



2020: A Transformative Year for Gender Equality

The year 2020 is a pivotal year for advancing gender equality worldwide, as the global community takes stock of progress made for women's rights since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action. It will also mark several other galvanizing moments in the gender equality movement: a five-year milestone towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals; the 20th anniversary of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security; and the 10th anniversary of UN Women's establishment.

The emerging global consensus is that despite some progress, real change has been slow for the majority of women and girls in the world. Today, not a single country can claim to have achieved gender equality. Multiple obstacles remain unchanged in law and in culture. Women and girls continue to be undervalued; they work more and earn less and have fewer choices; and experience multiple forms of violence at home and in public spaces. Furthermore, there is a significant threat of rollback of hard-won feminist gains.

The year 2020 represents an unmissable opportunity to mobilize global action to achieve gender equality and human rights of all women and girls.

Throughout the year, UN Women will build on galvanizing moments in the 21st century women's rights movement and will leverage the 2020 anniversaries by identifying strategies to chart the way forward to accelerate the implementation pace of the gender equality commitments

Generation Equality Campaign

UN Women is bringing together the next generations of women's rights activists with the gender equality advocates and visionaries who were instrumental in creating the Beijing Platform for Action more than two decades ago. Collectively, these change makers of all ages and genders can tackle the unfinished business of empowering women through a new groundbreaking, multigenerational campaign: "[Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights for an Equal Future.](#)" The Generation Equality campaign demands equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end to sexual harassment and all forms of violence against women and girls, health-care services that respond to their needs and their equal participation in political life and decision-making in all areas of life.

Beijing+25: The 25th anniversary commemoration of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

The [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) of 1995 is the most visionary agenda for the empowerment of women and girls, everywhere. Developed at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China—known as the largest-ever gathering of gender equality advocates—the Beijing Platform for Action was adopted by 189 governments committed to taking strategic, bold action in 12 critical areas of concern: poverty, education and training, health, violence, armed conflict, economy, power and decision-making, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, environment, and the girl child.

The 25th anniversary commemoration of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2020 is a rallying point to insist on finally achieving the human rights of all women and girls and will be organized as a global mobilization.

The [64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) which will take place from 9 to 20 March 2020, will undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Join the #GenerationEquality Campaign! Anyone - individuals, civil society organizations and other entities – can join UN Women’s Generation Equality campaign to accelerate gender equality actions and mark the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Click [here](#) to find out more how you can use the campaign logo and take action.

Generation Equality Forum and Action Coalitions

The [Generation Equality Forum](#) is a civil society-led, global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of Mexico and France. Kicking off in Mexico City on 7-8 May 2020 and culminating in Paris on 7-10 July 2020, this global gathering will bring actors together, especially young people, to chart forward a fresh and bold feminist agenda. As a global public conversation for urgent action and accountability for gender equality, the Forum will celebrate the power of women’s rights activism, feminist solidarity, and youth leadership to achieve transformative change. The agenda and discussions will be informed by regional meetings and consultations on Beijing+25, and the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64) and its outcome. Reflections will feed into the commitments of Member States at the High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly in September 2020 on the Beijing+25 commemoration, creating a cumulative momentum.

The Forum will launch six [Action Coalitions](#) - global, innovative, multi-stakeholder partnerships that will mobilize governments, civil society, international organizations, and the private sector to:

- **catalyze** collective action
- **spark** global and local conversations among generations,
- **drive** increased public & private investment,
- **deliver** concrete, game-changing results across generations for girls and women.

The themes of the Generation Equality Action Coalitions were [announced](#) on January 15, 2020:

1. Gender-Based Violence
2. Economic justice and rights
3. Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)
4. Feminist action for climate justice
5. Technology and innovation for Gender Equality
6. Feminist movements and leadership

Each Action Coalition will launch a targeted set of concrete, ambitious and immediate actions within the period of 2020-2025 to deliver tangible impact on gender equality and girls’ and women’s human rights. One of the concrete actions in each Action Coalition will specifically and intentionally focus on the rights of adolescent girls as well as that of young women. Throughout the UN Decade for Action to deliver the SDGs, the culmination of these actions will form a holistic agenda of change for adolescent girls and young women.

Leaders of action coalitions can be: • Member States • Women’s organizations, movements and civil society actors • Private sector entities (including philanthropic organizations) • UN agencies and other international or regional organizations • Youth-led organizations. Find out more how to become leader of Action Coalition [here](#).