

PRESS STATEMENT

(8 March 2021, Male’): The United Nations team in Maldives launched an Action Campaign today, as part of joint efforts to mark this year’s International Women’s Day under the global theme - **“Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world”**.

The main objective of this Action Campaign is to amplify commitments made by leaders to make a meaningful, timely change in their institution or sector towards achieving gender equality and non-discrimination.

The Action Campaign was launched today, with the first two video pledges from His Excellency President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and the Chief Justice Hon. Muthasim Adnan.

Invitations to take part in the campaign are open for all leaders at various levels of the Government, Cabinet Ministers, Parliament, the judiciary, political parties, civil society organizations, the private sector until 15 March 2021.

This year’s campaign is different. It is not just a day for announcements. The UN Maldives will compile the commitments made under the hashtag, #IWDPledges2021 and will annually monitor and track progress to encourage implementation. Because results matter, and we need to work together to ensure a more equal future for all.

On International Women’s Day and every day, the UN family will continue our support and partnership to create more inclusive communities where women and girls have equal opportunities to reach their full potential and accelerate achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 - Gender Equality.

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