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**Agenda for the event - Reproductive, Sexual and Maternal Health**

**Committee – UN Women**

**Portfolio – USA**

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*"Feminism isn't about making women stronger. Women are already strong; it's about changing the way the world perceives that strength."*

**G.D. Anderson**

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, also known as UN Women, is a United Nations **entity working for gender equality** and the **empowerment of women**. UN Women advocates for the rights of women and girls and focuses on a wide array of issues, including **violence against women**.

### **The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**

USAID works to improve the lives of people around the world by addressing the distinct and intersectional needs of women and girls, men and boys, in all their diversity, in our development and humanitarian work, as well as the norms and systems that hinder optimal outcomes. Identifying and addressing restrictive gender norms and inequalities helps to foster the sustainability of results.

In March 2021, President Biden signed an **Executive Order**, establishing the White House Gender Policy Council and recognizing that the **“full participation of all people — including women and girls — across all aspects of our society is essential to the economic well-being, health, and security of our Nation and of the world.”**

USAID has a long-standing commitment to prevent and respond to gender-based violence (GBV), promote women's economic empowerment, promote gender equity in climate change mitigation, empower adolescent girls, engage men and boys and address gender norms, and support underserved and marginalized populations. For societies to thrive, all people must have equal rights, exercise their own voice, and live free from intimidation, harassment, discrimination and violence.

USAID works to end child, early, and forced marriage (CEFM) and implements activities that address the voluntary family planning and reproductive health needs of married girls and young couples. The reproductive health benefits of ending CEFM are achieved through programs that promote girls' education, provide tailored support to married children, strengthen the enactment and enforcement of laws and policies that prevent early or forced marriage, and build community outreach efforts to shift attitudes that perpetuate the practice.

**United Nation's Gender Inequality Index ranking in the 13th place out of 173 countries in terms of the Human Development Index.**

Since the **enactment of Title IX in 1972**, federal law has guaranteed the right to **education free from sex discrimination**, and since then women and girls have made great strides toward achieving equality.

In the United States, **progress in the education of women and girls** has been an important step to **advancing gender equality** in all facets of domestic and work life. The story of female education and progress toward gender equality has been similar in many other **high-income and upper-middle income countries around the world**. While women in the U.S. were surpassing men in earning doctoral **degrees in the early 2000s**

Title X-funded clinics continue to play an important role in providing SRH care to poor and low-income women—14% of all women who receive any contraceptive service obtain that care from these clinics, as do 25% of poor women and 36% of uninsured women receiving care. In fact, six in 10 women (61%) visiting Title X-funded clinics for contraceptive and related services report that the clinic is their usual source for medical care.

**In a statement for the 20th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, US President Barack Obama recommitted his country to the basic principle affirmed in Beijing:** Within the United States, we are taking steps to support working families, encourage women and girls to pursue careers in the STEM fields, and provide additional opportunities for women entrepreneurs. But we know that much work remains ... my Administration continues to work to advance the empowerment and education of women and girls here and abroad. It's why we are dedicating additional resources to address violence against women and girls. It's why we are investing in job training and apprenticeships to help women earn better-paying jobs. It is why we launched 'Let Girls Learn', to address the challenges adolescent girls around the world face in enrolling, completing and succeeding in school. And it is why my Administration's Stand with Civil Society initiative is supporting the right of women and all people around the world to work peacefully for the betterment of their societies without fear that their rights and freedoms will be unjustly abridged. Today, we renew our resolve to work tirelessly towards a world where every woman and girl can enjoy the rights and freedoms that are her birth right.

*Our country thinks we need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored.*