



What is the **BEIJING** Declaration and Platform for Action?

Thirty years ago, in 1995, 189 countries made a historic commitment to advance gender equality, rights and the empowerment of all women and girls by adopting the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action BDPfA. It is an action-oriented global programme that hopes to end all forms of discrimination against women, achieve gender equality, and fully realize women's rights worldwide. The Platform acts as a source of guidance and outlines specific actions on achieving gender equality. Governments agreed to focus on 12 critical areas that concerned them the most.

Since the adoption of this groundbreaking blueprint on gender equality, progress has been made in advancing rights, yet the journey toward true gender equality for adolescent girls remains unfinished. In 2025, we will celebrate 30 years of the Platform's implementation. Everyone can take action to achieve an equal world where all voices are heard, all rights are respected, and all people enjoy equal opportunity.

YOU CAN ACT! 

Reporting

Each country is invited to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews that assesses and reviews the implementation of the BDPfA. The reports identify the achievements, finds gaps and setbacks, and outline strategies for addressing those gaps and challenges at the national level. You can get engaged.

National reviews

National Governments (Member States) are invited to complete a survey and undertake national level reviews of the progress made and challenges faced in the implementation of the BDPfA. National reports cover trends, achievements and remaining gaps and challenges, as well as future plans to improve implementation at the national level. UN Women sends out an advisory asking Member States to collaborate with civil society. Please note that the reports are written by governments.

Your Advocacy

You can review your government's report and see the areas where there has been progress, areas where there has been challenges and areas that they would like to improve. This information can be used to inform your advocacy.

12 critical areas of concern

Women and poverty; Education and training of women; Women and health; Violence against women; Women and armed conflict; Women and the economy; Women in power and decision-making Institutional mechanisms; Human rights of women; Women and media; Women and the environment; The girl child.

Regional reviews

Each region, led by the "Regional Economic Commissions" (RECs) hold 'Regional Consultation Meetings' where they use the national reports to develop regional reports. These regional reports focus on trends and issues across geographical regions.

Your Advocacy

Get involved in the regional consultations that are convened by Civil Society. Find ways to attend the regional consultations that are convened by the Regional Economic Commissions.

Report of the Secretary General



A global report called the Report of the Secretary General will be developed from the regional reports and the Expert Group Meeting report. This report will inform a Political Declaration that will be adopted during the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Political Declaration

The Political Declaration is a key global policy document that aims to promote gender equality, women and girls' rights and their empowerment. The declaration will recognize both long-standing and new challenges that affect women and girls. It will also provide a framework for member states to agree on actions to accelerate progress in achieving gender equality. It will be adopted during CSW.

Commission on the Status of Women

The CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality, the rights and the empowerment of women. It is instrumental in promoting women's and girls' rights, documenting the reality of their lives throughout the

world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. UN Women is the secretariat for CSW. It therefore supports Member States to meet global standards for achieving gender equality. UN Women facilitates the national level reviews mentioned earlier and play a big role at events such as CSW.

Your advocacy

Girls around the world are not just dreaming of a better future—they are actively creating it. They are challenging stereotypes, dismantling barriers, and leading movements for change. When girls lead, we know the impact on societies, on economies, on the future is immediate. Therefore, be part of an organization, network or collective lobbying on girls' rights. Join forces with other youth advocates and girl and youth led groups working on similar issues.



Generation Equality

In 2020, to mark the 25th anniversary of the BDPfA, UN Women created a campaign called Generation Equality: Realizing women's rights for an equal future. The campaign demanded: equal pay; equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work; an end to sexual harassment and violence against women and girls; health care services that respond to women and girl's needs; and women and girl's equal participation in political life and in decision-making in all areas of life.

Girls' participation at the centre of Generation Equality

Generation Equality has provided opportunities for young people as leaders. Young people indicate that they see Generation Equality as an opportunity to connect and collaborate with stakeholders that share their goals, to gain attention for their work and the work of grassroots communities, to hold their governments accountable, and to access various types of resources. Young people's meaningful engagement is key to transformation, and they continue to play a critical role in the implementation of Generation Equality

Youth structures: National Gender Youth Activists, Action Coalition Youth Leaders, Youth Commitment Makers and Adolescent Girls in all their diversities.

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