



10. Affirmations on Women

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The Interfaith Forum calls upon the G20 Leaders and Member States to:

1. Fully engage faith actors in the strategies affirmed in the brief, supporting women's roles across social and economic sectors.
2. Engage with existing dialogical platforms where policymakers and faith actors explore ways to optimize faith engagement in gender equality and encourage the creation of similar dialogical platforms in states where such platforms do not yet exist.
3. Strengthen the evidence base on faith influence – both negative and positive – on social norms relating to gender equality, engaging faith leaders throughout the process, to improve understanding of the roles of faith actors.
4. Document, elevate, and support people, institutions, and initiatives leading change at the intersection of faith, gender equality, and women's leadership.
5. Advance faith literacy as it pertains to gender equality within all G20 Member States' institutions.
6. Improve data collection and harmonization among G20 member states and enhance cooperation in eradicating damaging stereotypes and creating public policies to protect women through the recovery period of COVID-19.

Half the world's population is women. Women will be the agents for transformation in the world as they assume their proper place in all human institutions. Finding an equitable balance of power between men and women by encouraging the participation of women at all levels of society –government, religion, civil society, corporations, community, and family – will manifest in far-reaching ways, benefitting governments, societies, and economies, and helping to resolve the world's challenges.