Dear Sir or Madam,

This year’s High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) will convene under the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. A special focus will be placed on the progress of implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 on quality education, 5 on gender equality, 14 on life below water, 15 on life on land, and 17 on partnerships for the Goals.

This year’s HLPF offers a platform for reflections on how transformative approaches to gender equality in politics, society, business, and academia not only contribute to the achievement of SDG 5, but are a prerequisite for progress on all the other 16 SDGs and the 2030 Agenda as a whole.

Hence, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) cordially invite you to the official Side Event of the German Government at the HLPF 2022

UNSTOPPABLE: Empowerment of women and girls as agents of change

on

Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 13h15 – 14h45 EDT / 19h15 – 20h45 CEST

The event aims at showcasing the transformational potential of gender equality for sustainable development. It will identify gaps and challenges, as well as best practices and innovative approaches, scrutinize gender norms and highlight alternative ways forward. A wide range of stakeholders will come together to support collaboration and highlight the multidimensional and whole-of-society approach needed to reach gender equality.

Specifically, the event will discuss barriers and opportunities to gender equality and SDG implementation and will highlight the potential of gender transformative approaches in times of multiple crises.

The event will host a diverse set of high-level panelists and will catalyze increased engagement and inspired concrete action for SDG 5 together with SDG 4, 14, 15, and 17. It will take place in a hybrid format with the option of participating either virtually or in-person at the German House in New York (Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations).
The panel will feature Parliamentary State Secretary for the Environment, Dr. Bettina Hoffmann (BMUV), and Parliamentary State Secretary for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr. Bärbel Kofler (BMZ). Together with speakers such as Sima Bahous (Executive Director, UN Women), Antara Ganguli (UN Girls’ Education Initiative, UNICEF, UNGEI, Head of the Secretariat), Ana Toni (Executive Director, Instituto Clima e Sociedade iCS, Brazil) and Sunita Narain (Director General, Centre for Science and Environment CSE, India), Pam Chasek (co-founder and executive editor of the Earth Negotiations Bulletin) and others, they will engage in a thorough discussion about the challenges and opportunities in realizing gender equality.

We hope that you will be able to attend the event and bring in your comments and questions.

**Registration is open until 11 July 2022.** Please register for participation in person and online on our [conference website](http://www.germany-hlpf2022.de/event).

We look forward to your participation and lively discussions with you.

Yours sincerely

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