

# IMPLEMENTING SDGs IN THE ARAB REGION FROM A GENDER PERSPECTIVE





AGENDA 2030 PROVIDES THE NEW FRAMEWORK FOR  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE CENTRAL  
POLITICAL ROADMAP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT  
LOCAL, NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL



# UN WOMEN'S WORK IN THE ARAB REGION

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*"The achievement of full human potential and of sustainable development is not possible if one half of humanity continues to be denied its full human rights and opportunities. Women and girls must enjoy equal access to quality education, economic resources and political participation as well as equal opportunities with men and boys for employment, leadership and decision-making at all levels. "*





Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, Yemen

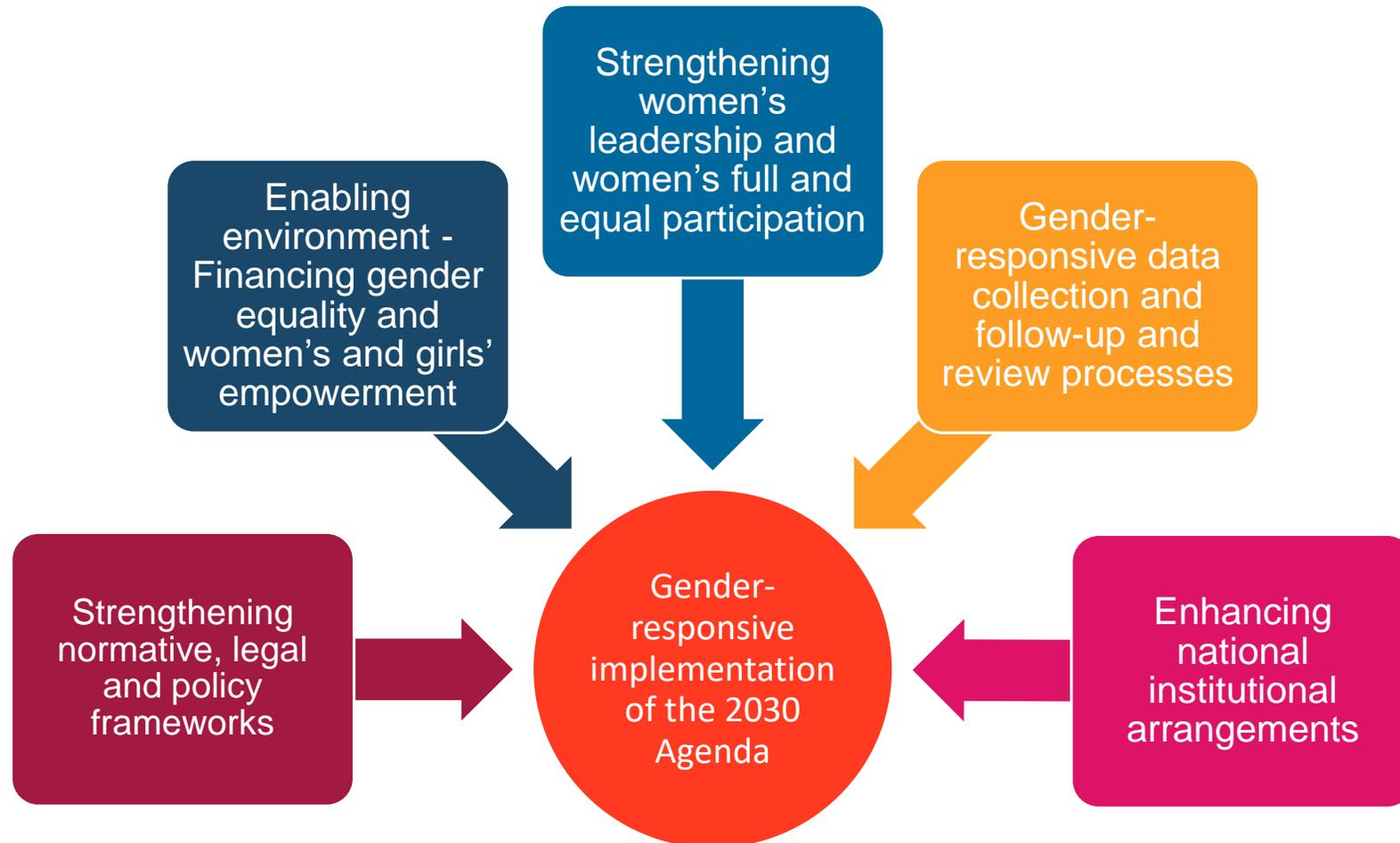




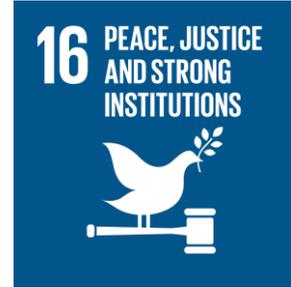
**UN Women thematic pillars**



UN Women works as part of the UN system to support the implementation of the gender equality commitments. We focus on these areas as well as working inside the UN system:



