



GENERATION EQUALITY MULTI-STAKEHOLDER LEADERSHIP GROUP

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: Civil Society, Youth, and Adolescent Girls Representatives

Background:

The Generation Equality Forum (GEF) was a historic global gathering for gender equality, which was convened by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico in partnership with civil society and youth. As a multistakeholder initiative, it brought together representatives from governments, civil society and youth organizations, the UN system, the private sector, and philanthropic actors to accelerate progress for gender equality and women's rights over the next five years. These partners worked collaboratively to support the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as the world rebuilds better and more equal after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Forum kicked off in Mexico City from March 2021 and culminated in Paris in July 2021. The Forum's legacy includes: a 5-year Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality and over 2,000 commitments in support of the Plan and its Action Coalitions; a Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action with 120 signatories and nearly 1,000 total combined actions; and a strengthened multistakeholder movement in support of gender equality. Within two years of mobilization, the Forum reached over 2.1 billion people, gathered over 104,000 participants virtually and resulted in US\$ 40 billion in financial commitments against the Global Acceleration Plan.

One major factor that drove this success was the innovative multistakeholder structure that influenced the GEF's design processes and advisory mechanisms. The multistakeholder models elevated young feminist and civil society voices and leadership while ensuring the meaningful engagement of other stakeholders through a model of co-allyship and co-leadership. By engaging stakeholders from across sectors, the Forum created an ecosystem of support for gender equality with a set of partners with a strong sense of ownership and commitment to the initiative.

A key ask of these partners in the follow up to the Forum has been the continued promotion of the multistakeholder model that defined Generation Equality, including through the establishment of a partner engagement structure to advise and support decision-making for the initiative, in addition to existing leadership structures, such as the Action Coalitions Leadership Structures or the Compact. The establishment of Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Group will help respond to these demands and continue to model the multistakeholder essence of Generation Equality within an agreed scope of work in support of UN Women's convenor role and in complementarity with other existing structures.

Call for Applications from Civil Society, Youth and Adolescent Girl Groups:

As UN Women moves forward with the implementation of the Generation Equality initiative, it aims to continue to keep multi-stakeholder engagement and leadership at the core of its efforts. It is within this context that **UN Women is inviting applications for representatives from civil society, including youth-led and adolescent girl organizations, networks, and alliances for the Generation Equality Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Group**, which will support UN Women in delivering on its convenor role for the follow up to the Generation Equality Forum. The Multistakeholder Leadership Group will work in coordination with the Action Coalition leadership structures and Compact to ensure complementarity and alignment.

To ensure that the Generation Equality Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Group is representative of all key constituencies as well as effective and inclusive, UN Women will convene a body that:

- Includes diverse representation from Member States, UN Agencies, International Organizations, Private Sector, Philanthropies, Civil Society, including Youth and Adolescent Girl groups
- Ensures diverse and equitable representation of intergenerational CSOs serving grassroots and marginalized communities
- Ensures diverse geographic representation, diverse constituency representation, intergenerational representation with the inclusion of global, regional, and local stakeholders
- Includes Action Coalition Leaders, Compact Signatories and Commitment Makers.

- Members may rotate every two years, as necessary, to ensure diversity of voices and representation
- The Leadership Group will be composed of 20 members who will sit on the body on behalf of governments, institutions, organizations, and entities. The breakdown is as follows:
 - 6 Governments Representatives (3 Global North and 3 Global South). This group will include potential host countries for the midpoint moment.
 - 3 Representatives from Philanthropy and Private Sector Entities
 - 4 Civil Society Organization Representatives
 - 3 Youth Led Organization Representatives
 - 2 Adolescent girl network/group representatives
 - 2 UN Agency/ International Organization Representatives

Criteria for Application:

Note on Eligibility Requirement: Application for the Generation Equality Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Group must be from organizations that are Action Coalition Leaders, Compact Signatory or Commitment Makers. This is a key criterion as knowledge of Generation Equality implementation and investment in Generation Equality processes are important in the Leadership Group.

The Generation Equality Multi-Stakeholder Leadership Group will include youth and adolescent girl representation. Applicants representing youth led organizations should be young people aged 18+ years old (and up to 30 years old) recommended by a youth led, youth focused, or youth serving organizations, networks, or movements. Applicants representing adolescent girls should be 13-18 and recommended by an adolescent led, adolescent focused or adolescent girl serving organization, networks, or movements.

For membership on the Generation Equality Leadership Group, UN Women invites organizations from all regions. However, prioritization will be given to under-represented regions in the Generation Equality process:

- West and Central Africa
- Arab States
- Caribbean (including but not limited to English speaking, French speaking, Spanish-speaking, Caribbean with African Descent)
- Asia and the Pacific (specifically Central Asia and Pacific Islands)

The following under-represented constituencies are also encouraged to apply:

- Indigenous youth
- Afro-descendants
- Ethnic, religious and caste minorities
- Persons with disabilities
- Climate justice activists
- LGBTQI people
- Migrants or refugees, and youth directly working with refugees

Organizations do not need to be registered officially. However, the application must be from an organization, network, or alliance rather than from an individual. Each organization, network or alliance can recommend only one candidate on their behalf.

Application Process: To apply, please familiarize yourself with the Terms of Reference and Criteria and submit the [Application Form](#) which will open on **20 June 2022**. Applications will be open for three weeks until **8 July 2022**. Upon submission, applications will be reviewed by a committee convened by UN Women and decisions will be finalized by August/September 2022. Applicants will be notified of the decision on their application at that time.