

Generation Equality

Realizing Women's Rights for an Equal Future

The year 2020 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the fourth Women's World Conference held in Beijing, China in 1995. It was the most productive gathering of women where a comprehensive document, The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was created to provide a framework for the world to move towards gender equality. It is at this conference that past Secretary of State Hillary Clinton coined the phrase, "Women's Rights Are Human Rights."

The Beijing Platform for Action was adopted by 189 governments committed to taking strategic, bold actions in 12 critical areas of concern: poverty, education and training, health, violence, armed conflict, economy, power and decision-making, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, environment, and the girl child.

However, progress and implementation for the commitments made in Beijing has been painfully slow. Not one member of the UN can claim to have achieved gender equality. To celebrate the milestone of twenty-five years since the Beijing Platform, UN Women took a bold and creative step to emphasize and vocalize its commitment to the creation of a just world.



Generation Equality, a civil society, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France, was created by bringing together the advocates and visionaries who were instrumental in creating the Beijing Platform for Action with the next generation of activists having the same passion for equality as their counterparts of two decades ago. It is the hope that together, these change makers of all ages and genders, will tackle the unfinished business of empowering women through a new groundbreaking multigenerational campaign.

The kick-off event of Generation Equality Forum occurred recently, in March 2021, in Mexico City and the next one will be held in Paris, France in June of 2021. Government leaders, activists of all ages and gender, corporations, media, trade unions, and feminist organizations will come together to define the goals, develop plans and announce ambitious investments and policies.

Generation Equality hopes to fuel a powerful and enduring coalition for gender equality to achieve transformative change by ensuring a continuity of purpose through continuity of leadership from generation to generation. The creation of the forum is a key moment in the journey towards equality.

To learn more about Generation Equality go to: <https://forum.generationequality.org/>

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