

Supporting Public Servants to Deliver Generation Equality Commitments

Gender Equality Collective



Apolitical is a peer-to-peer learning network for governments, connecting 100k+ public servants in over 170 countries to the latest and best ideas, skills and partners they need to solve today's complex challenges.

One of our key focus areas is gender equality. Based on our experience of working closely with public servants, we have found that even with the best political will, governments can fall short in making and/or implementing programs and policies that will bring about transformational change toward gender equality. This can be due to lack of access to: gender specific policies that have worked in other contexts to adapt; research to guide decision-making; peers to learn and collaborate with; and skills for effective implementation.



With these factors in mind, Apolitical is partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support Generation Equality and three of the Action Coalitions (Gender-based violence; Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights; and Economic justice and rights) to build capacity to implement country commitments. The project involves three interrelated components for which public servants interested in and working on gender can apply.

We share additional details on the first opportunity – Apolitical Plus+ – on the following page.

1. Apolitical Plus+ (Essential Skills Capacity Building)	Applications open now! Register your interest here. Learn from foundational microcourses on issues ranging from gender mainstreaming and gender equality to skills like communications and data management. Apolitical Plus+ is a blended learning experience, allowing participants to both exchange with one another across the globe in course cohorts and learn on your own schedule.	Apolitical's Generation Equality Strategy Public servants have the opportunity to participate in just one or all three components, which range from lower touch and topic specificity/depth to higher touch and topic specificity/depth. They don't necessarily need to be done in order, but engaging throughout will only build your capacity to support Generation Equality commitments and lead the charge for gender equality.
2. Apolitical X (Deep Dive Learning)	Applications for first course open Feb. 2021 Engage in a further learning experience on the three chosen Action Coalition topics – Gender-based violence; Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights; and/or Economic justice and rights. Apolitical is partnering with policy experts at the International Center for the Research on Women (ICRW) and regional organizations to develop these AX courses. This will allow participants to focus on these specific topics in more depth and will utilize Apolitical's bite-sized and pedagogically-based approach.	
3. Action Coalition Social Learning Exchange	Applications open Feb. 2021 35 policymakers in key countries will engage through virtual and in-person exchanges to build relationships and learn from each other how to best implement their countries' Generation Equality commitments.	

GENDER EQUALITY COLLECTIVE – APOLITICAL PLUS+

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is supporting free access for 430 policymakers to Apolitical's online learning platform Apolitical Plus+ to support their skill and knowledge development as countries work to meet commitments for Generation Equality.



Collective participants will get 12 months of free access to:

- **30+ microcourses** on topics that matter most to 21st century government, including gender specific courses like “An Introduction to Gender Mainstreaming,” and popular courses “Evidence-Based Policymaking” and “Digital Transformation”
- **Bite-sized, interactive lessons** designed to fit around your workload
- **Digital certificates** that you can add to your 2020-2021 learning plans
- **Live workshops** with a global class of public servants

You'll join 430 of your peers from around the world, in microcourses, peer learning and sharing original content to engage around what we need to support women and girls.

CANDIDATES

The Apolitical Plus+ opportunity is open to any public servant working on or interested in gender around the world. Special priority will be given to the following countries:

- Canada
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- India
- Kenya
- Netherlands
- Senegal
- South Africa
- Sweden
- UK
- USA

The collective will also prioritize participation from countries leading three of the Generation Equality Action Coalitions:

- Gender-based violence - Iceland, Kenya, UK and Uruguay
- Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights - Argentina, Burkina Faso, Denmark and France
- Economic justice and rights - Germany, Mexico, South Africa, Spain and Sweden

Selection of candidates will be based on the following criteria:

1. **Gender focus in your work**
2. **Your commitment to gender equality**
3. **Your personal interest in professional growth**
4. **Your location**

APPLY

The application form is open as of November 9, 2020. [Apply here to join the first class](#) (the application process should take no more than 20 minutes).

We will review and accept applications for several classes through September 2021, but the sooner you apply, the sooner you can begin learning with your peers.

If you have any questions about the application or the broader project, please contact Pooja Warier Hamilton at Pooja.Warier@apolitical.co or Christine Makuwa at Christine.Makuwa@apolitical.co

SHARE

If you know other public servants who would benefit from this opportunity – please feel free to send us your recommendations or share the following text through email briefings, newsletters or social media.

As UN Women launches Generation Equality, 25 years after the historic Beijing conference, Apolitical is partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support support Generation Equality and three of the [Action Coalitions](#) to build capacity to implement country commitments.

Policymakers working on gender equality can join me and apply for a blended learning experience, including exchanges with one another across the globe on topics and skills critical to 21st century governance - through course cohorts and individual learning. See here: <https://apolitical.co/genderequalitycollectiveregistration/>

