

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Women's sport : a challenge for Europe and beyond

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Men still run the world;
I'm not sure it's
going so well

Sheryl Sandberg
Chief Operating Officer of Facebook



The World Economic Forum's latest *Global Gender Gap Report* finding that it will take another **118 years** for women to be earning the same as men....

POLITICS

The percentage of
**women in
parliament has
nearly doubled**
in the last 20 years.



But
this only translates into
**22% of women
in parliament
today.**



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

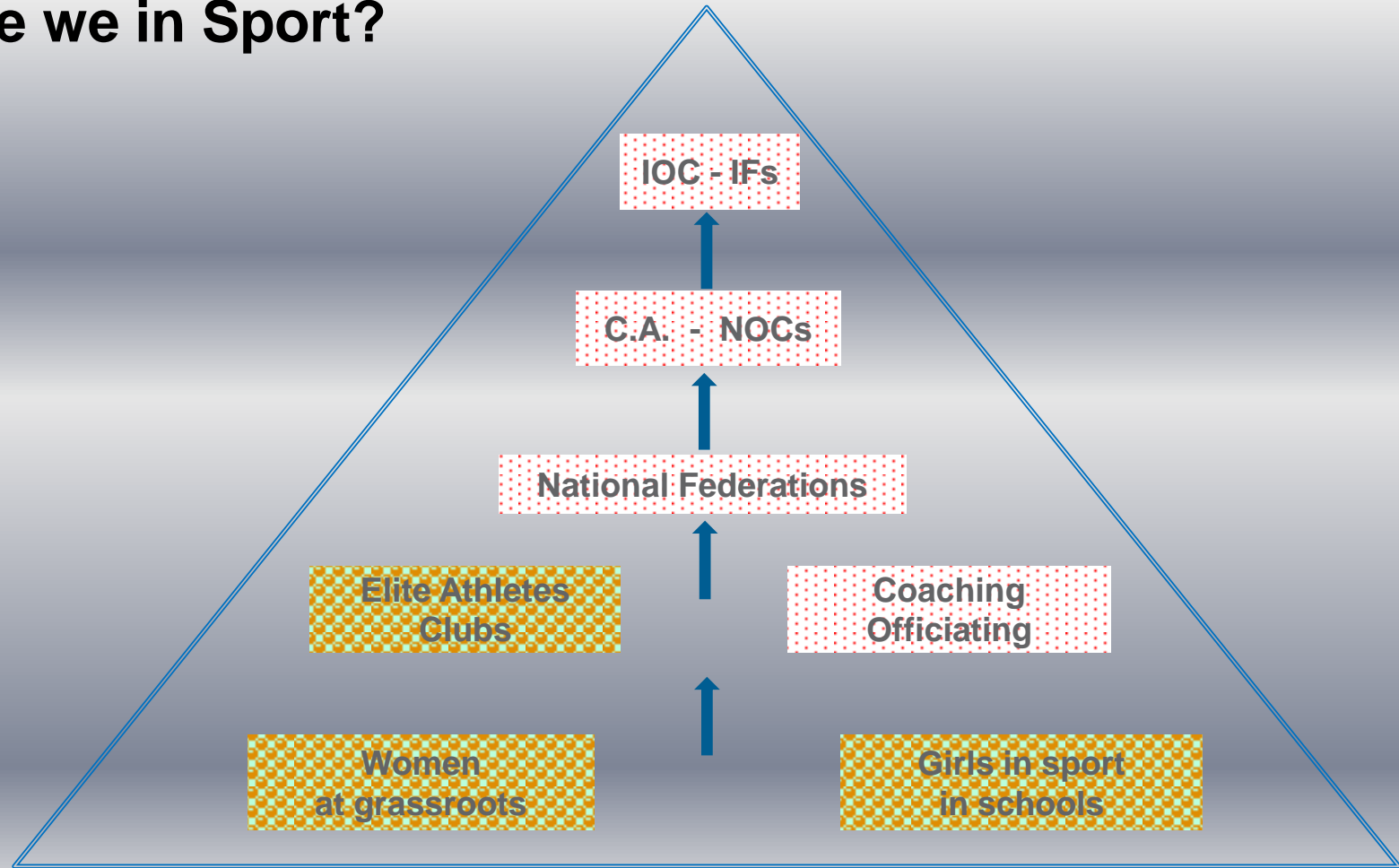
In 1993, the
UN General Assembly
**Declaration on
the Elimination
of Violence
against Women**
provided a framework for
action on the pandemic.



