

Global Summit for Gender-Related  
UNESCO Chairs & Networks  
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## DECLARATION

**Whereas** research, education, training, and advocacy in gender-related matters and various domains concerning women's empowerment is the foundational mission of all of the present and future UNESCO Chairs and Networks on Gender Equality worldwide,

**Whereas** the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increasing challenges and suffering to women and children both at the global and local levels and on many facets, calling on all of us to learn from its lessons, decelerate the impacts and transform the role of women and girls in the post-pandemic era,

**Whereas** close collaborations and sharing of expertise, skills, talents, research findings, lessons learned, latest achievements, discoveries and good practices are critical pathways to alleviate current challenges, and promote gender equality all over the world;

**Now, therefore,**

**We, the UNESCO Chairs and Networks on Gender Equality, declare that we will:**

Make our best and sincere efforts to promote gender equality as a cross-cutting agenda in the Sustainable Development Goals all over the world, so that no woman or girl is left behind;

Come together and join hands, so as to explore areas of collaborations, among ourselves, but also with all academics, governments, NGOs, and institutions promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in a variety of areas;

Meet on an annual basis, either physically or virtually, and participate in global discussions on emerging challenges, areas, and new approaches to questions and issues related to gender equality and the situation of women and girls in the world, including on other platforms and events organized by the United Nations at the global, regional and national level;

Establish a framework and a mechanism to organize future summits in a way that serves the interests of all current and future UNESCO Gender-related Chairs and Networks.

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