WMG Response to Zero Draft

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Recommendations
The Chapeau Should:

1. Recognize that gender equality, the human rights of women and girls, and their effective and meaningful participation are core to the SDGs and must be guaranteed including through the repeal of discriminatory laws and the removal of formal barriers.
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2. Recognize the need to **redistribute** not only **wealth** but also **power** and **resources**
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3. Recognize the crucial importance of addressing climate change for poverty eradication
Goal 5: Achieve Attain gender equality, the full realization of women and girls human rights and empowerment of all women and girls everywhere.
We Welcome

- Proposed language on **gender equality and women’s empowerment**, *which is in line with various agreements on the human rights of women and girls.*
- **Inclusion of girls** in the wording of the goal and relevant targets
- **Inclusion of a target to eliminate harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.**
There is a Need For:

- Addressing Women’s Human Rights
- Time-Bound targets
- Ensure gender is robustly addressed across the entire framework – including in MOI
- Keeping targets 1-3 separate
- An additional target calling for ensuring access to information and justice for all women and girls.
Target 5.6 – Unpaid Care Work

- Imperative to maintain this target
- **By 2030** reduce and redistribute the burden of unpaid *domestic and* care *and domestic* work through shared responsibility *by states, private sector, communities, and men and women.*
Target 5.8 – Decision-Making

- **By 2020** ensure full, equal and effective participation and leadership of women and girls at all levels of decision-making in the public and private spheres, including in conflict prevention, mediation and resolution.
Target 5.9 – SRHR

By 2030 ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights free from stigma, violence, coercion and discrimination for all women and girls of all ages in accordance with the Programme of Action of the ICPD.
Goal 1 & 2: Ending Poverty & Hunger
Ending Poverty

- Measure of $1.25
- Need to address multi-dimensional causes
- Living wages – 60% of national wage income
- Role of Climate Change
Ending Hunger

- Cannot wait another 15 years
- Need to focus on **securing land rights** for men and women
- Volatility of food prices
- Control over traditional seeds and genetic resources
Goal 4: Provide equitable and inclusive quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all
Furthering Education

- Appreciate life-long learning
- Need for safe schools – Nigeria, US
- Austerity measures
- Needs to include comprehensive sexuality education, including education on human rights, gender-equality, non-discrimination, conflict resolution, climate change as well as on sustainable development.
Goal 8: Ensure decent work for all

Promote strong, and inclusive and sustainable economic growth development
Goal 8

- Focus this goal on the right to “decent work”, as the “economy” is only a means to the end.

- It should include language on redistribution, i.e. fiscal and monetary policies which are strong in reducing income inequalities, not in creating more millionaires.

- It needs a new target on ensuring a ‘living wage’ particularly for women, domestic, and migrant workers.
Goal 13: Promote actions at all levels to Enact strongest measures for climate change protection at all levels
Any action to adapt, mitigate or address loss and damage must be undertaken via gender-responsive, socially just and environmentally sound actions that take into account equity between countries, generations and genders.
Goal 16: Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective responsive and capable institutions and just governance
Fundamental interlinkages between peace & development
Reduce and reallocate military budgets
Address links between militarization, military spending, arms proliferation and impunity – exacerbate inequalities and violence
Role of women in peace processes and decision-making
Goal 17: Means of Implementation
Financing

- Illicit Financial Flows
- Fiscal policies/ GRB
- **Reallocate military budgets**
- Reform Tax, Debt, Trade and Finance architectures
- Progressive Taxation, Tax Evasion, Tax Havens
- PPP – profits prior to people
- Socially & environmentally fair Tech Transfer
To address the full range of structural barriers to gender equality, it is absolutely essential to include transformative and measurable gender equality targets in each proposed goal.
Further elaboration on each of the 17 goals will be shared.