But
more than 20 years later,
**1 in 3 women
still experience
physical or
sexual violence,**
mostly by an intimate partner.

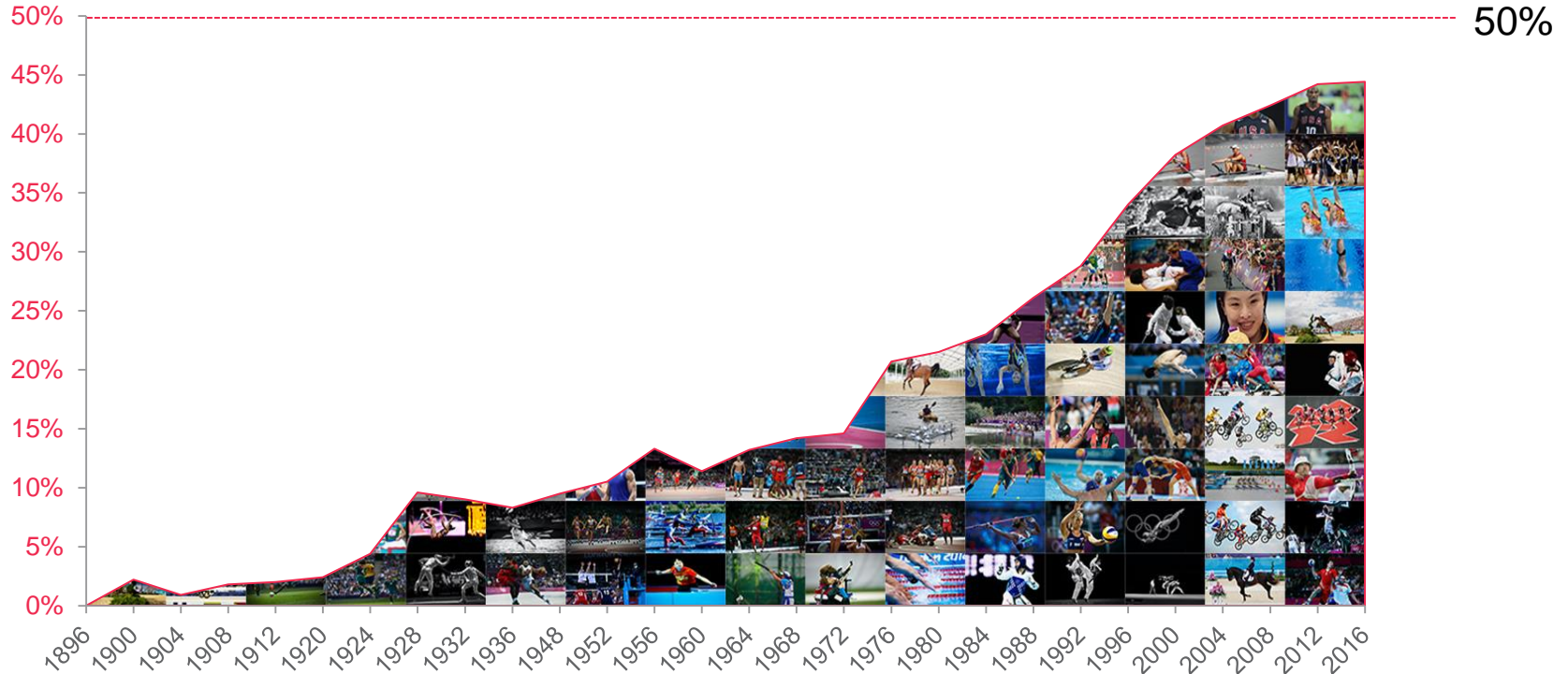


Where are we in Sport?





Olympic Games – Female participation



Women still facing discrimination....



