



**OPENING OF THE 67<sup>ST</sup> SESSION OF THE  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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Distinguished Delegates,  
Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to join you at the opening of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

We are gathering here today as the world faces mounting multifaceted and complex challenges. There are alarming signs of stress related to climate, inequality, food insecurity as well as conflict in a very fast-paced and interconnected world.

We are not on track. Not by any measure. Not on the SDGs, nor on the higher purpose for our common future agreed upon through the 2030 Agenda of pursuing peace and prosperity for all people in global partnership and in respect of our planet.

The SDG Summit, taking place later this year, could not be timelier. This is the time to strengthen our resolve around our shared values and Goals. This is the time to commit, strategize and take decisive action to move forward.



Distinguished Colleagues,

The Economic and Social Council has an integral role to play in implementing coordinated action for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Coordination Segment, which took place last month, has shown that there is great work being done by the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the UN system agencies, including initiatives that have great potential to create transformative leaps forward.

The work of the Commission on the Status of Women and its outcomes are essential in this context. Addressing current multiple and intersecting global crises in a gender-responsive, sustainable manner is a priority of the Council. The Economic and Social Council fully supports the work of the Commission and will continue to promote progress for all women and girls.

The rights of women and girls and gender equality are cross-cutting issues that influence all 17 SDGs. We must ensure the systematic mainstreaming of a gender perspective so as to leave no woman or girl behind.

The unequal pace of digital transformation, exacerbated by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, has amplified the barriers faced by women and girls.

The priority theme that the Commission is considering during this year's session is therefore extremely timely. Education in the digital age, in the context of rapid innovation and technological change, is vital to understand how to tackle existing and emerging challenges in our deeply interconnected and digitalized world while we work to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. Education is a key asset in our evolving reality. In



addition, without the integration of a gender perspective in technology and innovation we will fail to reach our targets by 2030.

Through a successful outcome at CSW67, we can provide a framework that allows technology to be used as a transformative tool for social change and therefore accelerate our achievement of the SDGs. Your deliberations will provide an important contribution to the work of the Council, the HLPF and the SDG Summit in September, towards the advancement of the 2030 Agenda.

I want to take the opportunity to commend the Commission on its work and collaboration with other subsidiary bodies of the Council, the UN system and other stakeholders. Strengthening such collaborative approaches were among the recommendations of the review of the work of ECOSOC functional commissions and expert bodies undertaken last year. I thank the Commission on the Status of Women for its contributions to the review's discussions and successful outcome.

I wish you successful deliberations and I look forward to receiving the outcomes of your session.