

## A WWSF inclusive initiative

The Woman's Table for dialogue, turning ideas into action for the Common Good for All,

achieving UN SDG Agenda 2030

## "The Woman's Table"

## Concept Note

followed by a User Kit for Hosts and Facilitators

Change needs to happen at many levels, and ideally it should happen in many places at the same time. Proposing solutions & action for the implementation of the UN Development Goals-Agenda 2030, a contribution for more prosperous and just societies.

"The Woman's Table" is a timely initiative, launched in 2025 by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF/FSMF) designed to unit Women and Youth to find solutions to current challenges on many fronts and create, together with men, new possibilities and initiatives to increase collective action for social change.

"The Woman's Table" fosters local and national gatherings and global connections, linking diverse voices to develop new ideas for a more just world. Through in-person and digital spaces, WWSF proposes via "The Woman's Table" a new format of real-time exchanges, collaboration and education, grounded in forward-looking solutions of problems that need our urgent collective attention.

Innovation and technology are critical instruments in promoting the structural transformation of economies at different stages of development. We call on governments, development partners, civil society organizations and sponsors to increase support for co-decision-making processes, including with youth to build a new future for the common Good for All.

## **Brief History**

The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF/FSMF) is an independent, international, non-profit, lay NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, creating and promoting since 1991 civil society empowerment campaigns and since 2022 Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth. "The Woman's Table" is a follow-up program of the **WWSF 75 % campaign**, designed to inspire collective problem-solving and community-building initiatives. WWSF provides a framework and a User Kit with guidelines to help you get started with your Woman's Table in your community, for practical dialogue, collaboration, and action by civil society actors together with men and youth.

By joining, you contribute to a growing movement that aims to prepare **75** % **of the world population** - women, children and youth - 6 billion of us - who need to be included in co-designing, together with elected leaders, solutions developed at "The Woman's Table" for a more sustainable and inclusive future.

#### **Vision**

"The Woman's Table" is an additional new opportunity to bring humanity closer together to exchange ideas, select initiatives, and develop collective action for change. Through in-person and digital Woman's Tables, WWSF proposes new forms of real-time collaboration, grounded in forward-looking solutions of problems that need our urgent collective attention.

## Mission statement

Our mission is to strengthen especially the role of women and youth by establishing practical, inclusive spaces like "The Woman's Table" for open dialogue, shared experiences, and critical thinking, including mentoring. We support the development of ideas & initiatives that respond to concrete community needs, while also contributing also to broader, social and economic long-term needs for urgent change.



## **Objectives**

- Contribute to achieving the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda 2030 through locally driven transformative action.
- Mobilize women & youth to create and join "The Woman's Table", a space for focused dialogue and solutionoriented collaboration.
- Address urgent issues affecting families, communities and institutions by discussing diverse perspectives and solutions at "The Woman's Table" and commit to bring change to communities.

## **Key Functional Components**

- A Table for decision-taking: present projects, gather feedback & foster collective problem-solving.
- <u>A listening Circle:</u> focus on Leadership, Women's Rights & Children's Rights. Socially burning issues such as violence, disarmament, political will, right human relations, and more.
- <u>Active Solidarity:</u> exploring ways on how to work & lead together, supporting relevant organizations.
- A Table for new ideas: sharing projects, seek input, and form partnerships to move forward.
- WWSF Prize awards are offered for creative, transformative solutions coming from "The Woman's Table".

## Our Values for "The Woman's Table"

- **Listening:** We hear, respect and empower every voice that matters.
- Respect: We welcome all experiences with openness and joy.
- **Courage:** We trust in the strength of Women and Youth, together with men, to drive change.
- Creativity: Together, we imagine new possibilities and turn them into action creating miracles.
- **Diversity:** Every culture can initiate & sustain "The Woman's Table", bringing hope to a broken world.

## **Target Audience**

Women and Youth of all backgrounds, whether parents or not, professionals, artists, activists, educators, students, seekers and change-makers. Those who question will find hope & are ready to take action to transform our world.

## **Impact Measurement**

As "The Woman's Table" initiative grows with your participation, we will track progress via the number of active registered members, the engagement of women and young people, & the development of local/national projects. Another goal is to maintain transparency and demonstrate how these new collective efforts contribute to creating a broader civil society leadership culture that ignites more sustainable development. WWSF welcomes partnerships with like-minded groups, clubs, NGOs, development agencies, foundations and sponsors to empower the campaign in developing new strategies and initiatives around the world.

#### WWSF Partnerships, Support & Registration

WWSF is building a global network to promote and increase actions for change. "The Woman's Table" initiative campaign is free of charge. It is submitted to the WWSF online Registration process for validation and for the right to use "The Woman's Table" title. Individuals can contribute to WWSF by offering expertise, mentoring, advocacy and exploring funding options. By partnering with the WWSF Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth, you help expand local and international leadership training, connect with diverse voices & contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. If you're interested in supporting these efforts, please contact us. For your registration and donations, visit our website www.woman.ch

# The United Nations has identified 17 <u>Sustainable Development Goals</u> (SDGs) to transform our world - Agenda 2030: <a href="https://sdgs.un.org/goals">https://sdgs.un.org/goals</a>

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: Reduced Inequality; 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities; 12: Responsible Consumption and Production; 13: Climate Action; 14: Life Below Water; 15: Life on Land; 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal.



