Dear friends,

It’s a simple question. 2015 is a special year for women’s rights. This is the year when the UN’s Millennium Development Goals are superseded by the Sustainable Development Goals with a specific goal to ‘achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls’. But how can we all contribute to driving change?
It’s also a year where over 40 key elections will take place, including Egypt, Israel, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and the UK. Could there be a woman elected as leader?

And it is the year when leaders will gather in Paris to finalise a global climate change agreement which could put gender equality at the heart of climate action.

So, 2015 is a year full of opportunities for us to tackle the issues of gender equality, but how? To mark International Women’s Day, two Elders, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Graça Machel will host a live twitter Q&A to answer your questions on gender equality and women’s rights.

Archbishop Tutu and Graça Machel have campaigned for women’s rights for many years so please join them as they hold a Twitter Q&A on 6 March at 1400GMT to discuss how we can catalyse women’s empowerment this year. You can post your question now using #askElders.

Best wishes,

The Elders Team