High-level interactive dialogue with regional commissions

Outcomes of regional Beijing+25 reviews, and next steps

Monday, 9 March 2019, 3.00 – 6.00 pm, United Nations Headquarters

Concept note

Overview

In 2018, the Economic and Social Council encouraged the United Nations regional commissions to undertake regional reviews so that the outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level can feed into the 2020 review to be undertaken by the Commission. The objective of the high-level interactive dialogue on Outcomes of regional Beijing+25 reviews, and next steps is to present the outcomes of these reviews, and to discuss next steps in their follow-up.

Such regional reviews were undertaken by all United Nations regional commissions to assess progress, and to identify remaining gaps and priority areas for action to accelerate the implementation of the Platform for Action in their regions. The regional commissions, in collaboration with UN-Women, prepared analysis with key findings on regional trends in implementation, and recommendations for further action, in order to support the intergovernmental deliberations and outcomes. In conjunction with the regional reviews, multi-stakeholder civil society and youth fora were convened that contributed to these regional reviews. NGO and youth representatives also participated in the intergovernmental meetings. The outcomes of these five intergovernmental processes at the regional level feed into the 2020 review by the Commission on the Status of Women. These outcomes also provide a basis for further action at national and regional level. ([https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw64-2020/preparations#regional-review-processes](https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw64-2020/preparations#regional-review-processes))

Format and participation

The high-level interactive dialogue will be chaired by H.E. Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs of Armenia.

For each region, approximately 30 minutes will be allocated. For each region, the Chair of the regional meeting will present key elements of the outcome (5 – 7 minutes), followed by the Executive Secretary of the Regional Commission who will discuss strategies and actions to support follow-up (5 – 7 minutes). Their presentations will be followed by interventions from up to three ministers/high-level government representatives who participated in the regional meeting, and one NGO or youth representative that participated in the civil society/youth event that contributed to the regional review.
Time permitting, the floor will be open for additional comments from Ministers/government representatives. The Chair will wrap up and close the meeting.

**Leading questions**

Participants in the high-level interactive dialogue are invited to address the following questions:

1. What are the key elements of the outcome of the regional review, and what are key commitments for further action by Governments and other stakeholders?
2. What are key strategies by the regional commissions, together with the UN system at regional level, to support accelerated action and follow-up?
3. How can Governments strengthen collaboration with other stakeholders, including civil society and youth, and the private sector, for accelerated implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, at regional level?

**Outcome**

The outcome of the high-level interactive dialogue will be in the form of a Chair’s summary, prepared in consultation with the regional groups through the members of the Bureau.