



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

HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

FIVE YEARS TO THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

Central Asia perspectives on the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5

6 February 2025
10:00 – 16:30



Astana,
Kazakhstan

C O N C E P T N O T E

I. BACKGROUND

In 2025, the global community marks the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action \(1995\)](#), the 25th anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and the final five years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

This milestone offers a unique opportunity to strengthen gender-responsive action and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, along with other global commitments, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (1979), the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (2000); the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (2015); the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (2015). This anniversary is a prime occasion to engage widely, bringing those on the sidelines into the center of a whole-of-government, whole-of-society effort. By joining forces, governments can eradicate the root causes of gender inequality and chart a path forward for genuine, substantive equality, ensuring equal rights and opportunities for women and girls.

The sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women ([CSW69](#)), scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2025, will focus on reviewing and appraising the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the outcomes of the [23rd special session of the General Assembly](#). The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action, as well as the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Member states renewed their commitments in a landmark Beijing+30 Regional Review Meeting (21 – 22 October 2024), chaired by Kazakhstan and Spain, with participation from over 450 government officials, civil society representatives, youth leaders, academics, UN officials, and regional organizations from 56 UNECE Member States. Held every five years, these Review Meetings assess progress on gender equality and women's rights in the UNECE region, laying the groundwork for the next steps toward making gender equality a reality.

II. OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

In the lead-up to the CSW69, and following the [Beijing+30 Regional Review Meeting](#), the Government of Kazakhstan, in collaboration with UN Women, will convene a high-level sub-regional meeting for Central Asia. This meeting will bring together key stakeholders from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

This event is set against the backdrop of major upcoming forums assessing global and regional progress on SDG5. These include the UNECE Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (RFSD) in April 2025, and the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2025, where SDG5 will be a central focus. Additionally, the 4th Financing for Development (FfD) Summit, to be held in Seville, Spain (30 June – 3 July 2025), will address new and emerging issues related to the SDGs and the reform of international financial architecture. The FfD4 Summit will also review progress on key frameworks, including the Monterrey Consensus, the Doha Declaration, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

Objective:

The primary goal of the high-level meeting is to create a platform for high-level officials from Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) and other key stakeholders (e.g., regional organizations, civil society, development partners, and the private sector) to accelerate progress towards the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This meeting will also aim to engage and influence critical intergovernmental processes in 2025, including CSW69, the FfD Summit, the HLPF, and the 25th anniversary of Resolution 1325.

Specific objectives:

The meeting will provide an opportunity to engage on the following key issues:

- **Beijing+30 Regional Review:** To discuss and socialize the outcomes of the Beijing+30 Regional Review Meeting for the UNECE region.
- **SDG5 Progress in Central Asia:** To assess the current status of gender equality in Central Asia, identify challenges, and explore opportunities for advancing SDG5 in the region. This will inform preparations for the UNECE RFSD 2025 and HLPF 2025, where SDG5 will be a focal point.
- **Financing Gender Equality:** To discuss financing mechanisms for gender equality, in anticipation of the FfD Summit. This will involve exploring ways to mobilize resources, attract investments, and secure political commitments to support gender equality initiatives in Central Asia.

Expected outcomes:

The high-level meeting is expected to outline key actions that Central Asian countries will take – or are already taking – to accelerate progress towards SDG5 and related gender targets across all SDGs. It will also assess alignment with the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA). The meeting will result in both an intergovernmental negotiated outcome and summaries of the plenary discussions and other deliberations. These will be included in the final conference report.

III. PARTICIPANTS

This high-level meeting will engage three delegates from each country targeting vice-ministerial level representatives from relevant ministries and women's advancement national machineries. The participants will also include representatives from sub-regional civil society networks or alliances, UN entities, and international development institutions.

IV. FORMAT

The high-level meeting will be convened at the Presidential Center of the Republic of Kazakhstan. It will take place on the **6th of February 2025, from 10:00 to 16:30 (Astana time)**. The meeting will be conducted in Russian, Kazakh, and English with simultaneous translation provided.

