



## High-level interactive dialogue

### **Accelerating implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: exchange of best practices in preparation for the Beijing+25 review and appraisal**

**Wednesday, 13 March 2019, 10.00am – 1.00pm, United Nations Headquarters**

#### *Overview*

The objective of the high-level interactive dialogue is to focus on steps and measures to accelerate implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action for achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.

At its sixty-second session, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted resolutions related to the Beijing+25, which were subsequently adopted by the Economic and Social Council ([2018/8](#) and [2018/9](#)). In accordance with ECOSOC resolution [2018/8](#), the Commission will, in 2020, undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It will also include its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a gender perspective. Governments are called upon to collaborate with relevant stakeholders at all levels on preparations for the 2020 review so as to benefit from their experience and expertise.

At its sixty-third session, the Commission will hold a high-level interactive dialogue to allow the sharing of good practices on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The interactive dialogue will focus on how governments, as well as relevant stakeholders, are progressing in their approach to the comprehensive national-level reviews.

#### *Format and participation*

The high-level interactive dialogue will bring together a broad range of stakeholders that will include Government representatives, parliamentarians, national human rights institutions, where

they exist, as well as civil society, including women's organizations, representatives of relevant United Nations bodies, the private sector and the media. The event will also be available through the live webcast and a social media hashtag that will be created specifically for the dialogue.

A moderator will direct the dialogue to ensure its interactive nature using a set of guiding questions (see below). Ministers will participate in the high-level interactive dialogue on a voluntary basis. No speakers' list will be kept. However, Ministers wishing to participate in the dialogue will be invited to communicate this intention in advance through the United Nations *e-delegates portal*. Participants are expected to provide an update on their contributions to the review process, their expectations going forward, and concrete measures they will take to contribute to the accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

### ***Leading questions***

Participating stakeholders in the interactive dialogue are invited to address the following questions:

- What are examples of good practice for multi-stakeholder, inclusive and participatory review processes that have been put in place at national level? How are governments collaborating with relevant stakeholders at all levels on preparations for the 2020 review so as to benefit from their experience and expertise? How are national gender equality mechanisms leading and coordinating such multi-stakeholder processes?
- What linkages are being made between the Beijing+25 process and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? How will implementation gaps be addressed?
- How are different stakeholders contributing to the Beijing+25 process, and what key actions are such stakeholders planning to take to contribute to the accelerated implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action by 2020?

### ***Outcome***

The outcome of the discussion will be in the form of a summary by the Chair of the Commission, prepared in consultation with the regional groups, through the members of the Bureau. The Chair's summary is expected to highlight best practices in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in preparation for the Beijing+25 review and appraisal.