



TRANSFORMING ECONOMIES: EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS CALL TO ACTION

Women's economic empowerment is critical for gender equality and for achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We, as global leaders and actors across government, business, and civil society, endorse this Call to Action and invite others to join us to build a global coalition for the economic empowerment of women and girls.

We will take action to transform economic opportunities and outcomes for girls and women around the world. We will ensure that women are able to access better quality jobs and have control over resources, and are empowered to make choices about their participation in the economy.

Our investments in the economic empowerment of women and girls will have a transformative impact on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals on gender equality, sustainable economic growth, ending poverty and ensuring no-one is left behind.

Objective	Actions
1. Ensure women have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, access to financial services including microfinance and appropriate new technology. (SDG 1.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♀ Governments will promote legislative and administrative reforms to ensure women's rights to economic assets, financial services and other productive resources ♀ Businesses will work with governments and other actors to promote women's access to financial services, infrastructure and technology ♀ Donors and international institutions will invest in the evidence base and scale up initiatives to improve women's access to and control of economic resources ♀ Civil society organisations will raise awareness and strengthen social movements to advocate for women's economic rights ♀ All stakeholders will work to improve disaggregated data to measure progress on access to economic resources at the national and global level
2. Achieve full and productive employment and decent work and entrepreneurship for women with equal pay for work of equal value, and the protection of labour rights and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♀ Governments will strengthen institutions to create a strong business environment that creates more and better jobs and business opportunities for women ♀ Governments will promote health, safety, well-being and fair treatment of all workers, and particularly those in vulnerable and unsafe livelihoods, including victims of human trafficking and forced labour

<p>safe and secure working environments. (SDG 8.5 and 8.8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♀ Governments will promote women's rights to equal treatment and opportunities at work ♀ Businesses will work to integrate the Women's Empowerment Principles into their activities ♀ Donors and international institutions will invest in the evidence base and scale up initiatives and mainstreaming to create jobs and improve women's outcomes at work ♀ All stakeholders will work to improve pay and working conditions for women, including through measures such as paying a living wage ♀ All stakeholders will work to support women to develop a voice in the workforce ♀ All stakeholders will work to improve disaggregated data to measure progress on the level and quality of women's participation in the labour force
<p>3. Recognise, value, reduce and redistribute the burden of unpaid care and domestic work (SDG 5.4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♀ Governments will prioritize investments in infrastructure and essential services, including water, sanitation and energy that reduce and redistribute women's burden of unpaid care and work ♀ Employers will recognise women's burden of unpaid care work and take measures to support women and men in fulfilling care duties ♀ Donors and international institutions will invest in the evidence base and scale up initiatives to reduce and redistribute women's burden of unpaid care and work ♀ High level leadership from all stakeholders will raise awareness and reignite the global conversation to shift social norms and perceptions on the roles of women in the economy and society ♀ All stakeholders will work to improve data for measuring and recognising unpaid work, for example through investment in time-use surveys

Progress against implementation of this Call to Action will be reviewed at the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2016 by the Government of the United Kingdom and UN Women.