



Equimundo: Center for Masculinities and Social Justice

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Chapeau

(Add your concise, concrete, and action-oriented language for the Chapeau)

The achievement of the SDG's (specifically SDG 5) will require engaging men as caring, non-violent, and responsible citizens, who act as allies and collaborative agents of change towards the vision of our common agenda. We cannot let men off the hook, nor ignore the potential of the valuable contributions men may make to achieving gender equality and a caring world. To be held accountable and engaged it is important that the category of 'men' be named as such, and that men's positive contributions to care and preventing violence not be assumed under 'family' or 'support systems.' Multilateral institutions can normalize the ambitious goal of men doing 50% of the daily care work across the world, and of educational policies being explicitly gender transformative, in other words, ensuring that normalized gender inequalities are countered by educational institutions and policies.

Chapter I. Sustainable development and financing for development

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 1)

Chapter II. International peace and security

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 2)

Chapter III. Science, technology and innovation and digital cooperation

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 3)

Chapter IV. Youth and future generations

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 4)

As pointed out in the Common Agenda report section 43 and 48, quality education is a human right, however young women and girls do not have sufficient access, and boys and young men are not progressing effectively, or drop out of education. This signals the need to make educational systems and policies more gender responsive, and gender transformative, to support girls' access, and boys' engagement in quality, subsidized education. Education systems also provide an opportunity to counter negative social norms.

We suggest that the Pact of the Future include a goal for educational policies to be explicitly gender transformative, where girls and boys in all of their diversity enjoy full access to and quality of education, and where harmful social gender norms are countered with positive norms of fairness and equality.

Chapter V. Transforming global governance

(Add your organization's concise, concrete, and action-oriented recommendations for Chapter 5)

Following on the proposal made by the Secretary General in **Our Common Agenda Report section 31**:

“The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality point the way. I urge Member States and other stakeholders to consider [...] related and transformative measures:

(a) the full realization of equal rights, including through repeal of all gender-discriminatory laws (target 5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals);

(b) measures to promote gender parity in all spheres and at all levels of decision-making, including quotas and special measures;

(c) facilitating women's economic inclusion, including through large-scale investment in the care economy and equal pay, and more support for women entrepreneurs;”

We suggest that the Pact of the Future include two imperative actions to realize the Secretary General's proposals a, b, and c. These actions are that:

1. Data, disaggregated by gender, about time spent on unpaid care work, will be used as a complementary measure to GDP to include and measure the contribution of unpaid care work into national balance sheets and reports.
2. That a goal is established in the *Pact of the Future* for men to do on aggregate 50% of the daily total of unpaid care work.
3. That SDG target 5.4 currently written as:

5.4 recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies, and the promotion of shared responsibility within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

be amended with the Pact of the Future as follows:

5.4 recognize and value unpaid care and domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure and social protection policies, and the promotion of shared responsibility *including the equal contribution by men* within the household and the family as nationally appropriate

Submission form link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0dqqvhPiNXzuAUiaD0FTMiSzKzH60BAIzae-z6w9R3sJZtA/viewform>

Stakeholder Engagement Information

<https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future/stakeholders>

Update on the consultation on 13 December

The consultation reiterated that this is the beginning of the process to compile the Pact of the Future, with multiple other events coming up in 2024 leading up to the final negotiations at the Summit of the Future in September. The event on 13 December mostly allowed input from UN related CSO groups and major groups. A key event to take note of will be the UN Civil Society Conference at UN offices in Nairobi in May 2024 to consolidate CSO inputs on the Pact for the Future. A strong emphasis was placed by most speakers on meaningful civil society involvement in the development of the Pact of the Future.

The main entry points for our work seem to be the refinement of SDG 5, and the need to develop measures to complement GDP, where we can lobby for time use of care work being recognised as an important complementary measure.

