

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

UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Beijing+30 National-level Review and Survey Virtual Workshop

Two identical workshops will be convened, please attend only one:

Wednesday 3 April 2024 at 9:00-10:30, Bangkok time (GMT+7)

Thursday 4 April 2024 at 14:00-15:30, Bangkok time (GMT+7)

Concept Note

1. Introduction

In 2025, the global community will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)¹, and 10 years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development² and its Sustainable Development Goals. On the occasion, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women will, in March 2025³, undertake a review and appraisal of progress made in implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. This anniversary is also the opportunity to strengthen gender-responsive action and implementation of the 2030 Agenda and other global commitments, such as those under Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and subsequent resolutions on women and peace and security; the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (2015); the Paris agreement on climate change (2015), and regional commitments to promote gender equality and women's and girls' rights, among others.

In line with ECOSOC Resolution E/RES/2022/5⁴, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) will convene the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review in November 2024. The regional review will take place at a critical time for the international community to take stock of progress made and actions required to address barriers to gender equality and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. Accordingly, all States are called upon to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the

¹ [Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women](#), Beijing, 4–15 September 1995, chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

³ General Assembly resolution [70/1](#).

⁴ Resolution [E/RES/2022/5](#)

outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly held in 2000⁵. The reviews are accompanied by a survey which is used to facilitate the global and regional stocktake. The review and survey provide an opportunity for countries to continuously reflect, analyse, build capacities and improve on the advancement of gender equality at the national level.

2. Objectives and outcome

Recognizing the need to empower member States within the ESCAP region to better engage in the Beijing+30 review process, this workshop will be jointly convened by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), and aims to enhance the capacities of National Focal Point for the Beijing+30 preparatory process to complete the review and survey. Through a virtual format, the workshop will provide comprehensive training on the reporting process, enabling ESCAP member States to learn more about the national-review and survey and offer the opportunity for countries to ask questions.

3. Participants

The virtual workshop will bring together National Focal Points for the Beijing+30 preparatory process from ESCAP member States.

4. Modality/Structure of event

Two identical workshops will be convened virtually using the Zoom platform. It will take place on Wednesday, 3 April 2024 at 9:00-10:30, Bangkok time (GMT+7) and Thursday, 4 April 2024 at 14:00-15:30, Bangkok time (GMT+7). Online participants may ask questions during the Q&A session via the chatbox function and/or share their own observations and experiences through brief interventions.

5. Link to key documents

- [Guidance Note for Comprehensive National-Level Reviews](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Beijing+25 Declaration and Report](#)
- [The Long Road to Equality: Taking stock of the situation of women and girls in Asia and the Pacific for Beijing+25](#)
- [UN Women CSW69 / Beijing+30 Preparations Web Page](#)
- [Asia-Pacific Regional Review of the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action Web Page](#)
- [Asia and the Pacific Gender Portal](#)

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The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) provides an inclusive intergovernmental platform for governments and other stakeholders in the region to accelerate the implementation of global gender equality commitments, including the Convention on the Elimination

⁵ Resolution [S-23/2](#), annex, and resolution [S-23/3](#), annex.

of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the outcomes of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Beijing Platform for Action, as well as the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

ESCAP works to ensure that gender equality is addressed holistically in order to develop forward-looking strategies and contribute to efforts towards gender equality, poverty reduction and economic growth in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), grounded in the vision of equality enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, works for the elimination of discrimination against women and girls; the empowerment of women; and the achievement of equality between women and men as partners and beneficiaries of development, human rights, humanitarian action and peace and security. UN Women supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programmes and services to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and benefit women and girls worldwide.

UN Women's Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific located in Bangkok, covers a total of 42 countries and exercises its triple mandate and functions at a regional level and in support of UN Women's offices and UN Country Teams in 24 countries across the region.