Strengthening women's leadership and women's full and equal participation



**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



Enhancing national institutional arrangements



- In collaboration with UNESCWA and LAS, UN Women has supported the *ESCWA Intergovernmental Sub-Committee on Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*,,
  - which is entrusted with following up on the implementation of a gender-responsive 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
  - The sub-committee’s aim is to strengthen regional integration, consensus building, knowledge generation, monitoring and follow-up of the SDGs, as well as strengthen the SDGs review processes and voluntary reporting.

At national level, work with WNM

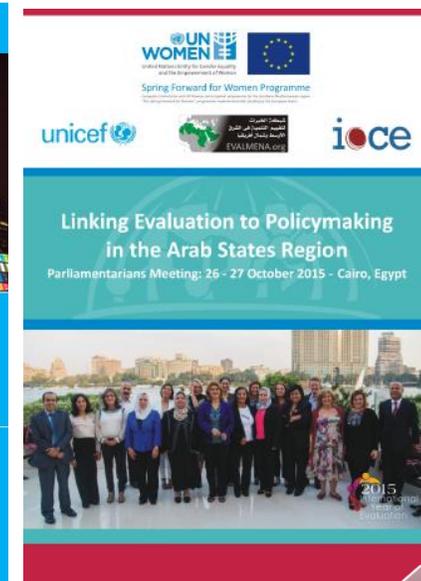
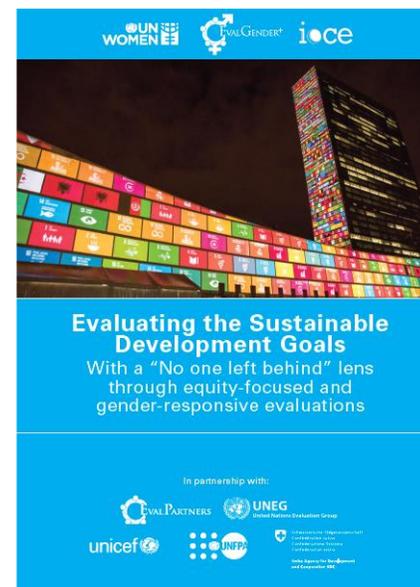


Gender-responsive data collection and follow-up and review processes



With EVALMENA network,

- Strengthening the demand and the use of gender responsive evaluations, by providing a space for Parliamentarians, representatives of ministries / government bodies responsible for monitoring and evaluating the SDGs, national women's machineries and national evaluation associations



Enabling environment - Financing gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment



**The Arab Women in the Sustainable Development Agenda 2015 - 2030” Conference** (Cairo, 29 November-1December 2015)

Co-convened by the League of Arab States/Arab Women Organization, UNDP and UN Women.

Conference included a statistics expert group meeting. The group identified a certain number of key challenges:

- Ambiguity of some of the statistical term. They require consensus to ensure relevance and comparability of indicators disaggregated by gender, sex, rural/urban location, disability etc.;
- National adaptation of international survey standards in support of comparability within the Arab Region;
- Greater cooperation between national statistics offices, line ministries and local level authorities to ensure harmonization of data/indicator priorities and collection methodologies;
- Increased cooperation with civil society and the NGO sector as users of SDG related data; costing and financing the required capacity building.



## Strengthening normative, legal and policy frameworks



- League of Arab States Cairo Declaration for Arab Women and Executive Strategic Plan “Development Agenda for Women in the Arab Region 2030”, adopted during the 28th Ordinary Summit of the Arab League (Amman, Jordan – March 2017).
- The General Secretariat for the League of Arab States was entrusted to follow up on the implementation of Cairo Declaration for Arab Women and Executive Strategic Plan “Development Agenda for Women in the Arab Region 2030” and to prepare progress periodic report every 5 years (Resolution no 29/3/2017) ق/28/(17/03)-17/ق ل(0087)-

## اعلان القاهرة للمرأة العربية

### “أجندة التنمية للمرأة العربية لما بعد 2015”

مشروع خطة العمل العربية 2015-2020

الفرص - التحديات  
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## Arab Forum for Sustainable Development



