

# Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot 2024

## UNGA Report launch

### Concept note

21 September 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

United Nations Secretariat Building, Delegates Dining Room, 4th Floor  
New York

## The 2024 SDGs Gender Snapshot report

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for a world where all individuals, regardless of gender, have equal access to opportunities and resources, and where no one is left behind. UN-Women's flagship report, [Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The Gender Snapshot](#), produced annually in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), highlights gender equality trends, gaps and setbacks across all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Utilizing the latest available gender data, the report has been highly successful in raising awareness and generating momentum towards achieving gender equality and has emerged as a pivotal catalyst for change.

The 2024 *Gender Snapshot* report, sixth in the series, marks a pivotal moment for the SDGs and the future of global development cooperation. With only six years remaining until the 2030 deadline, progress has been too slow to meet the SDGs, especially SDG5 and other gender equality objectives. The report stresses the very high cost of not realizing women's rights, measured in the consequences that accrue in individual lives and the missed economic returns. It also points to how investing in gender equality could deliver large and lasting benefits for entire societies. It stresses that with the right policies and investments, progress is possible and gender disparities can be redressed.

By aligning with the [Summit of the Future](#) and the forthcoming 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the report highlights a critical opportunity to recommit to accelerating progress toward gender equality and women's rights and sets the stage for discussions that will shape policies and actions for years to come.

## Objectives

The 2024 *SDGs Gender Snapshot* report will be officially launched on 21 September from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at a high-level event, organized by UN-Women, in collaboration with DESA. The launch will provide a platform to generate global awareness and excitement around the report, using the high-level launch event as a catalyst. Specifically, it aims to:

- Communicate the findings of the *Gender Snapshot* and the urgency of accelerating progress on gender equality to achieve the SDGs, feeding into the Summit of the Future;
- Drive thought leadership on gender equality as the engine for the realization of the SDGs, and posit investments in women and girls as the interlocutor to the achievement of Agenda 2030;
- Build momentum towards and launch UN-Women's Beijing +30 global campaign for enhanced accountability, strengthened commitments, and increased resourcing to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;
- Promote discussions, dialogue, and action on progress towards gender equality and women's empowerment.

## Expected outcomes

The outcomes of the launch will result in greater awareness about the status of gender equality and SDGs. As a contribution to the Summit of the Future and ahead of the celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the launch of the 2024 *Gender Snapshot* will raise the profile of gender equality and generate momentum for leaders to recommit to accelerating progress to achieve the gender equality objectives of the 2030 agenda by promoting transformative policies and gender equality investments. The event will also highlight the importance of gender data and the steps that are needed to close gender data gaps to monitor the SDGs and inform evidence-based policies.

## The launch event

The global, in-person event will be a reception and dinner held in the Delegates Dining Room at the United Nations Secretariat. This event offers an opportunity to hear from senior leadership of UN-Women and DESA, as well as governments, youth leaders, civil society organizations and public and private agencies. They will discuss the report's results and explore ways to accelerate progress, increase accountability and boost investment.

Heads of State and Government, United Nations officials, youth, civil society, philanthropy and business leaders will headline the launch event. They will speak about the report's findings and discuss steps to advance gender equality and women's rights.

The event will take place during the high-level week **of the 79th Session of the United Nations General Assembly**. Over 150 in-person participants are expected, and the event will last for 90 minutes.

The proposed structure and speakers are as follows:

## Agenda

Time	Session
<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>	
5:45p.m.–6:00 p.m.	Arrival and registration: Participants arrive, register, and take their seats. Light refreshments may be available. Pre-determined table numbers will be assigned to all participants.
18:00–18:03 (3 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening by Moderator: Richard Lui, News Anchor, MSNBC News</li> </ul> <p><i>Moderator introduces himself, welcomes the audience, sets the scene and describes the agenda. He then introduces the first two speakers and gives them the floor (UN Women ED will go first, followed by DESA USG). Both will speak from the Lectern.</i></p>
<b>Segment 1: Setting the scene: Presentation of 2024 Gender Snapshot report's findings</b>	
18:03–18:18 (12 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sima Bahous, UN-Women Executive Director (5-6mn)</li> <li>Li Junhua, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (5-6mn)</li> </ul>
18:18–18:20 (2 minutes)	<b>Moderator thanks the speakers and gives signal to screen a two-minute video illustration of the 2024 SDGs Snapshot's findings and key messages</b>
<b>Segment 2: High-level panel discussion about the steps that actors need to take to advance gender equality</b>	
<i>Moderator welcomes the high-level panel and calls them to the stage. Because of the limited time, there will be one specific question for each panelist (with 3-4 minutes to respond), followed by a lighting round for 1-2 minutes. Panelists will speak from their respective seats.</i>	
18:20–18:50 (30 minutes)	<b>High-level Panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H.E. Geeta Rao Gupta, United States Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues</li> <li>Sinead Bovell, Founder of Weekly Advice for Young Entrepreneurs</li> <li>Qu Dongyu, FAO Director General</li> <li>Maliha Khan, President and CEO of Women Deliver</li> </ul>
<i>Moderator thanks the high-level panel. Panelists return to their seats at that point and the Moderator gives the floor to the UN Deputy Secretary-General for her keynote remarks.</i>	

18:50–19:00 (10 minutes)	<b>Keynote address situating the findings of the report in the Summit of the Future</b>  Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General
<b>Segment 3: Interventions from the floor</b>  <i>Moderator thanks the DSG and turns to the floor for the following interventions (microphones will be given to speakers).</i>	
19:00–19:20 (20 minutes)	<b>Interventions from the floor by select UN entities, Permanent Missions and CSOs (20 min) – (about 2 minutes for each speaker)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Dominique Dupuy, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Religious Affairs and Haitians living Abroad of Haiti</li> <li>• Winnie Byanyima, UNAIDS Executive Director</li> <li>• Françoise Moudouthe, African Women's Development Fund CEO</li> <li>• Diene Keita, UNFPA Deputy Executive Director, Programme,</li> <li>• Prabhleen Tuteja, YP Foundation Executive Director</li> <li>• Marion Bethel, CEDAW Vice Chair</li> </ul>
<i>Moderator thanks the high-level panel. Panelists return to their seats at that point and the Moderator gives the floor to the UN Deputy Secretary-General for her keynote remarks.</i>	
19:20–19:30 (10 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie Pacheco, 2024 National Youth Poet Laureate of the United States</li> <li>• Closing by Moderator</li> </ul>
19:30–20:15 (45 minutes)	<i>Food and refreshments are served.</i>