



BEIJING+30 REGIONAL REVIEW MEETING

"Reviewing 30 Years of Beijing Commitments to Accelerate Gender Equality in the ECE Region"

21-22 October 2024, Palais des Nations, Geneva

SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE TEMPLATE

Please submit this form to ece-beijing30@un.org and eca.partnerships@unwomen.org by the 1st of October. If needed the information can be updated after the deadline. Please also feel free to create your own concept note; **however, ensure that all the information requested in this template is included.**

Please provide a title that is concise, catchy, and reflects the core issues addressed in your side event.

Empowering Women in Education: Leadership & Innovation

Background and Rationale

Please provide a brief background on the topic under discussion (max. 250 words). Outline the relevance of the topic to the region and draw connections to the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing



Declaration and Platform for Action and the 12 key areas of concern of the Beijing Declaration. Discuss the theme of this year's Regional Review Meeting: "Reviewing 30 Years of Beijing Commitments to Accelerate Gender Equality in the ECE Region."

The discussion on "Women in Education and Training" is timely and critical as we mark the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a landmark document that continues to guide global efforts toward gender equality. Among its 12 key areas of concern, education holds a pivotal role in empowering women and girls, promoting economic independence, and fostering leadership. Despite global progress, many challenges remain, particularly in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ECE) region, where gender gaps in education and leadership roles persist.

Education is not just a fundamental right but a key enabler of gender equality. The Beijing Declaration calls for the elimination of gender disparities in education, ensuring equal access to quality education for women at all levels. However, in the ECE region, women still face barriers such as unequal access to digital tools, limited professional development, and underrepresentation in leadership roles within educational institutions.

This year's Regional Review Meeting, under the theme "Reviewing 30 Years of Beijing Commitments to Accelerate Gender Equality in the ECE Region," highlights the need to accelerate progress in achieving gender equality. The meeting focuses on the importance of revisiting past commitments while addressing new challenges, especially in education. By improving access, fostering leadership, and ensuring the inclusion of women in decision-making processes, the region can advance toward a more inclusive and equitable future, aligning with the original goals of the Beijing Declaration. This dialogue is vital to ensuring sustained progress and impactful change for women in education.

Session objectives and expected outcomes

Please outline the objective and expected outcomes of the side event, and whether the results will serve as an input for another event (max. 200 words).

The side event on "Women in Education and Training" aims to empower women by enhancing their leadership roles within the education sector. It seeks to address gender disparities by

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providing practical strategies for advancing women's careers in education, fostering inclusion, and promoting professional development. Through inspiring talks, interactive workshops, and discussions, the event will build a supportive network of women educators and leaders, encouraging collaboration and knowledge sharing to drive meaningful change.

Expected Outcomes:

- 1. Increased awareness of the importance of women's leadership in education.*
- 2. Practical insights and strategies for advancing women's careers in education and training.*
- 3. Strengthened networks of women educators, fostering long-term collaboration.*
- 4. A clearer understanding of the role digital tools can play in enhancing women's impact in the education sector.*

Input for Other Events:

The outcomes of this side event will serve as valuable input for the broader discussions at the Regional Review Meeting, contributing to the collective reflection on the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Insights from this event will inform future policy recommendations and strategic initiatives focused on accelerating gender equality in education, aligning with regional and global gender equality goals.

Organizers

Please list the lead organizers and contributing agencies of your side event.

Lead organizers: Leadership Development Association Europe: Arrita Vrenezi - LDA Europe, LDA North Macedonia

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Focal points: Women, education, training

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Agenda and Structure



Please provide the agenda for the side event.

Agenda for "Women in Education and Training" Side Event

Date: 21 October 2024

Time: 08:45 AM – 09:45 AM (In-person)

08:45 AM – 08:50 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Introduction to the event, objectives, and overview of the session format.

08:50 AM – 09:00 AM

Keynote Address: Empowering Women in Education

Speaker: Arrita Vrenezi, Expert in International Communications

Topic: *"Bridging the Gap: Women Leading the Future of Education"*

Key Points: Arrita's experience with global projects and women in entrepreneurship, and her role in advancing women's leadership in education.

09:00 AM – 09:10 AM

Panel Discussion: Innovating for Gender Equality in Education

Panelists:

- Arrita Vrenezi, International Communications Expert
Focus: Strategies to promote gender equality, leadership opportunities, and digital inclusion in education.

09:10 AM – 09:25 AM

Interactive Workshop: Strategies for Career Advancement

Participants will engage in group activities to identify barriers and solutions for women's leadership in education.

09:25 AM – 09:40 AM

Q&A Session

Open floor for participants to engage with speakers and panelists.

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09:40 AM – 09:45 AM

Closing Remarks

Summary of key insights and a call to action for continued collaboration. Networking opportunity for attendees.

List of Panelists

Please list the names and organizations of the panelists participating in the side event. The moderator should also be included in the list.

Speaker: Arrita Vrenezi, Expert in International Communications

Picture & Promotional Materials

Please provide a background picture to be uploaded to the side event page, along with any promotional materials. Please find below the Banner for the Beijing+30 Regional Review Meeting for your use.

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AND 10 YEARS OF AGENDA 2030
TO ACCELERATE GENDER EQUALITY

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Sign-up / Registration Link

Please provide us with the link for people to sign up / register for your event.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1w_18qKeN1r03uNcX1WovmQPr9UiCP00EutfNMbmW_rl/edit?gid=0#gid=0

Kindly indicate your event time slot (**please highlight in yellow**):

- Monday, 21 October, 8:45 – 9:45
- Monday, 21 October, 13.30 -14.45
- Tuesday, 22 October, 8:45 – 9:45
- Tuesday, 22 October, 13.30 -14.45