

CIVIL SOCIETY CONSULTATION

Ahead of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

Organized by UN Women Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia and the Beijing+30 Civil Society Steering Committee



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Time: 10:00 Brussels time
11:00 Istanbul time
16:00 Central Asia time

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BACKGROUND

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 and the Sustainable Development Goals. This milestone prompts a critical review of state actions and compliance with the platform's objectives, a process commencing in 2023 and culminating in a global assessment at the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2025. The Beijing+30 review process will engage stakeholders from the government, private sector, civil society organizations, and youth to foster dialogue and collaboration, bringing local realities to the global stage.

The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and UN Women Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (ECARO) will jointly organize the Regional Review Meeting in Geneva on 21-22 October 2024. This meeting will assess the 30-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the UNECE region and its alignment with the 2030 Agenda.

In preparation for the Regional Review Meeting, UN Women ECARO is conducting a series of consultations with a diverse range of stakeholders, including civil society and young people, to inform and shape the Beijing+30 review process. Two consultations with civil society organizations were held in May and June, and this upcoming consultation will be the final one before the Regional Review Meeting.

DRAFT AGENDA

Facilitated by Nargiz Amrakhova

Time (GMT +3)	Session Content
11:00 – 11:05	Opening by the Steering Committee
11:05 – 11:30	Welcoming remarks, a review of outcomes from the first two consultations, and the introduction to the questionnaire

PART 1: Clustered Area – Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions

11:30 - 11:50	<p>This session aims to contextualize the challenges and recommendations related to Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions since BPfA+25 in the ECA, looking towards Beijing+30 region.</p> <p>Nina Lozinchi, Gender Task Force and Platform for Gender Equality Moldova Speaker (TBC)</p> <p>Q&A</p>
11:50 - 12:15	<p>Break out groups informed followed by guided discussion</p> <p><i>In this session, participants will have the opportunity of sharing the progress, gaps, challenges and opportunities linked to clustered area.</i></p> <p>Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions</p> <p>Possible Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has there been an increase in the participation of women (and girls where appropriate) in decision making levels over the past 5 years? What are the primary challenges that remain, and how have they affected different groups of women and girls?• In your experience, how accountable and gender responsive have government policies and initiatives been in addressing gender equality issues, and implementing the commitments of the Beijing+25 process?• What are your recommendations for overcoming these challenges, and increasing participation, accountability, and gender-responsiveness in our region?
12:15 - 12:35	Report back to plenary (3 min per group)
12:35 - 12:45	Break

PART 2: Clustered Area – Environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation

12:45 - 13:00	<p>This session aims to contextualize the challenges and recommendations related to environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation in the context of Beijing+30 in the ECA region.</p> <p>Maryam Majidova, Gender Hub, Azerbaijan Speaker (TBC)</p> <p>Q&A</p>
13:00 – 13:25	<p>Break out groups informed followed by guided discussion</p> <p><i>In this session, participants will have the opportunity of sharing the progress, gaps, challenges and opportunities linked to clustered area.</i></p> <p>Environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation</p> <p>Possible Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have the efforts for environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation (including climate action), especially in their nexus with gender equality, progressed in your country since Beijing+25? Are there any specific initiatives or policies that have notably contributed to this goal, and what impact have they have on these issues?• What are the main challenges that still hinder environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation? How can the government and civil society organizations better collaborate to address these challenges and ensure that the principles of the Beijing+25 process are fully realized?• Are women and girls seen, not just as disadvantaged groups, but also as agents of change in these issues?• What are your recommendations for overcoming these challenges in our region?
13:25 - 13:45	Report back to plenary (3 min per group)
13:45 - 13:50	Wrap up by the moderator
13:50 – 14:00	Closing by UN Women