



1. OVERVIEW

UNGA 81 opens at the UN Headquarters in New York on 8 September 2026, with the General Debate from 22–26 and 28 September, under the theme *"Restoring trust, managing transformation: a United Nations that delivers for all,"* presided over by H.E. Mr. Khalilur Rahman of Bangladesh. The session unfolds amid deepening conflict, climate pressures, fiscal constraints, and a wider crisis of multilateralism, all of which continue to shape adolescent girls' rights and opportunities.

President-elect Rahman's six priorities are peace and security; accelerating progress on the SDGs; climate action and environmental protection; human rights; governance of emerging technologies; and UN reform. The test is whether these priorities translate into resources, policies, and accountability mechanisms that enable adolescent girls to influence the decisions and investments that shape their futures.

AGIP calls on governments, donors, international financial institutions, UN agencies, and other global actors to meaningfully include adolescent girls in implementation and financing decisions; protect their rights and civic participation; and establish stronger mechanisms to track whether commitments are reaching girls, particularly those experiencing intersecting forms of exclusion.

The **Adolescent Girls Investment Plan (AGIP)** is a global, intergenerational, feminist coalition working across advocacy, research, and at the community level to drive commitment, evidence-informed investment, and accountability with and for adolescent girls.

AGIP has leveraged coalition-wide expertise to produce this brief for girl leaders, governments, and other key sector players engaging at UNGA 81 to:

- Highlight the girl-centered commitments made to date and urge global decision-makers to practice girl-centered accountability;
- Underline the financing gaps facing adolescent girls and encourage decision-makers to make more evidence-informed investments in adolescent girls; and
- Build knowledge, solidarity and collective action to advance girls' rights, agency and leadership in a time of intensifying pressure on multilateralism and shrinking civic space.

