

Beijing 25+

2020 should have been marked by Beijing+25: the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the most comprehensive agenda in the field of gender equality and women's rights. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic most activities were postponed to 2021. That is why we are now talking about Beijing25+.

In 1995, 17 000 delegates and 30 000 activists from all over the world went to Beijing to attend the Fourth World Conference on Women. This was one of the biggest meetings to promote women's rights ever held. Despite some progress, real change has been slow and, to date, no country has achieved gender equality.

WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform is committed, on behalf of and in cooperation with its members and partners, to promoting gender equality and women's rights in international processes such as Beijing25+.

Generation Equality Forum

In 2021, various activities are taking place in the context of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The Generation Equality Forum (GEF) is the name for two global meetings for gender equality. This process is initiated by UN Women and co-organised by the governments of Mexico and France and with active involvement of civil society.

These meetings aim to bring together different actors, including young people and activists but also philanthropic institutions and corporations, to develop a new feminist agenda. And to develop a progressive partnership in the field of gender equality.

- Generation Equality Forum Mexico took place 29 - 31 March 2021. Some of the main sessions can still be seen [here](#).
- Generation Equality Forum Paris took place 30 June – 2 July 2021. You can view the sessions [here](#).

The Forum launched a 5-year action journey to achieve irreversible progress towards gender equality, founded on a series of concrete, ambitious and transformative actions, including \$40 Billion in financial commitments. The results of these forums are expected to be presented to governments in the United Nations general Assembly (UNGA) in September 2021.

Generation Equality Action Coalitions

As part of the Generation Equality Forum process, six thematic action coalitions have been created. Over the next five years (2021 - 2026) these Action Coalitions have a responsibility to bring about concrete and sustainable change in the field of women's rights and gender equality. These action coalitions are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The six thematic Generation Equality Action Coalitions are:

1. Gender-Based Violence
2. Economic Justice and Rights
3. Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
4. Feminist Action for Climate Justice
5. Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality
6. Feminist movements and leadership

Attention to and engagement of girls and young women has been taken up as a cross-cutting issue.

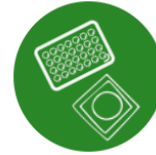
THE 6 ACTION COALITIONS of the Equality Generation Forum



Gender-based violence



Economic justice and rights



Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights



Feminist action for climate justice



Technology and innovation for Gender Equality



Feminist movements and leadership

Each of these Action Coalitions has developed its own priority actions for the coming years. These draft priorities are collected in the [Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality](#). This feminist roadmap was presented in the Generation Equality Forum Mexico and finalized in the Paris Forum.

Several NGOs in the Netherlands working for women's rights and gender equality are involved in one or more action coalitions, either themselves or through their headquarters or local partners. **WO= MEN organises knowledge exchanges between its members and civil servants that are engaging in these processes.**



Commitments

The Generation Equality Forum process aims to drive commitments by governments, women's, feminist and youth-led organizations, international organizations, philanthropy and the private sector to achieve sustainable change towards gender equality.

If you wish, your organization can also become a commitment maker in this process.

- Check out the [Commitment Dashboard](#) for more details.
- Fill in the commitments form [here](#).

Commitments can be comprised of financial, advocacy, policy or programmatic deliverables. In the Mexico Forum, several financial commitments were made such as by Women Moving Millions, a global network of individual philanthropists, who committed to raise 100 million USD by Paris to support the Action Coalition agenda. Read more about the outcomes of the Paris Forum [here](#).



Action Coalition 6: Feminist Movements and Leadership

The government of the Netherlands and the [Count Me In!](#) consortium, a partnership funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs with WO=MEN as a strategic partner, are part of the leadership of Action Coalition 6: Feminist Movements and Leadership.

[This document](#) explains the vision and four key actions that this Action Coalition is committed to push for in order to strengthen and support feminist movements and leadership. It also shows all the organizational members of this coalition.

One of the proposed collective commitments, presented by Canada in the Mexico Forum, is to create a **Global Alliance for Sustainable Feminist Movements**. Count Me In! has organized several consultations already with feminist movements on this planned initiative and **WO=MEN will continue to engage in these discussions and welcomes others to join.**

For more information about Action Coalition 6 or the Global Alliance for Sustainable Feminist Movements, please contact [Nadia van der Linde](#).



Generation Equality Compact for Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action

In October 2020, the Generation Equality Compact for Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action (WPS-HA Compact) was launched in which various countries and organisations are represented. This Compact aims to promote the implementation of existing agreements in the field of Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action. Together with more than 100 other civil society partners, WO=MEN lobbied for this Compact.

WO=MEN remains directly involved in the WPS-HA Compact as one of the 'catalytic members'.

For more information about the WPS-HA Compact, please contact Anne-Floor Dekker.

