

Sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Beijing +30: Emerging issues and future directions for gender equality and women’s rights Expert Group Meeting, 13–15 August 2024

PROGRAMME OF WORK

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (ET time)

Day 1 (13 August)	
Accountability (retrospective review): Taking stock of progress, gaps and challenges towards the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and other global gender equality standards and commitments	
8:30–8:45	Closed Meeting for external experts only.
08:45–09:00	<p>Welcome and opening of the meeting</p> <p>Laura Turquet, UN-Women, Policy Advisor and Deputy Chief, Research and Data</p> <p>Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, UN-Women Assistant Secretary-General/Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, UN System Coordination and Programme Results</p>
9:00–9:40	<p>Session 1 – Beijing +30: Progress, gaps and challenges</p> <p>This session will set the scene for the EGM with broad reflections and stock-taking on key areas of progress, gaps and challenges on gender equality and women’s human rights in the last 30 years.</p> <p>Moderator – Lidia Alpízar Durán, México-Costa Rica (IM-Defensoras):</p> <p>Expert views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zainah Anwar, Malaysia (Musawah). “Law Reform Amidst Gender Backlash and Democratic Backsliding” • Cai Yiping, China (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era). “Beijing+30: vitalizing women’s rights and gender equality agenda in the midst of transitions” • Mama Koité Dombia, Mali (Plateforme des Femmes Leaders du Mali). “Beijing 30 ans après Progrès, défis et opportunités pour les Femmes Africaines”
9:40–10:30	Plenary Discussion
30-minute break	

Day 2 (14 August)	
Recommitment (prospective and future dimension): Future-proofing the BPfA by protecting the gains, creating new opportunities and tackling risks as part of a forward-looking agenda for gender equality and women’s rights	
8:30–8:50	<p>Opening of Day 2: Sarah Hendriks, UN-Women, Director of Policy, Programme and Intergovernmental Division</p> <p>Recap on Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGM Co-Chairs
8:50–9:40	<p>Session 3 – Beijing +30: Continuity, change and future prospects</p> <p>This panel will reflect on the current state of mechanisms and strategies to ensure accountability consider how progress on gender equality can be maintained and accelerated in the face of persistent and new challenges including climate change, technological change, conflict and insecurity.</p> <p>Moderator: Randa Siniora, Palestine, Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)</p> <p>Expert views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edita Tahiri, Kosovo (Women’s Lobby for Peace, Security and Justice in Southeast Europe). “Gender equality in power-sharing for a better world” • Hija Kamran, Pakistan (Association for Progressive Communication). “Charting the Future: Revisiting Beijing's Goals in the Digital Era” • Paola Yañez Inofuentes, Plurinational State of Bolivia (Red de Mujeres Afrolatinas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora). “La interseccionalidad en el centro para alcanzar la justicia de género” • Ayesha Constable, Jamaica (Young People for Action on Climate Change Jamaica). “Gender justice for climate justice: Promoting gender equality and securing the rights of women and girls in a worsening climate crisis”
9:40–10:25	Plenary Discussion
30-minute break	
10:55–11:05	<p>Session 4 – Reclaiming citizens voice and civic space and reclaiming normative spaces</p> <p>This session will reflect on the challenges and opportunities for feminist mobilization at global, regional and national levels to identify effective strategies to reclaim space and influence normative spaces and policy. It will be organized as two intergenerational dialogues:</p> <p>Moderator: Isidora Uribe - National Gender Youth Activist for UN Women as a member of the UN Generation Equality Adolescent Mobilization Committee: Opening of the session with brief reflections on the theme and pertinence.</p>
11:05–11:25	Dialogue 1: Reclaiming citizens’ voice and civic space

Day 3 (15 August) Resources (enablers for implementation and impact): Ensuring adequate financing to implement the BPfA and accelerate progress on gender equality as the engine of the 2030 Agenda	
8:30–8:50	<p>Opening of Day 3: Lopa Banerjee UN-Women, Director of Civil Society Division</p> <p>Recap on Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EGM Co-Chairs
8:50–9:00 9:00–9:40	<p>Session 5 – Mobilizing resources to realize the vision of the Beijing Platform for Action</p> <p>This panel will focus on strategies to mobilize financing to address the gender equality funding gap and meet global gender equality commitments. The discussion will include a discussion of reforms needed for the global economic system, gender-responsive fiscal policies and the opportunities to leverage philanthropy for gender equality.</p> <p>Moderator: Tulika Srivastava, India (Executive Director, IWRAP Asia Pacific)</p> <p>Expert views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verónica Serafini, Paraguay (Latindadd). “Care in the Beijing Declaration and Platform For Action: Economic Context and Financing Challenges 30 Years Later” • Ahmed Dahmani, Morocco (Head of the Coalition of NGOs for GRB, an expert in public finance and an academician). “Equitable Access to Public Finance: For a Social Contract Guaranteeing Rights and Equality – The Moroccan Experience” • Happy Mwendu Kinyili, Kenya (Co-executive Director, Mama Cash)
9:40–10:20	<p>Plenary Discussion</p>
30-minute break	
10:55–11:10 11:10–12:10 12:10–12:20 12:20–12:30	<p>Session 6 - Discussion of key messages of the EGM report</p> <p>EGM Co-Chairs and Rapporteur present the draft working outline of the EGM report</p> <p>Feedback from and discussion amongst experts</p> <p>Final reflections: Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda</p> <p>Next steps and timeframe for the report. Close of the EGM</p>