Consult our "User Kit" below if you need guidance in starting "The Woman's Table".





# User Kit for Hosts & Facilitators "The Woman's Table"

Tools for collaboration and turning ideas into action for the common Good for All.

#### Overview

"The Woman's Table" initiative, launched in 2025 by WWSF in Geneva, Switzerland, promotes the creation of safe, inclusive spaces where women and youth come together to share testimonials, reflect on climate change and develop solutions for local and global needs. "The Woman's Table" fosters dialogue and ideas that empower leadership rooted in practical action and collective wisdom.

"The Woman's Table" is a program of the WWSF **75%** campaign (Women, children & youth represent 75% of the world population - 6 billion of us - who need to be included in finding solutions for a more just world, committed to the common good for all - leaving no one behind.

WWSF also launched in 2025 "The Youth Table". More information can be found on our website.

## **Registration for Hosting**

To register as a Host for "The Woman's Table" in your community or country, click on "Take Action" in the "**Get Involved**" - Menu on our website - www.woman.ch

## **Expected Outcome**

"The Woman's Table" initiative will increase awareness by sharing tools on the importance of innovation and technology for achieving sustainable development, the opportunities and challenges thereof, and policy recommendations, particularly in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030.

## 1. Purpose

• Gather trusted people around you and build a network of women and youth supporting each other via "The Woman's Table" to promote reflection, discuss what matters to you, dialogue about concrete solutions addressing community needs, foster a culture of shared responsibility, and develop potential local leadership. Cultivate love & solidarity, instead of fear, learning to work together & to lead from the heart.

### 2. Getting started: Preparation & Intention

- Choose a theme for your first Woman's Table gathering, for example:
  - o Sisterhood & solidarity; Empowerment for civil society co-Leadership.
  - o Social inclusion, Education in Climate change, Healthcare, Ending Hunger and Poverty, etc.
  - Selecting topics from the 17 themes presented in the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda, listed in the Concept Note and online.
  - Consult Guidelines (which will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration) about project management on the WWSF Google-Drive folder.

### 3. Hosting "The Woman's Table"

- Below find brief recommendations to facilitate organizing "The Woman's Table".
   For each meeting you will need:
  - o An "Attendance sheet" for all participants with data protection (private policy).
  - o A pre-selected topic for discussion to be announced at future gatherings, use SDG Goals list.



- A Record keeper who will write a brief activity report, including decisions taken during meetings.
- <u>A Moderator</u> for a smooth process of discussions if your host is not available.
- <u>A participation Agreement</u> which is an additional agreement to give permission to be photographed at your meetings and events.
- o Share with WWSF your Project Template to give you visibility wherever possible.
- **Check-in:** Share the "Attendance sheet" to be signed, and Moderator opens the session announcing the selected subject of each meeting.
- **During the meeting:** Identify participants interested in researching solutions for your topic and discuss the next steps (organization, materials, venues, budgets, communications, etc.).
- Mandatory: We propose that you participate at one of our regular WWSF Zoom Leadership Training Forums for Women & Youth to get acquainted with "The Woman's Table" and ask your questions.

## 4. Reflection & Dialogue

Based on the selected topic of the meeting, you can answer the following questions to participate in the discussion:

- What in this topic reflects your daily life?
- What challenges exist locally or nationally?
- · What practical solutions or common action can you identify to move forward?

## 5. Keep track of your decisions and share them with WWSF

WWSF has created for this purpose a <u>Google Drive folder</u> to help you record meetings, your decisions taken, and your documents, all in the same place.

## 6. Closing Ritual

- End with a shared blessing or time of togetherness.
- Invite participants to say one word as a closing message.
- · Agree on the date and location for the next meeting.
- Encourage hosting in diverse spaces like in homes, workplaces, schools, or community centers.

## 7. Optional Activities during "The Woman's Table"

 Reflection time. Guest speakers or elder wisdom sessions. Sharing resources like books, articles, UN Declarations, UN SDG reports and opportunities.

## 8. Branding & Communication

- After confirmation of your registration, WWSF will return to you a personalized logo of "The Woman's Table" for your personal communications with your partners, donors & the press, and with WWSF. WWSF will include the name of your organization, (association or group) and the name of your country on the logo which we will then return to you with our request to not modify it and to use it for your general communications about "The Woman's Table", including with WWSF.
- Create social media posts to share location, date & announcements of your Woman's Table.
- **Update your events & documents** in the WWSF Google Drive folder, where you can promote your initiatives which we can include in our Newsletters & Social media posts to create visibility of your Woman's Table.

#### 9. Disclaimer

WWSF provides guidance to help you in developing "The Woman's Table" gatherings. However, WWSF cannot be made responsible for any local event costs, financial arrangements, or any damages, losses, or liabilities arising from your organized activities. We appreciate your understanding and wish you success. We also wish to restate that our objective is primarily to find solutions for the realization of the urgent UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. Regarding this, WWSF cannot support topics and problems that are not in line with the SDG Agenda.

"When women, children & youth unite for a more just world, it will be a force such as the world has never known." fi

WWSF wishes you loads of success & remains at your disposal for any questions you may have.

