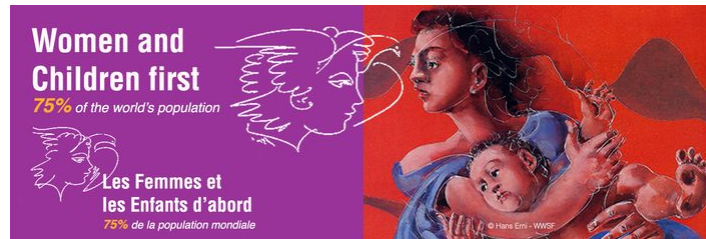




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WWSF Newsletter - Edition April/May 2023

Dear WWSF Partners and Friends,

1. *Sharing UN Sustainable Development Goals - Progress Report*
2. *75% campaign Update & plans for 2023 and 2024*

Warm greetings from International Geneva



1) Secretary-General's remarks to launch the Special Edition of the Sustainable Development Goals Progress Report [as delivered]

A must read to understand where the world stands today.

“Mr. President, Excellencies,

Halfway to the deadline for the 2030 Agenda, we are leaving more than half the world behind. The SDG Progress Report shows that just 12 percent of the Sustainable Development Goal targets are on track.

- Progress on 50 percent is weak and insufficient.

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- The COVID-19 pandemic and the triple crisis of climate, biodiversity and pollution are having a devastating impact, amplified by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- The number of people living in extreme poverty today is higher than it was four years ago.
- On current trends, only 30 percent of all countries will achieve SDG 1 on poverty by 2030.
- Hunger has also increased and is back at 2005 levels.
- Gender equality is some 300 years away.
- At the same time, inequalities are at a record high, and growing.
- Just 26 people have the same wealth as half of the world's population.
- And our war on nature is accelerating.
- Emissions continue to rise -- unbelievably.
- Concentrations of carbon dioxide are at their highest level in two million years.
- The extinction risk has increased by 3 percent since 2015. More than one species in five is now threatened with extinction.

Excellencies,

- Many developing countries cannot invest in the SDGs because they face a financing black hole.
- Before the pandemic, the annual SDG funding gap was 2.5 trillion US dollars.
- According to the OECD, that figure is now at least 4.2 trillion dollars.
- And many developing countries are buried under a mountain of debt.
- One in three countries around the world is at high risk of a fiscal crisis.
- Developed countries recovered from the pandemic by adopting expansionary fiscal and monetary policies and have largely returned to pre-pandemic growth paths.
- But developing countries were unable to do so, in part because their currencies would collapse.
- Vulnerable middle income countries are denied debt relief and concessional financing. And the Common Framework for Debt Treatment is simply not working.
- Turning to the financial markets, they face interest rates up to 8 times higher than developed countries.
- Flows of Official Development Assistance are far below the long-standing commitment of 0.7 percent of GDP.
- Last year, the International Monetary Fund allocated \$650 billion in Special Drawing Rights – the main global mechanism to boost liquidity during crises.
- Based on current quotas, the countries of the European Union, including my own country, received a total of 160 billion dollars in SDRs, while African countries with three times the population received 34 billion dollars – and that was money created out of nothing.
- Redistribution has been minimal.
- **Something is fundamentally wrong with the rules and governance of the system that produce such an outcome.**
- Climate finance is also far below commitments.

- Despite the commitment made in Glasgow to double adaptation finance by 2025, we are far from parity in funding for adaptation and mitigation.

Excellencies,

- The agreements reached in 2015 in New York, Addis and Paris stand for peace and prosperity, people and planet. That promise is now in peril.
- The litany of lost opportunities has many causes.
- Chief among them is the fundamental inequality and injustice in international relations that runs from global institutions including the United Nations, through the international financial architecture, to private banks and credit ratings agencies.
- These institutions reflect the global reality of 78 years ago. They are out of date – and out of time.
- Because developing countries have had enough.
- Enough of this two-track world.
- Enough of paying for a climate crisis they did nothing to cause.
- Enough of sky-high interest rates and debt defaults.
- And enough of life-and-death decisions about their people that are taken beyond their borders, without their views and their voices.
- The 2030 Agenda is an agenda of justice and equality, of inclusive, sustainable development, and human rights and dignity for all.
- It requires fundamental changes to the way the global economy is organized.

