

# [G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council \(GEAC\) presents recommendations to drive global gender equality](#)

The Chair of the Gender Equality Advisory Council, Sarah Sands, will join the Cornwall Summit this afternoon in a virtual presentation to G7 Leaders of the [Council's recommendations](#), which were published today. GEAC member, Nobel peace prize laureate and gynaecologist, Dr. Denis Mukwege, will also outline the importance of G7 action to address sexual violence in conflict.

The GEAC is an independent group of experts who were convened by Prime Minister Boris Johnson under the UK's G7 Presidency. The GEAC is responsible for championing the core principles of freedom, opportunity, individual humanity and dignity for women and girls around the world.

Against the backdrop of recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the GEAC's recommendations focus on education, economic empowerment and ending violence against women and girls.

## **Minister for Women & Equalities, Liz Truss, said:**

The UK has a proud history of championing the rights of women and girls both here and across the globe.

I'm pleased that we are using our presidency of the G7 to put women at the heart of our recovery from COVID-19 through the work of the Gender Equality Advisory Council.

These recommendations will help us drive forward a strong agenda on women's rights, both domestically and internationally, and I look forward to working with GEAC members as we build back better.

## **Chair of the Gender Equality Advisory Council, Sarah Sands, said:**

We are at an historic moment for women and girls. The pandemic stopped the clocks of social change: now we must accelerate into a recovery. An extraordinary council of women, many of them scientists and all of them brandishing evidence, put their minds to finding solutions.

Our recommendations are now published and we shall hold leaders to account by measuring change. GEAC calls for guaranteed education for girls, for paths into green jobs, for access to capital and for digital inclusion. We want real representation of women, a level playing field in the work place and liberation from sexual violence and online abuse.

Women and girls have astonishing potential. We challenge the G7 to unleash it.

[Members](#) of the 2021 GEAC include world-leading scientists, business leaders, economists, public sector leaders, human rights and democracy advocates and international development experts, from across the G7 countries and beyond. The [first meeting](#) of the GEAC took place in April, and the [second](#) in May.

The GEAC's recommendations include calls for:

- Targeted pandemic response and recovery plans that take account of the needs of women and girls;
- At least 12 years of gender-transformative education for all;
- Strengthened public investment in social care infrastructure – including childcare – to address gender imbalances in care work, both paid and unpaid;
- Greater opportunities for women to thrive in the modern economy, including trading relationships that support women's economic empowerment around the world;
- A gender-responsive approach to climate financing, investment and policies, and investment in education and life-long learning to ensure that women and girls can benefit from the 'green revolution';
- Progress towards achieving gender parity in STEM education and careers;
- Action to address the digital gender divide and to counteract algorithm bias which puts women, girls and marginalised groups at a disadvantage;
- An end to the stereotyping and unequal treatment of women in the media, including by supporting the Generation Equality Forum Charter of Commitments for Cultural and Creative Industries;
- Global action to end violence against women and girls through increased investment in prevention and response; the ratification of relevant conventions, and enhanced support for eradicating female genital mutilation (FGM).
- Action to tackle online harassment and abuse of women and girls;
- Condemnation of sexual violence used as a weapon of war as an international red line, and greater multilateral action to address it; and
- A clear mechanism to monitor progress and accountability on commitments on gender equality in the G7.

Following the G7 Summit, the GEAC will produce a full report as to how the G7 should work together so that women across the globe drive forward and benefit from the pandemic recovery.