

CSW62 Flagship Side-Event:

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND FOR PLANET 50/50 BY 2030

Recommended Policy Standards from Civil Society activists

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The purpose of these conversations was to lift the blanket of invisibility from the injustice experienced by women in rural communities who live at multiple and intersectional levels of marginalization and inequality, and to develop a set of standards that will direct governments' policy to ensure justice for them and bring them to the forefront of the prosperity Agenda for 2030.

The recommended standards were based on three core principles:

1. A shift from vulnerability to leadership
2. 'Nothing about us without us'
3. Government Accountability

Civil Society activists call upon States and UN Agencies to adopt, establish and implement the following standards:

Social Marginalization of Women & Girls In Rural Communities

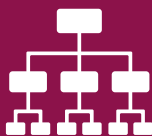
Ensure lived experience of women and girls in rural areas is reflected in all policy and programs



Develop gender-based methodologies for gathering qualitative and quantitative information, utilizing knowledge and experiences of women to drive sound evidence policy and legislative reform



Ensure women at the grass roots are participants in local decision making, able to draw attention to their various needs



Address private sector responsibilities to civil society, and assuredly to women and girls in rural communities



Cultural Discrimination of Women & Girls In Rural Communities

Eliminate harmful patriarchal practices (forced child marriage, FGM/C, breast ironing, widows' discrimination & stigmatization) through documenting and disseminating successful strategies and innovative approaches



Criminalize actors who coerce women into harmful traditional practices, deprive women and girls from equality in inheritance, land ownership, property rights, child custody, and freedom to marry or remarry



Promote collaboration of states, governments, UN Entities with faith-based, religious and cultural leaders to address harmful social norms and practices that violate human rights of women



LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND FOR PLANET 50/50 BY 2030 RECOMMENDED POLICY STANDARDS (cont.)

Economic Deprivation Of Women & Girls In Rural Communities



Review and revise all existing policies and develop a plan to guarantee access to quality education and health for all, regardless of gender, race, physical ability, ethnicity, geographical location

Scale up funding and replicate grassroots programmes & sustainable development policies that recognize women's knowledge, resilience and leadership (especially widows, indigenous women, migrants, refugees, women with disabilities, women with HIV, LGBTI and gender non-conforming)

In-cooperate gender inclusive budgeting into all budgeting processes

Lack Of Political Voice Of Women & Girls In Rural Communities

Increase support to civil society through adequate funding to ensure the success of policy and program implementation

Hold governments to account, under Article 5 of the CEDAW

Ensure women from rural communities and NGOs are included in official delegations to the CSW and other related commissions

Strengthen national, regional, international machineries supporting women, to monitor progress on gender equality commitments



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