook](#).
3. **Design your commitment**. You can mobilize additional stakeholders around your strong commitment(s) by reaching out to others, including [Action Coalition leaders](#). You can use [this deck](#) to mobilize others to become Commitment Makers!

Please, reach out to the Action Coalitions Secretariat (actioncoalitions@unwomen.org) should you have any question related to the next steps.