











The relevance of care work for gender equality – action for sustainability

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In light of this year's CSW priority theme, the high-level event emphasizes the relevance of care work for transformative change and gender equality. It features a multistakeholder and intergenerational discussion on the need to incorporate the care agenda in national and international, social, labor, environmental and economic policies. The discussion will illustrate the relevance of sustainable care systems to successfully tackle climate change and build resilient societies. It will provide a unique opportunity to mobilize multistakeholder engagement, promote investment at scale for care systems and care systems solutions as well as inform interested stakeholders about the Global Alliance for Care.

The Global Alliance for Care (GAC) was convened by the Government of Mexico through its National Institute of Women (INMUJERES) and UN-Women under the umbrella of the Action Coalition on Justice and Economic Rights in the context of the Generation Equality Forum. The Alliance aims to advance care systems worldwide through concrete actions, such as financing, increased collaboration and analysis, thus seeking to reduce inequalities and promoting a culture that recognizes, reduces, and redistributes care work among all co-responsible actors and fosters fair remuneration and representation of caregivers. Co-creation, cooperation, and collaboration lie at the heart of the Alliance in which every member contributes according to its expertise in implementing the care agenda from the local to the global level.

The event is organized by the Government of Mexico and Germany on behalf of the Global Alliance for Care and co-sponsored by UN Women, ITUC, ILO.