



# GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM



MEXICO 2021



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**T**he Generation Equality Forum is a civil society centred, multi-stakeholder global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France, in partnership with civil society and youth. Through co-creation and diverse and inclusive consultations, the Forum will bring together feminist advocates from across the globe to foster action and renew movements for gender equality, as well as to launch a set of innovative and multi-stakeholder Action Coalitions.

The Generation Equality Forum will commence in Mexico City (Mexico) from 29 to 31 March 2021 and will culminate in Paris (France) in June 2021. As a global movement for urgent action and accountability for gender equality, the Forum promotes systemic and transformative change that accelerates the implementation of the historic Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and leads to gender equality, resilience, and sustainability in a world affected by COVID-19.



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With civil society at its core, the Forum in Mexico will be a moment to reinforce the power and voice of feminism, youth, and grassroots movements and to renew action towards the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. As a critical moment for change, it will also address other urgent matters towards achieving gender equality, propelled by the COVID-19 global crisis and reinforcing the idea that gender equality must be central to every recovery plan. It will highlight the need for the Generation Equality agenda, issue a global call to action to accelerate gender equality implementation, and energize civil society and feminist movements in the drive towards securing commitments.

The Generation Equality Forum Mexico will:

- Ensure a multi-stakeholder and human rights approach.
- Promote balanced intergenerational and intersectional representation.
- Highlight the impact of COVID-19 on women's rights.
- Strengthen the women's movement and civil society activism.
- Promote high-level political commitment and action.



# PROGRAMME

The Generation Equality Forum Mexico will be held virtually. The plenaries and breakout sessions will be action-oriented spaces to drive awareness around the imperative for action on gender equality, especially in a COVID-19 context. The program is designed around four critical moments:

**POWER:** The focus of the opening plenary will showcase the power and voice of feminism, diverse civil society, grassroots women and youth. This session will also stress the importance of public engagement and multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieving gender equality within the context of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## CRISIS AND HOPE

Structured in closed breakout sessions, including:



Thematic Dialogue sessions focused on the structural inequalities and crises that underlie the implementation gaps of the Beijing Platform for Action and its critical areas of concern.



Resilience and healing spaces for intergenerational and intersectional inspirational dialogue on transformative power.



Networking spaces to showcase and learn from good practices, advocacy tools, and mobilization experiences and challenges across the world.



Cultural and creative spaces to promote inclusive citizen engagement.



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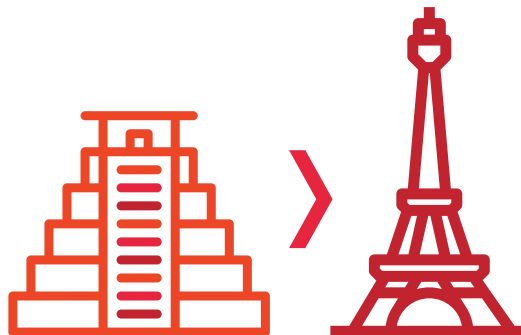


# PROGRAMME



## ACTION

Spaces for the leaders of each of the six Action Coalitions and the Board and catalytic Members of the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action to share their vision, present the Action Coalition Blueprints, and enhance international mobilization in the drive for global commitments.



## CELEBRATION

The closing segment will be a stage for civil society to present its Manifesto to the Forum. The closing will also kick off the global Call to Action to drive commitments from Mexico City to Paris.





# THE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM OUTCOMES IN MEXICO

Kick-off a highly visible global  
Call to Action and drive towards  
commitments.

Raise awareness of the critical need  
for gender equality investment and  
the imperative for an intersectional  
and intergenerational gender  
equality agenda.

Galvanize civil society and youth in the  
drive towards commitments.

Elicit ideas for strengthening gender  
justice and youth movements.

Launch the blueprints of the  
Generation Equality Forum Action  
Coalitions.

Present priority actions for the  
Compact on Women, Peace and  
Security and Humanitarian Action.



