

**DR. GEETA RAO GUPTA CONFIRMED AS  
AMBASSADOR FOR GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES**

As co-chairs of the [Big Ideas for Women and Girls coalition](#), we applaud the Senate confirmation of the new U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues, Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta.

The Ambassador is the highest-ranking US official dedicated to advancing global gender equality, and Dr. Gupta's leadership will be welcomed by a wide range of partners and allies in the United States and globally. Our coalition is especially pleased that the new Ambassador-at-Large is a proven champion with a track record of promoting the equality, human rights, and empowerment of women and girls globally, and has substantive knowledge of the ways in which others are marginalized or discriminated against due to their gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation. This comes at a critical time when progress on gender equality is at risk, and when the U.S. Government and the State Department are leading ambitious efforts to protect and advance gender equality globally, prevent and respond to gender-based violence, increase women's economic empowerment and security, and ensure the safety and wellbeing of adolescent girls.

The co-chairs have previously articulated our [recommendations on qualifications](#) for someone in this role and believe that Dr. Gupta's prior experience at the World Bank, UNICEF, the UN Foundation, ICRW, the Gates Foundation and elsewhere has provided her with excellent technical knowledge and a wide-ranging network to draw on in service of women and girls in all their diversity. The Big Ideas Coalition looks forward to the opportunity to move forward together on these critical objectives.

The co-chairs of the Big Ideas Coalition would also like to recognize and express our gratitude for the accomplishments of the GWI Office under the leadership of Kat Fotovat, the Senior Official who has admirably filled the role of acting Ambassador since early in the Biden Administration. Their tremendous effort has been critical for advancing these issues, and we look forward to continuing to work with the office, and the Senior Official, to further these efforts.

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