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# **UNESCO's Priority Gender Equality : Empowering Women for Sustainable Society**

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# UNESCO's Institutional Framework

- Gender equality is one of UNESCO's two global priorities
- 2008-2013 Gender Equality Action Plan



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UNESCO uses a two-pronged approach:

- Gender mainstreaming within all five sectors
- Gender-specific programming



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# Challenges for Sustainable and Gender Equal Societies

- Continuing gender gaps in education
- Unequal access to resources for women and men
- Women excluded from leadership and decision making positions
- Continuing issues of violence and insecurity affecting women



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# Priorities for sustainable development and gender equality

- Improve identification of barriers and developing opportunities for women in science, technology and engineering
- Foster mentoring
- Promote the transformation of institutions, both public and private, to support women in science at every level



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# UNESCO Activities for Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

- Girls' and women's Education (including science education)
- Promoting women's leadership
- Capacity building for research and training
  - Research and Documentation Centres
  - Global Chairs Network
- Prevention of violence and promotion of women's security



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# Any question?

Thank you!

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