

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

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Frequently Asked Questions: Navigating the Beijing+30 National-level Review and Survey Process

Introduction

In 2025, the global community will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995), and 10 years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals. On this occasion, the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, scheduled for March 2025, will conduct a comprehensive review and appraisal of the progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) and accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

To facilitate the global review, the regional commissions of the United Nations have been invited to undertake regional reviews and convene regional intergovernmental meetings. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) will lead the Asia-Pacific regional intergovernmental review of the BPfA, in close collaboration with UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and supported by the rest of the United Nations system under the umbrella of the Asia-Pacific Issue-Based Coalition on Promoting Human Rights, Gender Equality, and Women's Empowerment.

The Beijing +30 regional review is structured around three main tracks: analytical, consultative, and intergovernmental. Within the analytical track, member States have been invited to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews that take stock of achievements, identify gaps and setbacks, and outline strategies for addressing those gaps and challenges at the national level. Member States are expected to respond to a survey and submit national reports by **1 June 2024**.

The present *Frequently Asked Questions: Navigating the Beijing+30 National-level Review and Survey Process*, prepared by ESCAP and the UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, is designed to clarify common inquiries, streamline the survey submission process, and support the national review efforts.

As in previous regional review processes of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, national reports will feed into the Asia-Pacific synthesis report that ESCAP will prepare in advance of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review. They will also feed into a global synthesis report that UN-Women will submit to the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Frequently Asked Questions

General Review Process

- **When is the deadline to submit the national survey and report?**

The deadline to upload a completed national survey and report is 1 June 2024.

Please refer to the [CSW69 / Beijing+30 Preparations](#) and [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-level Reviews](#).

- **How do I ensure input from all relevant stakeholders?**

Please see a suggested timeline below:

October to December 2023: planning process within government initiated, including establishment of committees and working groups, and initial outreach to stakeholders; planning process initiated by stakeholders

December 2023 to May 2024: following an official launch of the comprehensive national review process by the Head of the national mechanism for gender equality and the empowerment of women, consultations and stakeholder activities take place, in parallel with preparation of national report

1 June 2024: Completion of survey and submission of national report through an online platform

- **What happens after I submit the national survey and report?**

May to September 2024: Regional Commissions organize regional consultations with various stakeholders

June to October 2024: High-visibility presentation of national report at country level, followed by implementation activities

19-21 November 2024: Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review

The conference aims to build regional consensus on actions needed to accelerate the implementation of commitments made in the BPfA. Its outcome will serve as the region's input to the deliberations at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2025.

March 2025: 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Global 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

➤ **How do I best disseminate the results of the national review process?**

The comprehensive national-level review should be well publicized, and regular updates on activities provided, through traditional and new media, including social media. Once completed, national reports should be launched in a highly visible manner, preferably by the Head of State with the national mechanism for gender equality and the empowerment of women, and widely disseminated.

National Reports and Surveys

➤ **What should I do if I miss the deadline for submission?**

The deadlines for the national reports are established to facilitate a seamless Beijing +30 review process. Timely submissions are crucial as they directly impact subsequent activities, including regional consultations. We recognize that member States may face various challenges that could hinder prompt submissions. However, we urge all members to strive for punctuality in their submissions to maintain the integrity of the review process.

In the event that a deadline is missed, we kindly ask you to contact our office immediately to notify us of the delay. Please proceed to submit your national report and complete the survey at your earliest convenience.

➤ **Can you tell me more about the survey?**

Member States are requested to fill out a short online survey, at the end of which they will have the option to upload their national reports in Word or PDF format.

➤ **What questions will the survey ask?**

For ease of reference, the survey questions are included in the PART II of the [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-level Review](#).

➤ **Where can I find information to include in my national reports?**

National reports should be built on and drawn from the inputs of national consultative processes. They should also utilize existing sources of information. For detailed guidance on potential information sources, please refer to PART I of the [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-level Review](#).

➤ **Is there a recommended structure or template for the national report?**

While no specific template is provided, the guidance note advises that countries are encouraged to structure the report along the lines highlighted below, ensuring each section is developed in a balanced manner:

Section 1 should provide a one-to-two-page synthesis highlighting the core elements of the country-level review process, main achievements, challenges and setbacks over the past five years, and a maximum of two promising practices that may be relevant for other countries, preferably with a focus on measures with a transformative potential.

Section 2 should provide macro analysis of priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks, with a focus on the past five years (i.e. 2020 to 2024, or five years since the completion of the last report); as well as new and emerging priorities for the future.

Section 3 should provide a more detailed analysis of measures taken to advance gender equality across the twelve critical areas of concern of the BPfA and the relevant SDGs with a focus on the last five years (i.e. since 2020 or the completion of the previous report). The use of the thematic clusters and guiding questions is encouraged to reflect on how the BPfA and the 2030 Agenda can be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner to accelerate progress for all women and girls. For each of the areas, special attention should be given to elaborate on concrete examples of the measures that were taken, the challenges encountered, and the achievements made, using data to document them where available.

Section 4 should cover national processes and mechanisms, linking those related to the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with those related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Section 5 should highlight progress on the availability of data disaggregated by sex and gender statistics, linking the monitoring of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Section 6 should present forward-looking reflections on future challenges and priority actions that are needed to accelerate the implementation of the BPfA and the 2030 Agenda, notably as part of the Decade of Action for sustainable development.

For detailed guidance on each section, please consult Part II of [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-level Review](#).

Additionally, to further assist the drafting process, we invite you to participate in the [Beijing+30 National-level Review and Survey Virtual Workshop](#), scheduled for Wednesday, 3 April 2024, from 9:00 to 10:30, and Thursday, 4 April 2024, from 14:00 to 15:30 Bangkok time (GMT+7). This workshop will provide comprehensive training on the reporting process, enabling member States to learn more about the national review and survey and providing an opportunity to ask questions. Recordings of the workshop will be made available on the event page shortly after the session.

- **What time period should the national reports cover?**

National reports should synthesize the progress over the last five years (approximately 2020–2024, or since the completion of the national report on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action), the persisting challenges for women and girls, and the way forward, based on the survey provided in Part II of the [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-level Review](#).

➤ **How do I submit the national reports?**

Please note that the submission of national reports will take place through an online form this year. Member States are requested to kindly fill out a short online survey at the end of which they will be able to upload their national reports in either Word or pdf format. A personalized or password protected link to the dedicated online platform has been shared with national focal points through email by 31 October 2023, with the national focal point to be designated by each Government and communicated to the respective regional commission and UN-Women.

➤ **Will UN Women provide English translations of the national reports?**

UN-Women will not translate reports and will post them on the website in the language(s) received.

➤ **What support is available for drafting national review reports and completing the survey?**

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