

# Discussion Group Reporting Gender

Goal: Gender Equality

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## **Why should this goal be included in the Sustainable Development Goals?**

1. It's time to let go of patriarchal traditions/systems for women to progress.
2. Society should actively promote equality so there is more participation.
3. Women's unique leadership approach to balance traditional historical male approaches. Ex. Focusing on peace vs. war, stewardship vs. exploitation.
4. Relieve the pressure on men to be leaders/open up their options

## **Which targets from the OWG document do you think are most important and why?**

1. 5.1 end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere.
2. 5.a undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, and natural resources in accordance with national laws
3. 5.2 eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
4. 5.5 ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life

5. 5.6 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with Programme of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences

6. 5.c adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels.

**How do you think the Open Working Group targets should be applied to United States policy making and legislation?**

**What needs to be done to integrate goals into national policy?**

1. Have women be more involved in politics as political leaders/organizers/voters
2. Raise awareness and consciousness of women's issues
3. Social movements, coalitions, community building/outreach
4. Use social media and marketing campaigns
5. Join women focused organizations
6. To affect positive change start at young age to create positive influence self image for young girls and boys
7. Implementing quota system

**How do you think the OWG targets should be applied to your state/city policy making and legislation?**

**What needs to be done to integrate goals into state and local policy?**

1. Focus on one topic/goal to bring together community groups to influence policy and legislation
2. Local social media campaign
3. Create trend for marketing products and services that present women in favorable light/companies promoting/branding gender equality
4. Create and reinforce new cultural norms that push back on stereotypical/discrimination behavior towards women (zero tolerance)
5. Focus on youth awareness campaigns in schools and communities that empower women and young women

**What will be the obstacles to making progress on this goal at the global, national and local levels?**

**Global:** cultural differences (patriarchal/lack of tolerance), lack of enforcement (due to corruption), lack of resources/education/network of support

**National:** misrepresentation of gender equality movement, media and advertising (imaging), power holders (politicians, celebrities, corporations) not backing women's issues/gender equality

**State/Local:** people who don't want change and want to preserve status quo, feeling too small and insignificant to affect larger positive change, patriarchal values that are embedded into institutions

**Which stakeholders and coalitions will be important to engage in order to make progress on this goal and its targets?**

**Global:** women's advocacy leaders and groups, government, lawmakers/policy makers/quota makers

**National:** power holders commitment, women's organization (catalyst organization), help build a business case, non profits, community groups/NGOs that represent or give a voice to the community

**State/Local:** advocacy groups (local-CA) build coalitions, local politicians/community leaders, celebrities to endorse or support women's causes and rights, support groups or individuals who are advocates of women's rights (provide more resources), encourage individuals to speak up