

## 2023 Generation Equality Commitments Reporting

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### **What is the purpose of this survey?**

The purpose of this survey is to capture progress made by Commitment Makers in the implementation of their [Generation Equality commitments](#). The information collected through this exercise will inform the 2023 Accountability Report and contribute to the monitoring of progress towards commitments; and a better understanding of whether, how, and why commitments are accelerating progress towards gender equality, for women and girls in all their diversity.

#### **How can I access the survey?**

If your organisation made a commitment or multiple commitments, the survey was sent to the relevant focal point within your organisation, based on the information UN Women has on file. This focal point might share the link with colleagues within the organization to respond to specific commitments or questions.

Please note that sharing the link with multiple focal points means everyone that receives the survey link can see and edit the responses already provided. Moreover, a survey link shared across one organisation can only be opened by one person at a time. If you require more than one survey link to ease coordination, please reach out to [GEF-accountability@unwomen.org](mailto:GEF-accountability@unwomen.org).

#### **Who should fill out the survey?**

We request that one focal point responds to the survey on behalf of each institution or organisation. Please note that you have access to the survey in [PDF](#) to facilitate the coordination for organisations with multiple commitments. However, all answers must be recorded in the only survey link provided.

#### **How long does it take to fill out this survey?**

This year's survey is significantly shorter than last years and the survey platform is more user-friendly. For an organisation with one commitment, the survey should take an average of 15 minutes to complete. Each additional commitment should add between three to five minutes. Please keep in mind that the time commitment for institutions or organisations with more than 10 commitments could be significant unless the survey is sent to multiple focal points.

More time may be needed to fill out the survey for complex commitments: Commitments with a mix of financial, programmatic, policy and advocacy types require answering questions about each type. To reduce this likelihood, a focal point may elect to modify the commitment so that it only refers to the most relevant type. For more on the types of commitments, please see Glossary below.

#### **When is the deadline for filling out the survey?**

The deadline for filling out the survey is 23 June 2023. Surveys received after this date may not be included in the final data analysis for the 2023 Accountability Report.

#### **Can I report on our commitments using a different format than this survey?**

For data analysis and reporting production, UN Women will only consider data reported through this survey. Reports in different formats might be used as relevant in preparing the case studies or through examples in the report. They will not be included in the key headline statistics on progress, such as the percentage of commitments being implemented.

**Does the survey allow me to save my responses and return to them later?**

The survey will start with a pop up asking for the Focal Point's email address. Please make sure to fill this form to enable the option to share a link with this email address to resume the survey.

All responses provided in the survey instrument are saved automatically and allow Focal Points to resume later. The Focal Point will receive periodic reminders until the survey is completed. After one hits "Complete", changes will no longer be possible. In exceptional circumstances, please contact UN Women to reopen the survey for you.

**My organization has multiple commitments of different types with different partners and reporting on each presents a challenge. Do we need to fill out the survey for all?**

The survey allows for the focal point(s) to respond to all commitments in an efficient manner. The survey contains all commitments made by the organization as pre-filled information in a format that allows easy reporting. If it is challenging for one focal point to respond to all commitments, please reach out immediately to UN Women at [GEF-accountability@unwomen.org](mailto:GEF-accountability@unwomen.org) and specify if survey links for specific commitments should be assigned to other focal points.

**Do I need to report on a commitment even though a different organization has already reported, e.g. for collective or joint commitments?**

Yes, all Commitment Makers that pledge to support a collective commitment should report on actions they have taken as part of that collective commitment. We thus encourage everyone to report on their contribution to the results achieved by joint/collective commitments. This also applies to collective commitments that have a designated secretariat or coordinator.

**What data is used to pre-fill the survey? My commitment is incorrect or missing, how can I report on this commitment?**

The survey is in part pre-filled with information contained in the organisation's original commitment. You can change commitment titles and add any missing commitments in Section B. Please verify the data and make any necessary changes. If you would like to make additional changes not contained in the survey, please reach out to UN Women at [GEF-accountability@unwomen.org](mailto:GEF-accountability@unwomen.org)

**How will data collected in this survey be used? What are the expectations around data privacy and confidentiality?**

Data collected in this survey will be used to inform the annual Accountability Report. Where relevant, it will also be used to update the commitments dashboard.

To increase information sharing, transparency and replicability of the analysis, UN Women intends to make the data from the survey publicly available, unless an institution or organisation objects. If your organization objects to having its survey answers made public, this should be indicated in the relevant question in Section A of the survey.

**How will this data be verified?**

The data submitted to this survey will not be validated through any additional processes by UN Women. Other organizations may in the future seek to verify the data reported in this survey.

**How do I select a primary Action Coalition?**

To determine which Action Coalition should be your primary choice, organisations can think about the primary outcome that the commitment is trying to produce and map it to the Action Coalition theme list to find the closest match.

Subsequently, you can select additional Action Coalitions to which your commitment contributes.

**How do I report on a financial commitment?**

This year, the survey includes pre-filled information about commitments that are pledged as financial commitments. Contrary to last year, you are not required to estimate the financial value of programmatic, policy or advocacy commitments.

**What does investment in civil society, adolescent girls and youth-led organisations mean?**

This question is part of the questions related to your financial commitment(s) and refers to financial investment in these organisations. This investment amount excludes in-kind contributions. You have the chance to specify partnerships with civil society, adolescent girls and youth-led organisations in Section C.

**I submitted a response in 2022, do I need to report again in 2023?**

Yes, this survey captures the cumulative progress made in the implementation of your commitments. Hence the survey covers the period since the Paris Generation Equality Forum in July 2021. Therefore, even if your organisation has reported last year, you should report again taking into account all achievements since July 2021.

**If we have made a commitment spanning 5 years, do we still have to report on this survey for this year?**

Yes, you will report on your progress via the survey annually. You should respond each year based on the scope and progress on implementation at the time of completing the survey.

**Our commitment has been implemented and completed in 2022. Do I need to report this year?**

Yes, all organisations are encouraged to report this year, irrespective of the length or status of their commitment.

**Where can I find more background information on Generation Equality and the Action Coalitions?**

The Generation Equality Action Coalitions represent a unique opportunity to make concrete change for millions of women and girls and accelerate results on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Commitment Makers form six powerful coalitions working towards this opportunity. More information can be found [here](#).

**How do I determine if the implementation status of the commitment(s) is on/off track?**

Commitments are considered 'on track' if progression is well within the defined work plan. Commitments are 'off-track' if you experience significant delays. In both scenarios, you can describe in Section C the reason for your selection.