



MAKE GENDER EQUALITY A GLOBAL CAUSE

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G7 MINISTERIAL MEETING
DEDICATED TO GENDER EQUALITY

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France is hosting the “Group of Seven” Summit for the seventh time since 1975. This will provide G7 member states with the opportunity to focus on a joint challenge :

translating gender equality, a major cause in this French presidential term, into a major global cause.

The ministerial meeting dedicated to gender equality will take place in Bondy and Paris on 9 and 10 May. G7 members will be joined by an additional six countries to address three priorities : combatting sexist and sexual violence – principally female genital mutilation and forced marriage – guaranteeing and supporting women’s access to education, and working for women’s economic empowerment, notably with the award of the AFD Digital Challenge “Innovation for Women in Africa” prize.

In order to achieve these objectives, France can draw on the valuable recommendations of the Advisory Council, made up of experts and eminent figures from the research community, the arts world, civil society, and international organisations.

With its support, the French presidency will put forward a legislative package to G7 member states so that they can commit to adopting at least one law from this raft of legislation benefitting women.

The core purpose of this G7 Summit is to offer a powerful and coordinated response to the challenges facing us, characterised by determination and actions, so that we can do full justice to the issues and to citizen expectations.

Gender inequality is not acceptable and injustices suffered by women are repugnant ; the time is therefore ripe for gender equality to become a major global cause.



THE G7: SHARED VALUES AND A DESIRE FOR COORDINATED ACTION

The G7, or Group of Seven, is made up of seven countries : **Germany, Canada, the United States, France, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom.**

The European Union has also been involved in G7 activities since 1977. Together, the G7 nations account for **40 % of global GDP and 10 % of the world's population**. A distinctive feature of the group is that it has no legal existence, no permanent secretariat, and no ex officio members.

The presidency is held each year by one of the seven states, which provides the framework for the group's activities and sets the broad agenda.

The G7 was created to provide a coordinated response to the first oil crisis in 1975.

Since then, G7 heads of state and government have met annually to discuss issues such as peace and security, the fight against terrorism, development, education, health, the environment, and climate change, which all involve different stakeholders and require a joint response.

The G7 countries share a set of core values : **democracy, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, the free market, and respect for international law.**

The French G7 presidency's priorities for the Biarritz Summit

France has held the presidency of the G7 since 1 January 2019. It takes over from Canada, which hosted the 2018 Summit, and will hand over the presidency to the United States next year.

The Biarritz Summit takes place on 24 to 26 August and will be the culmination of the French presidency.

Five major priorities have been set for this Summit :

- fighting inequality of opportunity, highlighting gender equality, and promoting access to education and high-quality health services ;
- **reducing environmental inequality** by providing increased funding for climate initiatives and pursuing an equitable ecological transition, with a particular focus **on preserving biodiversity and the oceans** ;
- promoting fairer and more equitable business, tax and development policies ;
- **implementing peace initiatives to combat security threats and terrorism, which undermine the foundations of our societies** ;
- harnessing the opportunities offered by digital technology and artificial intelligence in an ethical and human-centred way.

The G7 summit will also be characterised by a renewed partnership with Africa, with an emphasis on three priorities :

1. creating sustainable employment

2. supporting entrepreneurship, with a particular focus on women

3. enhancing and predicting conditions for effective investment.

Working with its G5 Sahel partners, the G7 will launch an initiative focusing on the Sahel, offering additional support for the Sahel Alliance, as well as promoting increased human development activity through education and health. Enhanced economic prospects, greater resilience to crises, and **increased action against trafficking will round off the agenda to support this region.**





THE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON GENDER EQUALITY

During the French G7 presidency, several ministerial meetings will be held in preparation for the Biarritz Summit in August 2019. **The meeting of ministers responsible for gender equality, chaired by Marlène Schiappa, will be held on 9 and 10 May in Bondy and Paris.**

The French presidency has pledged that combatting inequality will top the G7 agenda, with precedence being given to gender equality. The ministerial meeting will therefore be a focus for feminist diplomacy. This active, practical and comprehensive feminist diplomacy will cover topics such as violence, education and training. Ministerial work sessions aim to promote this feminist diplomacy worldwide and **to make gender equality a major global cause.**

France will receive support from the **Gender Equality Advisory Council**, which was set up by Canada in 2018.