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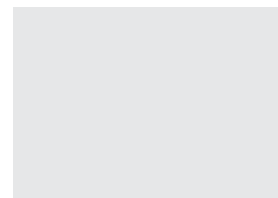
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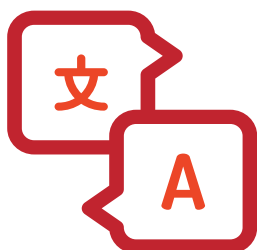
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# FORMAT



The Generation Equality Forum Mexico will be hosted on a virtual platform with live stream feeds through social media. Some live and in-person elements will be featured in the opening and closing ceremonies and will include a limited number of participants gathering in Mexico City following social distancing guidelines.



## LANGUAGE

Spanish, English, French, Arabic, International Sign Language and closed captioning.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

Women's organizations, feminist networks, youth-led organizations, community-based organizations with a strong focus on intergenerational and intersectional representation. Member States, UN entities, international organizations, private sector organizations, philanthropic entities and donor institutions and partners.



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Plenary and breakout sessions will be driven by experienced feminist moderators who will direct the conversation between stakeholders and engage the audience to ensure that a diversity of views inform the interactive discussions.

Spaces for resilience and healing will be owned by civil society and youth activists. There will be a series of 30-minute creative spaces for inspirational intergenerational and intersectional dialogues.

## Breakout Sessions:

- a. Thematic dialogues focused on the Beijing Platform for Action and its critical areas of concern from a structural crisis approach.
- b. Action Coalitions and the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action sessions.

These will be offered at two different times, accommodating audiences based in both Western and Eastern Hemispheres.

Networking spaces will be provided to the UN system, civil society, youth, philanthropies and other key partners to showcase their work on gender equality, including in the context of the COVID-19 response and recovery.

The virtual space is designed to allow for vibrant and active interaction. Participants will have the ability to interact in Q&A segments, Chat, answering polling questions, join networking opportunities and access supplemental resources.



# REGISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Registration will open to all participants from 17 February to 19 March 2021.

Member States are invited to participate with representation at the Ministerial Level.

The Generation Equality Forum's Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG) and Youth Task Force will mobilize the participation of civil society from around the world.

In the registration form, participants will identify the thematic areas of interest to them. Opportunities to participate will be allocated depending on the capacity of the rooms. The principles of balanced intersectional and intergenerational engagement will be observed.

In the breakout sessions, attendees will contribute to the discussions via a moderated chat, and the contributions will be reflected in the readout of the respective session.

Confirmation of registration dates as well as other information regarding the GEF in Mexico will be available at <https://forogeneracionigualdad.mx>



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# PROGRAMME

MARCH 29-31, 2021



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**DAY 1.** MARCH 29, 2021

**POWER MOMENT**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY
7.00 - 7.45 hrs	<b>Opening Ceremony:</b> Opening remarks by the Government of Mexico, the United Nations, representatives of the Generation Equality Core Group and National Authorities.
7.45 - 8.30 hrs	<b>Creative Cultural Presentation</b> Inspirational speeches recognizing the collective power of women, honouring both the women who led the way and emerging activists, and highlighting the urgency of taking progressive action in the face of challenge and crisis.
8.30 - 10.00 hrs	<b>Women and Transformative Leadership for Generation Equality</b>



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**DAY 1.** MARCH 29, 2021

**CRISES AND HOPE**

**Thematic Dialogues (Session 1)**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY							
10.00 - 11.30 hrs	1. The Economy. The crisis of economic and global development models and their impact on women and girls, with a focus on the COVID 19 context.	2. Gender-based Violence. The crisis of gender-based violence – especially in the context of COVID-19 – and the need for awareness, prosecution and eradication.	3. Feminist Movements. The challenges of feminist movements and grassroots women's organizations including in the COVID-19 context.	4. Media. The role of media in building a feminist agenda.	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing	
11.30 - 13.00 hrs	5. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Understanding challenges to bodily autonomy, access, and respect of SRHR, with a focus on the COVID-19 context.	6. Crisis in the achievement of gender equality in peace and security and humanitarian sector.	7. Climate. Feminism in the context of the environmental crisis and the climate emergency.	8. Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women.				





