FAQ: Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee

1. What is the Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee?

The Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee comprises 12 civil society representatives from Europe and Central Asia. It advises the UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia on civil society engagement in the global and regional review process leading up to the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). The Committee aims to ensure the effective involvement of civil society and women's rights organizations from the region, particularly in countries where UN Women has a presence. This engagement is integral to the regional and global review process of the Beijing Platform for Action, culminating at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2025. Supported by UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia, the Steering Committee will conduct a series of consultations on critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action to formulate policy recommendations and contribute to the review process.

For the list of members, please refer here.

2. How were the members of Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee selected?

The members of the Steering Committee were selected through an <u>open call for applications</u>, published from 26 December 2023 to 20 January 2024. A panel of experts assessed the applications based on their engagement with civil society and intergovernmental processes, in accordance with UN Women policies and procedures. Evaluation criteria included demonstrated capacity to coordinate and represent key constituencies, issues, and subregions such as Central Asia, the Caucasus, Eastern Europe, Western Balkans, and Türkiye. The panel also ensured diverse representation across various regions, professional spheres, age groups, backgrounds, and more.

For detailed selection criteria, please see <u>here</u>.

3. What is the role of the Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee?

The Steering Committee coordinates and facilitates civil society organizations' involvement preceding the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. Its main roles include fostering collaboration and engagement among civil society, facilitating information sharing and advocacy, providing substantive input into draft outcome documents.

For more information on the role of the Steering Committee, click <u>here</u>.