Dear Feminists -

As you know, for the past few months the Core Group of the Generation Equality Forum has been engaged in a multi-step process to select the leaders of the Action Coalitions.

Over 1,300 applications were received from civil society organizations to lead the Action Coalitions. Many - but not all - leaders for the Action Coalitions have been found. Some dialogue with the selected leads began the week of June 8 so that work may begin on important issues related to governance, blueprints, and consultations.

Since not all decisions have been made, it has not been possible to inform those who applied but were not selected as leads. As the Civil Society Advisory Group, we have advocated for diversity and regional balance within and between Action Coalitions. We hope and expect that a public announcement about the selected leaders will be made in the coming weeks.

As the leaders begin their work, we expect that there will be public consultation opportunities to guide the drafting of the Action Coalitions’ blueprints though we do not have concrete information about the timing of these consultations yet.

We recognize how important it is that the leaders hear from civil society groups in all their diversity. We know that many movements and organizations are drafting or have drafted key principles, priorities, or recommendations for either specific Action Coalitions or cross-cutting ones for all of the Action Coalitions.

In order to ensure that these priorities reach the leaders directly and as soon as possible, please share them with us by sending them to Rachel Jacobson at jacobson.rachel.m@gmail.com. We will ensure that these documents reach all of the relevant Action Coalition leaders.

In the meantime, work continues on issues related to the governance of the Action Coalitions, including the process for membership of the Action Coalitions. There is also progress addressing youth women, peace, and security and humanitarian action. As soon as we have more information about these important issues, we will share it with you all.

In solidarity,

Civil Society Advisory Group