



### 1) If you could push for one urgent policy change today, what would it be?

If I could push for one urgent policy change today, it would be the legal obligation for every state to guarantee access to education for every girl.

Education is not just a right—it is the most powerful tool for breaking cycles of poverty, fostering economic growth, and building more just and peaceful societies.

As a Soroptimist and Leadership Coach, I have seen firsthand how investing in girls' education transforms lives and communities. We cannot afford to leave half of humanity behind.

When we educate a girl, we empower a future leader, an innovator, and a changemaker. No country can truly progress if its girls are left behind.

### 2) 30 years after Beijing, what progress are you most proud of?

The Beijing Conference 30 years ago was one of the greatest milestones in human history—for half of humanity. It was a bold and visionary plan to achieve equal human rights for all women and girls.

Beyond the specific goals that have been reached, its greatest achievement has been raising global awareness about gender equality.

Among the key advancements, we have seen stronger legal protections for women and girls, as well as significant progress in women's economic empowerment, with efforts to eliminate gender discrimination in employment.

However, our work is far from over—because in times of crisis, and we are living in an era of polycrisis, women are still the first to bear the consequences, facing increased vulnerability, economic setbacks, and threats to their rights.

The fight for gender equality must remain a global priority!

3) In 3 words, what does women's empowerment mean to you, and how do you contribute to it?

Here they are, my 3 preferred words: Awareness, Action, and Advocacy— these are my North Star and my compass.

As a Soroptimist, I contribute by continuously raising my own awareness, as I am doing here at CSW. I take concrete action by participating in impactful projects, such as a European mentoring program where I served as a mentor.

Advocacy is also a core part of my mission—being here as part of the German government delegation, engaging with key stakeholders from Germany and beyond, and amplifying the voices of women globally.

And last but not least through my work as a leadership coach! Everything I do is about women's empowerment. This mission fuels me with energy and purpose every single day.

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