

SDG 5 at the 2017 High Level Political Forum

themes

- Siloes or interlinkages?
 - Balancing gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as BOTH a cross-cutting and a specific goal under review this year
- Attempts from experts to build linkages
 - Second day of EGM focused on links between SDG 5 and other SDGs
 - Clear links within the background notes
 - “Entrenched social norms and power structures hold girls and women back, resulting in their lack of autonomy and decision making over their sexual and reproductive health that can severely limit their health and economic outcomes...” – SDG 1
 - “Greater efforts are also required to ensure agricultural producers, especially women, have access to land, finance, technology, markets, information and other means of implementation necessary to implement sustainable agricultural practices...” – SDG 2
 - “Pervasive violence against women and girls reinforces gender inequities in health and access to services” – SDG 3
 - “Better rural infrastructure also facilitates women’s free movements and can lead to empowerment” – SDG 9
 - Challenges remain to make links across all three dimensions
- Will the political actors make the links, too?

challenges

- Lack of data for the official indicators
 - 14 indicators for SDG 5
 - Lacked official global data for 9 of the indicators
- Data missing for key indicators, including:
 - 5.1.1 on elimination of discrimination against women
 - 5.4.1 on unpaid domestic and care work
- Possible data solutions
 - SDG5 background note drew from other reliable sources of data
 - National and regional indicators that complement official global indicators
- Sustaining broad political will for gender equality and women's human rights