The G7 is also firmly committed to pursuing recommendations from **international civil society**. During its presidency, France is keen to refresh and widen its composition with new members from a variety of sectors (the private sector, the research community, the arts world, civil society, international youth associations, etc.). The Advisory Council, co-chaired by Nobel Prize winners Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad, now has 35 members.

After organising several meetings of the working group on gender inequality, the Advisory Council will attend the G7 ministerial meeting on 10 May to **present the legislative package.**

On 10 May, there will be several working sessions to discuss the **3 gender equality priorities** :

1. The fight against violence

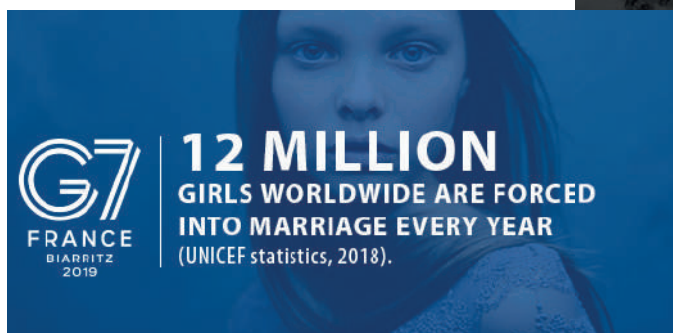
The working session attended by G7 and European Union ministers will be devoted **to sexist and sexual violence**. In 2018, France became a Champion of the “She Decides” movement for the sexual and reproductive rights of girls and women.

The G7 will focus on two priorities in the fight against violence: combatting forced marriage and cyberbullying.

The fight against female genital mutilation and forced marriage

In the context of the French presidency of the G7, Marlène Schiappa travelled to Burkina Faso to work with all the stakeholders involved in mechanisms to eradicate female genital mutilation and forced marriage.

Discussions in the G7 meeting on 10 May will provide a forum for ministers to present procedures to support the fight against sexual mutilation and child marriage. Legislation must now be drafted to promote the emancipation and autonomy of women worldwide. **A meaningful government initiative must encompass the entire region** by supporting States and NGOs in their crucial work to raise public awareness.



La lutte contre le cyber harcèlement



In 2018, the French High Council for Gender Equality carried out a survey into online violence and cyberbullying. The key results showed that 73 % of women had experienced online violence and that 18 % had suffered actual violence. Online content was also analysed and the study showed that 92 % of sexist content reported (insults, rape threats or hate content) was not removed by online platforms. The data varies according to the platform : Facebook 87 %; Twitter 89 %, and YouTube 100 % (French High Council for Gender Equality, 2018).

Today, sexist violence compromises the security of women in public and private spaces, and in cyberspace. The spread of online violence and cyberbullying directed at women is a growing phenomenon which states have not yet successfully addressed via the implementation of effective solutions.

G7 members are therefore united in challenging the Big Four tech companies or GAFA (Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Apple) and social media. Educational outreach must also be carried out in tandem with legal measures and sanctions.

Women's education

Today, two thirds of the 774 million illiterate adults in the world are women. The G7 working sessions will therefore provide an opportunity to rally support for women's education and in particular to fight for access to **quality education** for girls and promote **lifelong learning for women**.

The G7 is committed to **women and girls' literacy globally**. Access to education for girls and boys worldwide is a priority, and France has organised a conference in Paris on 5 July, in partnership with the Sahel Alliance, focusing on education for girls in Africa.



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76 MILLION
OF THE 123 MILLION
YOUNG ILLITERATE PEOPLE
IN THE WORLD ARE WOMEN (UNICEF statistics).

Women's economic empowerment, notably in Africa

France is keen to involve Argentina, Burkina Faso, New Zealand, Norway, Rwanda and Tunisia in the work of the G7 during several sessions on 9 and 10 May 2019.

States must work together for women's empowerment, particularly in Africa and the Sahel, by providing funding for their projects and businesses. A plan for a financial instrument to supplement microloans will be explored.

