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What is feminist foreign policy?

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Gender equality is a priority for France. With its feminist foreign policy, the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs delivers on this commitment. It concerns all areas: **reduction of inequality, sustainable development, peace and security, defence and promotion of fundamental rights, and climate and economic issues.**

The key focuses of France's feminist foreign policy are set out in **France's International Strategy for Gender Equality (2018-2022).**

Promoting gender equality and women's status in the world

Girls and women are still the biggest victims of realities in the world like humanitarian crises, violence against civilians in armed conflicts, access denied to rights, climate change, poverty, violence and discrimination. They are also undeniable drivers of change. With this in mind, France and its partners are taking action.

France is taking action bilaterally

Ambassadors conduct innovative actions in the field with a swift and visible impact, that benefits local populations. They receive funding from the Solidarity Fund for Innovative Projects (FSPI).

Specific support for feminist organisations in partner countries of France's development and international solidarity policy was introduced in 2020. It is funded by the Support Fund for Feminist Organisations (FSOF) at €120 million over 3 years.

SIMONE VEIL PRIZE OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

This prize, presented for the first time in 2019 by the President of the French Republic, is awarded to a person or group working to promote women's rights and gender equality. It shows France's commitment alongside those who further women's rights around the world.

France is advocating for women’s rights in multilateral bodies

France has actively contributed to the adoption and the implementation of the **United Nations Security Council resolutions on Women, Peace and Security** which call for States to strengthen the protection of women and girls during conflicts and increase the participation of women in peace negotiations and decision-making processes. .

France is mobilising its partners around initiatives to advance women’s rights. At the G7 in Biarritz in 2019, States committed to advance the empowerment of women and girls through national actions. France invites other countries to join the **Biarritz Partnership**. Australia, Chile, India, Senegal, Spain and Ukraine have responded to this appeal.

THE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM

Held in Paris in June 2021, the Generation Equality Forum was the most important feminist event since the Beijing World Conference on Women in 1995. It was initiated by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico.

At the Forum, a Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality was launched and nearly 1,000 tangible and ambitious commitments were announced. To advance over the next five years, the historic amount of **\$40 billion** was raised.

France is committed to working for:



women’s sexual and reproductive health and rights and their right to have control over their own bodies (€400 million);



girls’ education and equality education (50% of the €333 million allocated under the Global Partnership for Education);

France's development policy works for equality

France considers women, like men, to be **actors for sustainable development and the smooth functioning of societies** or – in post-crisis countries – for reconstruction. French diplomacy works to foster their **participation in economic, political and social development**.

The **programming act on inclusive development and combating global inequalities** set ambitious objectives. It ensures that 75% of the projects funded by France's official development assistance helps to improve gender equality.

Preventing and fighting violence against women

France actively promotes compliance with the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, known as the Istanbul Convention, which aims to get each State to recognize its responsibility in fighting these forms of violence.

It supports the **International Fund for Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, created at the instigation of the two 2018 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Dr Denis Mukwege and Nadia Murad**. This Fund aims to provide survivors of conflict-related sexual violence with compensation and reparations and help them reintegrate into society.



France has contributed €6.2 million to this Fund from 2020 to 2022.

GENDER EQUALITY AT WORK AT THE MINISTRY FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Gender equality at work is a priority for the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs. It concerns equal access for men and women to work, training, mobility and promotion, as well as equal pay. It also focuses on a better work-life balance. It goes hand in hand with zero tolerance for violence, discrimination, gender-based aggression and sexual harassment.



**As of
1 January 2022,
50% of France's
ambassadors
in European**

countries are women.

**According to statistics as of 31
December 2021, the number of
French women ambassadors in
the world has been multiplied
by 2.5 in 10 years.**

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