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Panel discussion on

Empowering girls today to achieve sustainable development tomorrow

Saturday, 1 April 2017
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

Celebrity Hall, first floor, Bangabandhu International Convention Centre

Gender equality features prominently on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. But if we are to deliver for women by 2030, we must start empowering girls now.

In recent years, girls' access to education and health has improved. Nevertheless, they continue to face both gender- and age-based discrimination, violence and marginalization. Harmful practices, such as child marriage and female genital mutilation, continue to challenge both the present and future for girls.

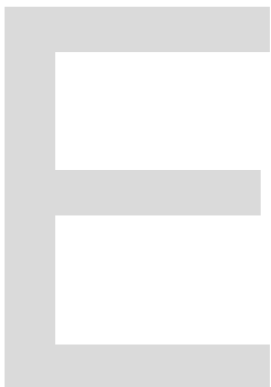
Gender equality objectives will only be met if we dedicate sufficient attention, political will and resources to the empowerment of girls today.

Participants in the panel discussion will address the following questions:

- How will empowering girls help to achieve sustainable development?
- What are effective actions and strategies to protect girls' rights, promote their health and wellbeing, and facilitate their social, educational and economic empowerment?
- What are the successes, challenges and good practices in eliminating child marriage and female genital mutilation?
- What are the priority actions for parliaments? How can parliamentarians contribute to empowering girls and to fulfilling their rights?

The discussion will allow participants to share good practices and to identify priorities that parliaments can establish in order to uphold girl's rights, promote their well-being and ensure their empowerment.

The discussion will start with introductory remarks from panellists. Participants will then exchange views and experiences.



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