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Discussion Group Reporting Form

Goal: **#5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

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<p>Why should this goal be included in the Sustainable Development Goals?</p>	<p>San Diego has long been involved in human rights and particularly with the rights of women. The San Diego community has a large network of passionate and skilled individuals working to address the empowerment of women due to high immigration, large refugee community, domestic violence, and human trafficking issues given the proximity to a major international border and existing communities. We consider the integration of women into the process of sustainable solutions as paramount in the success of SDGs.</p>
<p>Which targets from the OWG* document do you think are most important and why?</p>	<p>1. 5.a-equal opportunity to economic resources and financial control is key to the empowerment of women. Control of finances = control of destiny. So many opportunities in life are linked to financial resources and the ability to own property allows a woman to be independent if she chooses to be.</p> <p>2. 5.6 Women must be in control of their own reproductive rights and health. Access to these rights allows for family planning and let's women pursue other interests such as higher education. Educated citizens can contribute to civil society in greater ways. The need for reproductive rights is global necessity and it allows women the time they need to develop greater insight into their wants and needs for the future.</p> <p>3. 5.2 Eliminating all forms of violence against women is critical. Violence must not be tolerated and legal policy and justice must align with this need. Women should not be victimized twice when they seek protection and prosecution of the perpetrator.</p> <p>4. 5.b Access to technology can lead to better education and opportunity. It can also allow for the open communication necessary to builds a greater support network for women.</p> <p>5. 5.5 Female leadership is essential at all levels. It is necessary to have women advocating for women and female leaders must engage other women to get involved so that the balance of leadership is more equal, only then will policy and decision making truly take into account what women need.</p>

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<p>How do you think the OWG targets should be applied to <u>United States</u> policy making and legislation?</p> <p>What needs to be done to integrate goals into <u>national</u> policy?</p>	<p>5.a Women have excellent access to financial empowerment in the U.S. It is more of an issue for developing countries. In the U.S., we should focus on early education on financial matters.</p> <p>5.6 The reproductive rights of women need to be protected. It is a public health issue and must be seen as a basic healthcare right.</p> <p>5.2 Policy must not re-victimize women in pursue of justice.</p> <p>5.b Education Reform: There should be a national push for girls in STEAM careers.</p> <p>5.5 Leadership: establish quotas or target percentages for female leadership in government to be achieved by a set date. All political parties must support this initiative. Women’s groups can be strengthened with national support to cultivate leader’s overtime. These groups must demand equality in leadership.</p>
<p>How do you think the OWG targets should be applied to <u>your state/city</u> policy making and legislation?</p> <p>What needs to be done to integrate goals into state and local policy?</p>	<p>State and City application:</p> <p>People must contact their local representatives and rally the support of local organizations to bring about change.</p> <p>What needs to be done:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact local representatives at all levels of government • Become a part of organizations that push for change • Engage existing organizations that advocate for women’s issues • Create a position for student ambassadors to get young people involved at an early age • Strengthen existing policy that supports gender equality • Develop greater support for groups like “girl up” to shift the cultural norms of what girls aspire to be • Foster an “interconnectedness” mindset • Have a vocal presence at public sessions at all levels of policy making • Form strategic partnerships • Make women’s issues a man’s issue too. Work closer with men to create an inclusive mindset.



<p>What is the group's recommendation for action to mobilize local and national support for the SDGs** and this goal?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More engagement in social media • Greater consideration for gender issues in the media • More open discussions on how we can make improvements • Using inclusive language so it is not a question of us vs. them • Target marketing to those who it applies to • Engage stakeholders • More cooperation between organizations and NGO's • Start discussion roundtables with actionable goals • Engage corporate sponsorship for initiatives
<p>What will be the obstacles to making progress on this goal at the global, national and local levels?</p>	<p>Global:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious intolerance • Cultural norms • Cultural traditions • Location, access to communication and information • Lack of power in advocacy • Time, energy and resources <p>National:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social media distraction from real issues in our country • Cultural norms that stop thoughtful and genuine interaction • "hot button" issues that politicians avoid because they are to "risky" and may jeopardize election or re-election <p>State/Local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of representation • Lack of coordinated efforts between stakeholders • "Hot button" issues that politicians avoid because they are to "risky" and may jeopardize election or re-election
<p>Which stakeholders and coalitions will be important to engage in order to make progress on this goal and its targets?</p>	<p>Global:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government • Civil society • Religious leaders • Cultural and traditional authorities • Military, men and boys • Private sector • Educators • Young people <p>National:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's coalitions • Civil society • Young people • Religious leaders • Cultural influencers • Military

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<p>CONTINUED...</p> <p>Which stakeholders and coalitions will be important to engage in order to make progress on this goal and its targets?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private sector• Technology educators• Men and boys• Bipartisan support <p>State/Local:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women’s coalitions• Civil society• Young people• Men and boys• Local Religious leaders• Military• Private sector• Technology educators• Bi-partisan support
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GOAL 5. ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

Goal 5 Proposed Targetsⁱ:

- 5.1 end all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere
- 5.2 eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation
- 5.3 eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations
- 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
- 5.5 ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic, and public life
- 5.6 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD and the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome documents of their review conferences
- 5.a undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance, and natural resources in accordance with national laws
- 5.b enhance the use of enabling technologies, in particular ICT, to promote women's empowerment
- 5.c adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels



MDG Progress on Gender Equalityⁱⁱ:

Target 3.A: Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015

- The world has achieved equality in primary education between girls and boys, but few countries have achieved that target at all levels of education.
- The political participation of women keeps increasing. In January 2014, in 46 countries more than 30 per cent of members of parliament in at least one chamber were women.

- In many countries, gender inequality persists and women continue to face discrimination in access to education, work and economic assets, and participation in government. For example, in every developing region, women tend to hold less secure jobs than men, with fewer social benefits.

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- Violence against women continues to undermine efforts to reach all goals.
- Poverty is a major barrier to secondary education, especially among older girls.
- Women are largely relegated to more vulnerable forms of employment.

Target 5.B: Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health

- More women are receiving antenatal care. In developing regions, antenatal care increased from 65 percent in 1990 to 83 per cent in 2012.
- Only half of women in developing regions receive the recommended amount of health care they need.
- Fewer teens are having children in most developing regions, but progress has slowed.
- The large increase in contraceptive use in the 1990s was not matched in the 2000s.
- The need for family planning is slowly being met for more women, but demand is increasing at a rapid pace.
- Official Development Assistance for reproductive health care and family planning remains low.

ⁱ United Nations Open Working Group. *Outcome Document – Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals*. July 2014.

ⁱⁱ United Nations. MDG Momentum. <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/mdgmomentum.shtml>