



*EGM on "Technology as a Renewed Hope to Achieving Gender Equality in the Arab Region: A Fact or Illusion?"*

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**Technology as an Enabling  
Framework to Reduce Gender  
Based-Discrimination**

# This presentation focuses on target 5.1 on SDG 5



## 5.1. End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere

*Ending all forms of discrimination against women and girls presents a two-way relationship with most of the SDGs. Ending discrimination is a requirement to empower all women and girls and ensure equal rights, equal access to resources, assets and services and equal economic and political participation. Empowered women actively participate in achieving sustainable development by contributing to poverty eradication, decent work and economic growth and by promoting peaceful and inclusive societies.*

# This presentation is intended to present a short synthesis of chapter 2

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- Present the regional situation in relation to target 5.1
- Demonstrate the potential of technology to combat violence against women
- Shed light on the possible negative consequences of technology in increasing discrimination against women

# Regional situation in relation to target 5.1



- A majority of men and women in the Arab region support inequitable views when considering the women's roles
- Education is considered as drive for change
- Women are concentrated in traditional education fields

# Double-edged consequence on discrimination against women

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- ICT: a vector that carries stereotypes and discrimination against women
- ICT: a pathway for women's empowerment

# Questions

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- How does ICT affect discriminatory gender norms and gender stereotypes in the Arab region?
- Are there gender differences in access to ICT? Do these differences vary with the context?
- How does the use of ICT affect men and women differently? Does it vary from one region to another?
- What are the factors to consider when localizing a global initiative on eliminating discrimination against women to the regional context?
- **What are the recommendations on using ICT for achieving target 5.1 in the Arab region?**



# Thank You



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