Male and females are still not treated equally.
Some of the existing differences at the Games:

- Sports equipment and uniforms
- Competition rules and regulations
- Competition schedule
- Competition and training facilities
- Funding
- Portrayal of women





Alarming research results:

- 10% of athletes experience physical violence in sport (**23% among elite athletes**)
- 13% of athletes experience sexual violence (**26% among elite athletes**)
- 26% of athletes experience psychological violence (**42% among elite athletes**)



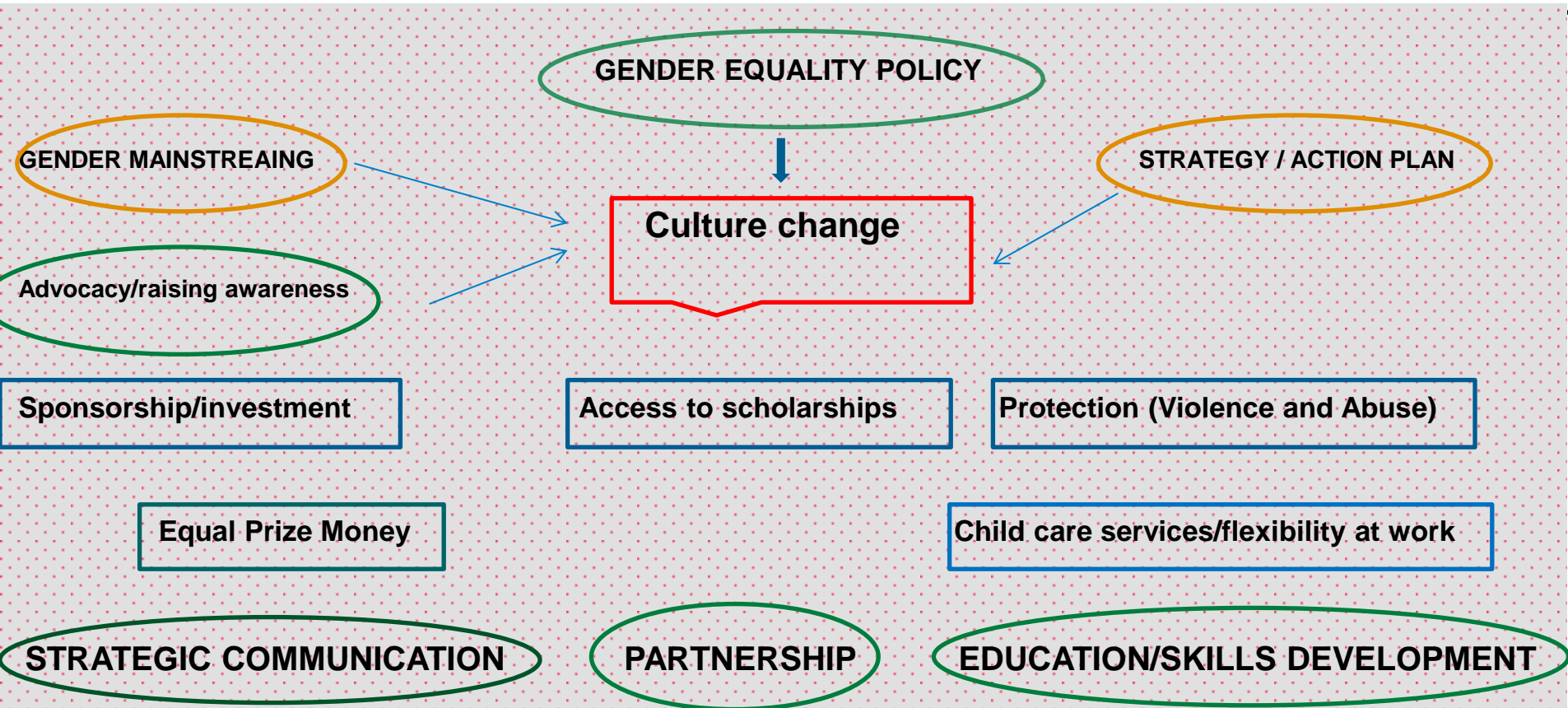
**So many
challenges still
preventing
women to
enjoy sport...**

- Girls dropping from sport
- Stereotypes
- Personal barriers
- Lack of time and lack of childcare
- Access to facilities
- Social and cultural barriers
- Harassment and Abuse
- Female invisibility – media representations
- and lack of role models in sport



THE WAY
FORWARD

PATHWAY TO SUCCESS...



WE NEED EQUAL CHANCES!