The SDGs are the path to bridge both economic and geopolitical divides; to restore trust and rebuild solidarity. Let's be clear: no country can afford to see them fail.

[Link to the report](#)

WWSF Brief Report

“Empowering Women and Youth via our 75% Leadership Training for Women and Youth and claim a seat at The Table!



We have a Leadership crisis.

Why uniting women, children and youth - 6 billion strong - to have a seat at The Table.

The world needs new Leadership for Peace-building and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Among the many solutions and ideas civil society actors are proposing, we wish to remind you of our efforts to prepare for our WWSF 75% Leadership Training Forums for Women and Youth in International Geneva to reach out and train as many women and youth leaders as possible to claim their right to participate in their countries at all major Decision-making Tables to change our war paradigm into a peace building paradigm for the Common Good.

“Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception.” These words, spoken by the late Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg 16 years ago, are still valid.

1) The women of the world give birth to all humanity and deserve a seat at the decision-making Tables. There is no indication in Nature that women should be restricted to her home! “Verily, she is the Mother and Custodian of the world. Hence, there is not a single domain of life where men could rule alone. It is this discrimination of one Element that has created the many gender-based problems.” Creativeness is given equally to both genders. Women in Leadership needs to become the norm”, says UN SG Antonio Guterres.

Gender equality is the goal that will help abolish poverty that will create more equal economies, fairer societies and happier men, women & children. “No struggle can ever succeed without women participating side by side with men”. - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a transformational leader.

2) The Children of the world have started sending world leaders postcards sharing their anxieties about other children dying of hunger and in wars around the world. They also addressed the Human Rights Council session in Geneva with Child Rights issues on the Agenda, including ending violence and abuse against children and youth. Najat Maalla M'jid, the Special Representative of the UN SG on Violence against Children said that violence against children has increased due to the pandemic and multiple humanitarian crises. [Link to the report](#)

- a platform where young people can engage in a dialogue with UN Member States and others to bring forth their views and concerns, and, guided by the SDGs, galvanize actions to “transform the world into a fairer, greener and more sustainable place”. Young people shared recommendations and innovative ideas in preparation for the UN High-level Political Forum in July and the SDG Summit in September. [Link to the ECOSOC Forum](#)

We observe how women, children and youth are on the way in participating finding solutions to change the world, and we can now promote the global 75% movement to be included in co-Leadership processes with elected leaders and be represented at the UN and at major Decision-Making Tables around the world

You can read our concept Note on our Website and register your organizations to join our campaign. We will regularly inform our members and partners of the dates of 75% campaign activities and encourage you to create national Hubs to speed up the transformation we need in our world.

[link here for website 75%](#)



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*75% Campaign
Creating the power
for change.*

Dear Friends and Partners, WWSF serves with its **4 annual empowerment campaigns** the creation of a global movement “75% Actors 4 Good International” to boost the implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children; the Beijing Platform 4 Action; & the annual recommendations of the UN Commission on the Status of Women; the Resolution 1325; and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

In partnership and solidarity, Elly Pradervand, Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) President / CEO / UN representative, in collaboration with our campaign team and in gratitude for our members and sponsors.
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About us: WWSF, created in 1991 in International Geneva, Switzerland, as a not-for-profit, humanitarian, international, lay organization for the realization of women's and children's rights and to give a voice to women, children, and youth (75% of the world's population) claiming a seat at the table. WWSF mobilizes via its annual Campaigns, Round tables, World days, and Prize awards, civil society actors to catalyze increased actions for Good to help reach the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

Business has genius, power, and magic in it.

- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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