At the opening dinner for the ministerial session on 9 May, **Marlène Schiappa and Rémy Rioux, President of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD)**, will award 5 trophies to the winners of the third **AFD Digital Challenge : "Women's Innovation in Africa"**. These prizes are awarded to 5 start-ups set up by men and women which use digital innovation as a vehicle for women's inclusion across the African continent.

On the morning of Friday 10 May, ministers are invited to take part in a site visit to Bondy, a development priority zone in Seine-Saint-Denis, where they will tour the **Institute de recherche pour le développement (Development Research Institute)** and attend a presentation by **Bond'Innov, an incubator for innovative projects with a high social impact in France and the Global South**. Bond'Innov has supported over 150 start-ups since 2011, and **40 % are being run by women** in 17 countries in 2019. After a tour of the premises, Bond'Innov has selected **four start-ups run by women entrepreneurs** who will present their businesses : Tôtô Riibo in Burkina, Ndd'o Habitat in Cameroon, Zabbaan in Mali, and Sahelia in Burkina Faso.

The G7 working lunch will also address **entrepreneurship** with representatives from the World Bank and the Council of Europe. After lunch, ministers will hear a presentation on the concept of **"equality-conditionality"** which will pave the way for the introduction of a gender equality conditionality clause into the allocation of public funds. Private investor coalitions have real economic weight, which allows them to drive economic and social change, including genuine gender equality.





THE BIARRITZ PARTNERSHIP – PROMOTING LAWS IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN’S RIGHTS

The French presidency, with the support of the Advisory Council, will identify a raft of laws best able to benefit women globally. This legislative package will be submitted to the G7 states and they will be invited to make a commitment to adopt or draw inspiration from at least one of these laws favouring women.

In order to foster an international dynamic in this area, other countries from every continent will be invited to join the Biarritz Partnership.

Ensuring the continuity of the Biarritz Partnership post-2019 is a priority for the French presidency. The launch of the initiative will be accompanied by a monitoring mechanism whose terms and conditions will be on the Advisory Council’s work agenda.

The raft of laws will be submitted to G7 states at the Biarritz Summit and they will make a commitment to put forward laws designed to make this partnership a tangible reality.

LISTE DES PARTICIPANTS

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Fondatrice et directrice de FRIDA

Thursday, May 9th

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Bilateral meetings

11 Rue Berryer - 75008 Paris

7:00 – 10:00 pm

Dinner

Pavillon Elysée
10 Avenue des Champs-Élysées - 75008 Paris

No interpretation

Friday, May 10th

08:30 – 09:30 am

Visit to Bondy

Project incubator laboratory created by women entrepreneurs
Institut de recherche pour le développement
32 avenue Henri Varagnat - 93140 Bondy

Delegations

France, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Canada,
European Union (European Commission), Argentina,
Tunisia, Norway, Burkina-Faso, Rwanda, New Zealand

Interpretation french/english

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

G7 Meeting

Fight against sexist and sexual violence (focus on online violence)

11 Rue Berryer - 75008 Paris

Delegations

France, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Canada,
European Union (European Commission)

Interpretation - 5 languages (FR, ENG, JPN, DE, ITA)

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Lunch

Women's entrepreneurship in Africa

Delegations

France, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Canada,
European Union (European Commission), Argentina, Tunisia, Norway, Burkina-Faso,
Rwanda, New Zealand, Council of Europe, World Bank

Interpretation - 5 languages (FR, ENG, JPN, DE, ITA)

2:00 – 2:40 pm

Bilateral meetings

2:40 pm

Family picture

2:40 – 4:40 pm

**Working session with the Gender Equality Advisory Council
(GEAC) on the Biarritz Partenariat**

Delegations

France, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Canada,
European Union (European Commission), Argentina, Tunisia, Norway, Burkina-Faso,
Rwanda, New Zealand, Caisse de Dépôt et du Placement du Québec,
Council of Europe, OECD, World Bank

Interpretation - 5 languages (FR, ENG, JPN, DE, ITA)

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Wrap-up meeting and press conference

Delegations

France, United States, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Canada,
European Union (European Commission), Argentina, Tunisia, Norway, Burkina-Faso,
Rwanda, New Zealand, Caisse de Dépôt et du Placement du Québec,
Council of Europe, OECD, World Bank



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