

## Topic 1: Addressing Gender Inequality in STEM Fields

Despite significant advancements in gender equality, women remain notably underrepresented in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. This disparity is evident at all levels, from education to professional careers, posing a substantial barrier to both individual opportunities and broader societal progress. Educational barriers such as gender stereotypes, lack of female role models, and insufficient support systems contribute to lower enrollment and retention rates of women in STEM. In the workplace, women face challenges including gender bias, wage gaps, and limited career advancement opportunities. To address these issues, it is essential to examine effective policies and initiatives that have successfully increased the participation and retention of women in STEM. By exploring global best practices and proposing new strategies, we can work towards creating a more inclusive environment that fosters innovation and harnesses the full potential of all individuals in these critical fields.



## Topic 2: Combating Gender-Based Violence: Strategies and Solutions

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a pervasive issue worldwide, affecting millions of women and girls across all socio-economic backgrounds. Manifesting in various forms such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, human trafficking, and harmful traditional practices, GBV poses a severe threat to the safety, health, and rights of women and girls. Understanding the root causes of GBV, including cultural, social, and economic factors, is crucial in developing effective strategies to combat it. Evaluating the effectiveness of existing legal frameworks and policies aimed at preventing and addressing GBV is essential to identifying gaps and proposing improvements for better protection and support for survivors. Highlighting successful community-based and international initiatives that have significantly reduced GBV can provide valuable models for adaptation and implementation in different contexts. By focusing on these critical aspects, the Committee on the Status of Women aims to develop actionable strategies to promote gender equality and protect the rights and well-being of women and girls globally.

