

Sustainable Development Goals

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure
10. Reducing inequality
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
17. Partnership for the goals

Goal 5 - Gender equality

- 5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women & girls
- 5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women & girls in the public & private spheres, including trafficking & sexual & other types of exploitation
- 5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early & forced marriage & female genital mutilation
- 5.4 Recognize & value unpaid care & domestic work through the provision of public services, infrastructure & social protection policies & the promotion of shared responsibility within the household & the family as nationally appropriate
- 5.5 Ensure women's full & effective participation & equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic & public life
- 5.6 Ensure universal access to sexual & reproductive health & reproductive rights as agreed in accordance of the International Conference on Population & Development & the Beijing Platform for Action & the outcome documents of their review conferences

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

The Marie Schlei Association is a German non-profit organization partnering with women's organizations and women's groups in Africa, Asia and Latin America and supporting small scale projects of women to help themselves. The association was founded in 1984 in memory of Marie Schlei, former German minister for development policy. The goals of the association are the promotion of mutual understanding of women in developed and developing countries, contributing to overcome poverty and inequality.

From the Marie Schlei Association's perspective, it is very important that women in Africa, Asia and Latin America promote, plan and carry out projects by themselves. Women are an indispensable economic factor for the sustainable development of a country. The economic empowerment of women belongs to our activities not only as business ideas, but especially because it is a human right issue for women to participate equally in the working life of a society and contribute to its development.

The focus of the projects is set on vocational trainings for women in agriculture, fishery, animal husbandry, crafts, computer technology, services etc. Over the last 30 years, the Marie Schlei Association has supported more than 800 qualification projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The projects are as different as their locations: solar drying of fruits and vegetables in Ghana, mushroom production in Vietnam, cattle breeding and cheese production in Bolivia, furniture production in the Dominican Republic or production of medical herbs in Argentina.

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Assistance for Women in Africa, Asia and Latin America



“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.”

Arundhati Roy

Challenge for G20 in Hamburg: Making globalisation benefit for women

Germany would like to use its G20 Presidency to intensify international cooperation. It is the G20's job to ensure that globalisation benefits everyone. The aim is to strengthen the benefits of globalisation and worldwide interconnectedness, and to ensure that more people reach benefits. The German government is thus setting a course diametrically opposed to isolationism and any return to nationalism.



The International Civil Society supports that G20 governments overcome massive inequality, eradicate poverty, achieve gender equality and leave no one behind as priorities in the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. At a time, when the fundamental rights of women and girls are threatened, gender equality and women's economic empowerment are priorities of the 2017 G20 presidency, which are in line with the Cairo Programme of Action, the Beijing Platform of Action and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Agenda 2030. Empowering



women in the economy, in particular improving the quality of women's jobs, is on the agenda. Chancellor Angela Merkel will be working to give women in developing countries easier access to information and communication technologies. By 2025, Germany engages to close the Gender Employment Gap by 25% for more women being integrated in the labour force.

Nevertheless, Civil Society insists that higher female employment rate is not a goal in itself. The women's work must be decent work according to ILO standards meaning decent work, decent pay, decent working conditions.

In addition and in view to developing countries, this means to Invest in women's economic empowerment through:

- 1) equitable and inclusive access to education for all women and girls at all levels of primary and secondary education, e-skills and vocational training, university and professional development;
- 2) policies and social protection systems to enable women to enter and thrive in the formal labour market including maternity leave, affordable and

accessible child care, flexible work hours and social security;

3) decent work according to labour standards such as equal pay, working conditions, infrastructure ensuring compatibility of professional and family life particularly in the informal economy;

4) reforms of policies and practices to eliminate discrimination of women in the workplace in order to fulfil the G20 commitment to reduce the female and male employment gap by 25% by 2025.

G20 governments have to overcome massive inequality, eradicate poverty, achieve gender equality and leave no one behind. The G20 countries being not placed prominently in the world gender ranking (US: 44, Russia: 74, China: 96) have to commit themselves to close the gender gap.

A just, equitable, tolerant, open and social inclusive world is only possible with transformative steps in the world economy, policies, and full real equality between women and men.

It is time to act. At the Hamburg G20-Summit 8th and 9th of July 2017.

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