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“The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG – editors’ note) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. The 17 Goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030.” [1]

The 17 SDG were declared in 2015 by World leaders when they adopted the 2030 Agenda. These are the main tasks that must be kept as a wheel’s ship while navigating these (difficult) decades. SDG 5 is on Gender Equality: “Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.”

ECA, through the General Interest Group GIG-03 on Education in Crystallography, has taken steps to promote SDG5 through various initiatives generally known as **WiC** (women in Crystallography). These include establishing a fund to support the mobility of female scientists and raising awareness of their roles at different stages of their careers.

To this end, the group is producing a series of videos featuring diverse contributors — women and men, young and senior professionals, from various regions around the world — to highlight and celebrate the contributions of female scientists in crystallography.

The first pilot video was released in June 2024 and all the videos are published on the YouTube channel of the European Crystallographic Association here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSmjbjhvd6cx2zXPYWyCkpr4yz1gCJP0>

[1] <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

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