**DAY 1.** MARCH 29, 2021

**CRISES AND HOPE**

**Thematic Dialogues (Session 1)**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY					
13.00 - 14.30 hrs	<b>9. Generation Equality: Girls' and adolescents' participation in building a more equal world.</b>	<b>10. The crisis of the human rights of women and girls, including in the COVID-19 context, and the issues of migration, social and racial justice.</b>	<b>11. Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality. Challenges and opportunities evolving from the COVID-19 context.</b>	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing
14.30 - 16.00 hrs	Special session	Special session: Legislative Branch.	Special session			
16.00 - 17.30 hrs	Special session: LAC.	Special session	Special session: Judicial Branch.			





**DAY 1.** MARCH 29, 2021

**CRISES AND HOPE**

**Thematic Dialogues (Session 2)**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY						
19.00 - 20.30 hrs	1. The Economy. The crisis of economic and global development models and their impact on women and girls, with a focus on the COVID 19 context.	2. Gender-based Violence. The crisis of gender-based violence – especially in the context of COVID-19 – and the need for awareness, prosecution and eradication.	3. Feminist Movements. The challenges of feminist movements and grassroots women's organizations including in the COVID-19 context.	4. Media. The role of media in building a feminist agenda.	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing
20.30 - 22.00 hrs	5. Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). Understanding challenges to bodily autonomy, access, and respect of SRHR, with a focus on the COVID-19 context.	6. Crisis in the achievement of gender equality in peace and security and humanitarian sector.	7. Climate. Feminism in the context of the environmental crisis and the climate emergency.	8. Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women.			





**DAY 1.** MARCH 29, 2021

**CRISES AND HOPE**

**Thematic Dialogues (Session 2)**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY					
22.00 - 23.30 hrs	<b>9. Generation Equality: Girls' and adolescents' participation in building a more equal world.</b>	<b>10. The crisis of the human rights of women and girls, including in the COVID-19 context, and the issues of migration, social and racial justice.</b>	<b>11. Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality. Challenges and opportunities evolving from the COVID-19 context.</b>	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing





**DAY 2.** MARCH 30, 2021

## ACTION

## Action Coalition Sessions (Session 1)

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY						
8.00 - 10.00 hrs	Gender-Based Violence.		Economic Justice and Rights.	Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality.	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing
10.00 - 12.00 hrs	Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action.	Feminist Action for Climate Justice.	Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.	Feminist Move-ments and Leadership.			
12.00 - 13.30 hrs	Plenary: Role of Local Governments in the Accelerated Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action.						
14.00 - 15.30 hrs	Special session: Senators.	Special session	Special session	Special session	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities	Resilience and healing
15.30 - 17.30 hrs	Cultural Activity.						



**DAY 2.** MARCH 30, 2021

**ACTION**

**Action Coalition Sessions (Session 2)**

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY					
18.00 - 20.00 hrs	<b>Gender-Based Violence.</b>		<b>Economic Justice and Rights.</b>	<b>Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality.</b>	Networking opportunities	Cultural Activities
20.00 - 22.00 hrs	<b>Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action.</b>	<b>Feminist Action for Climate Justice.</b>	<b>Bodily Autonomy and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights.</b>	<b>Feminist Movements and Leadership.</b>		
					Resilience and healing	





**DAY 3.** MARCH 31, 2021

## ACTION AND CELEBRATION

TIME (CST)	ACTIVITY
7.30 - 8.30 hrs	Side Event Led by the Government of Mexico: Launch of the Group of Friends for Gender Equality.
8.30 - 9.30 hrs	<b>Synergies and the Work Ahead</b> for the Action Coalitions and the Compact on Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action.
9.30 - 14.00 hrs	<b>CLOSING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Feminist Civil Society Pathway for Generation Equality.</li><li>- Global Call to Action: The Drive Towards Commitments at Paris.</li><li>- Cultural Show: Live Broadcast from Mexico City.</li></ul>
19.00 - 20.00 hrs	<b>Closing Remarks</b>



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