



Background Note on Beijing+20 India CSO National Consultation

The 20-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing+20) progress takes place at a strategic moment: the global community is intensifying efforts towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and work on shaping the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the post-2015 development agenda is intensifying. The engagement and contribution of civil society is core to not only the successful implementation of the BPfA and UN Women's Beijing+20 campaign, but also to achieving concrete goals of universal gender equality in the near future.

The national consultation is a vibrant convergence of India's key civil society actors and organisations and is centred on priorities for the BPfA implementation and the crucial advocacy role of civil society in elevating political attention towards it. It will also examine BPfA in the context of the SDGs and the Post-2015 development agenda; the 20th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD); the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and other intergovernmental processes. The consultation will also discuss future actions, challenges and opportunities for women's movements in the country.

The outputs of the India National consultation will be used to inform the Asia-Pacific regional review (Bangkok, 17-20 November 2014) and then subsequently the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, March 2015). The event is also a celebration of India's journey to gender equality over the last 20 years, and the role that the civil society, government, media and the public have played in improving the status of women in the country.

The consultation will feature panels on the Beijing+20 process, freedom from violence, women's security, resources and capabilities, voice and agency, macroeconomic policy and women's rights, in addition to special multi-stakeholder sessions on inter-generational solidarity, CEDAW, interface with parliamentarians and high-engagement group work, which will cover BPfA's 12 critical areas of concern:

- Women and the environment
- Women in power & decision-making
- The girl child
- Women and the economy
- Human rights of women
- Education, training of women
- Institutional mechanisms
- Women and health
- Women and poverty
- Violence against women
- Women and the media
- Women and armed conflict

Event Details

Date: 11 and 12 August, 2014

Venue: Jacaranda Hall, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India

Time: 10am to 5pm on both days