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## Budskaber til brug for den danske delegation

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### *Klimakrisen, ligestilling og kvinder og pigers rettigheder*

- The latest IPCC report is unequivocal; our world is facing a climate emergency. Denmark is pushing to keep the 1.5 degrees goal within reach.
- To Denmark, it is a key priority that all climate action must be grounded in human rights and the principles of gender equality to ensure a just and sustainable green transition.
- Women and girls are some of the first to suffer from climate change. They are disproportionately affected and they suffer increased risks and burdens. For example extreme droughts force girls and women in developing countries to walk further from home to collect water. It leads to a longer working day, less time for education, and increases the risk of sexual and gender-based violence.
- We need to explore new ways of creating synergies between climate action, sustainable development and the rights of all women and girls. Denmark strives to lead by example. For instance, our Danish water sector interventions seek to advance gender equality and the rights of women and girls by for example improving access to clean water in safe locations.
- It is key to close the climate finance gap in order to support the poorest and most vulnerable countries and groups, including women and girls in adapting to and creating resilience towards the detrimental effects of climate change.

- From 2023, Denmark will mobilize more than 1 percent of the collective 100 billion dollar target for climate finance. This is well above our share of developed countries GNI
- Denmark will dedicate at least 60 percent of our grant-based climate finance for adaptation. This means a significant boost of engagements in our climate action with a focus on the poorest and most vulnerable groups, including women and girls, who are disproportionately affected by climate change.
- It is important that women and girls' access to family planning and SRHR services come from a human rights-based approach, and with the aim to build resilience towards the effects of climate change. Family planning and SRSR should not be used as a calculated means to reduce the carbon footprint.
- Women and girls are also important agents of change for addressing the climate crisis. It is key to engage women and girls in all their diversity and in particular rural and indigenous women and girls in climate action policies and processes to ensure their needs are recognized, prioritized and addressed, and to ensure our climate action become truly sustainable and effective.

### ***Ligestilling***

- Gender equality is about challenging and fighting negative social norms and gender stereotypes. It is about everyone's equal rights and opportunities. Gender equality benefits women and men, in all their diversity. It also benefits the whole of the society and economy.
- In the past 25 years, we have seen great advances in gender equality, women and girls' rights and their empowerment. But in too many countries, women and girls are still denied their basic rights, including the right to decide over their own body. And too many women still face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination.

- COVID-19 has created huge setbacks leaving women and girls even further behind. Pandemic responses and recovery plans must incorporate strong gender-transformative approaches at all levels – from decision-making, policy development and implementation to access to e.g. health and education on the ground. Special attention should be made to the shadow pandemic of increased gender-based violence.
- Forging strong and innovative partnerships across countries and continents, age and gender, and not least public and private actors will be essential to bring us closer to a gender equal world.
- And it is essential that men and boys are included in shaping gender equality policies, as partners for women and girls' empowerment, as beneficiaries of gender equality and in their own right.

### ***Seksuel og reproduktiv sundhed og rettigheder***

- The promotion and protection of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) rest on broad political consensus across the Danish Parliament. SRHR is a cross cutting priority in Denmark's development cooperation and humanitarian action.
- For Denmark, a woman and a girl's ability to decide freely if and when she wants children, with whom and how many, is firmly linked to the fundamental right to have autonomy over one's own life, body, and future. Access to contraception, comprehensive sexuality education and safe abortion is essential for achieving gender equality.
- During humanitarian crises, existing inequalities deepen and women and girls face an increased risk of sexual and gender-based violence and child marriage. In 2021-2022, Denmark is leading the Call to Action on Protection against Gender-based Violence in Emergencies, an initiative supported by 97 states and organisations.

### ***Seksuallundervisning***

- Access to Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) plays a key role in the preparation of young people – in all their diversity – for a safe, productive, and fulfilling life. A life where they know their rights and where they are able to make informed decisions about their body and their future.
- Denmark supports CSE as part of school curricula and as part of a child's early education. CSE is fundamental for a positive attitude towards sexuality and strong sexual and reproductive health. And it is essential for being equipped from a young age with skills on how to treat others with respect and dignity.

### ***Unges inddragelse***

- The world has the largest youth generation ever, and the majority lives in developing countries.
- Young people are drivers of change. Engagement of young people in the fight for gender equality is crucial to ensure sustainable development.
- For Denmark it is a priority to promote sustainable development for, with and by youth.