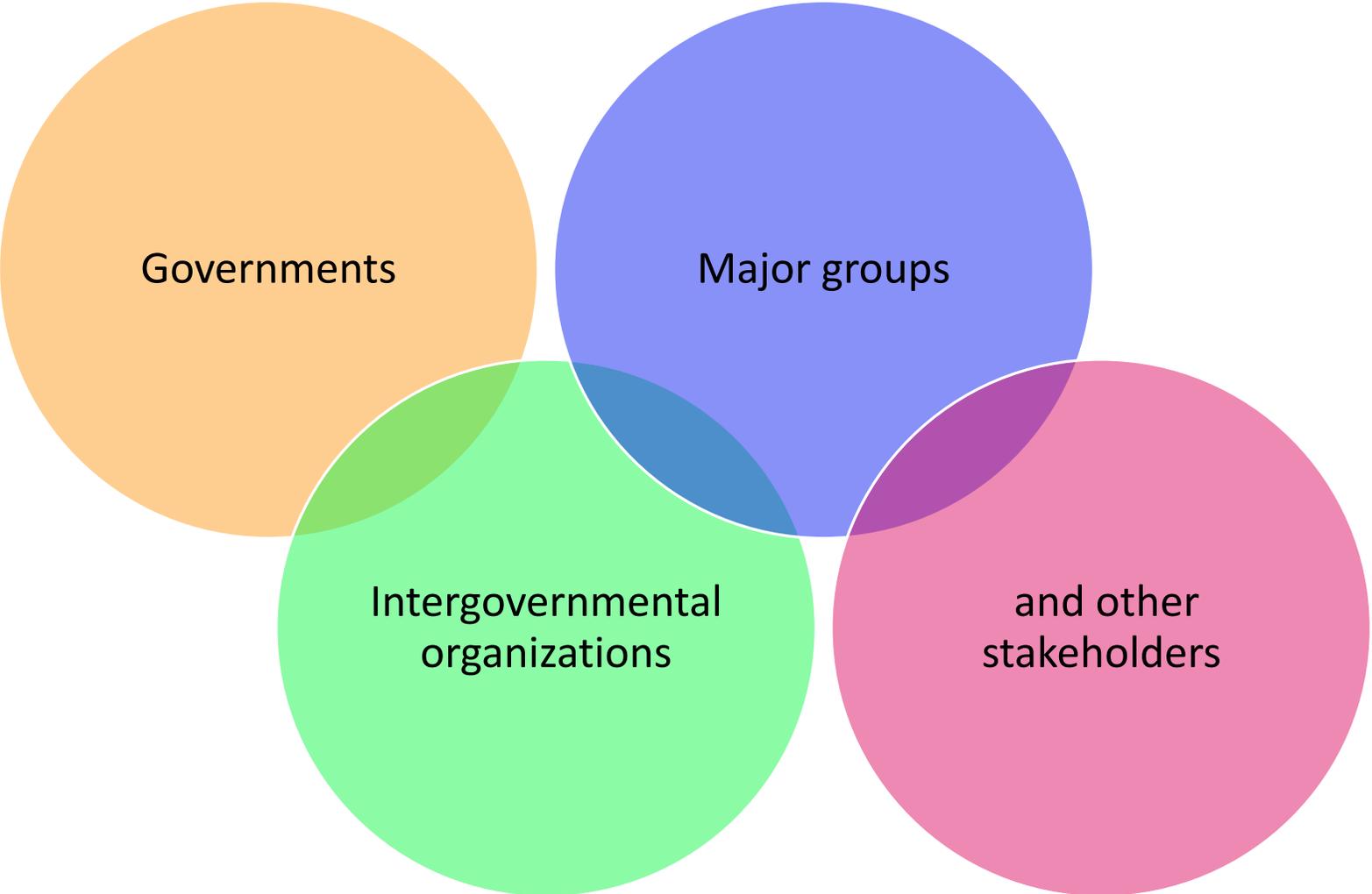
Supports the UN system effectively to take on board GEWE in all its actions under the 2030 Agenda



## HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



# Multistakeholder Partnership





Thank you!



# TO “ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS”



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| <p>Ending <b>discrimination</b> in law, policies and practice;</p>          | <p>Eliminating <b>violence</b> against women and girls;</p>                     | <p>Eliminating <b>harmful practices</b> – CEFM and FGM/C;</p>                         |
| <p>Recognizing and valuing <b>unpaid care and domestic work</b>;</p>        | <p>Ensuring women’s <b>participation and leadership</b> in decision-making;</p> | <p>Ensuring universal access to <b>sexual and reproductive health and rights</b>;</p> |
| <p>Reforms to ensure women’s equal rights to <b>economic resources</b>;</p> | <p>Enhancing the use of enabling <b>technology</b>, including ICTs;</p>         | <p>Adopting and strengthening sound <b>policies and legislation</b></p>               |

