



GENERATION EQUALITY

REALIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS FOR AN EQUAL FUTURE



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UN WOMEN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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ASIA-PACIFIC COUNTRIES ADOPT DECLARATION TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Over 500 Ministers, senior policymakers, UN officials, civil society, youth and private sector representatives from across Asia and the Pacific region met in Bangkok to chart out priority actions to support accelerated progress on gender equality and women's empowerment.

After intense negotiations at the three-day Ministerial Conference, delegates adopted the Asia-Pacific Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+25 Review. [Read more](#) ►



MEMBER STATES PREPARE FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON THE BEIJING+25 REVIEW

■ ASIA-PACIFIC

A preparatory consultation to discuss the draft outcome document for the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+25 Review took place from 17 to 18 October 2019 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, hosted by ESCAP and UN Women. [Read More](#) ►

MEET THE ASIA-PACIFIC MEMBERS OF THE BEIJING+25 GLOBAL YOUTH TASKFORCE

■ ASIA-PACIFIC

Following a global call for applications, UN Women announced the "Beijing+25 Youth Task Force", comprising of 30 young leaders from all regions of the world. Meet the members from Asia and the Pacific [here](#). ►





COUNTRIES FROM THE PACIFIC GEAR UP FOR REGIONAL BEIJING+25 REVIEW

■ PACIFIC

Governments, civil society and regional organisations from across the Pacific met to review sub-regional commitments towards advancing gender equality in the context of the Beijing+25 review process. [Read more.](#) ▶



IMPROVING WOMEN'S LIVES THROUGH SAFE TRANSPORTATION IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

■ PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Lack of access to safe and reliable public transport poses major risks to women's safety in Papua New Guinea, especially in urban hubs like Port Moresby. UN Women Regional Director Mr. Mohammad Naciri rode 90 minutes in the shoes of the more than 150,000 women who accessed the service over the last year to highlight the importance of prioritising women's safety on public transport. [Read more.](#) ▶



EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE A WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST

■ BANGLADESH

"Different sectors have opened up to women's participation. But we are not able to provide women with friendly work environments, and sexual harassment at work is a major issue," explains women's rights activist Shireen Huq from Bangladesh. [Read more.](#) ▶



PAKISTAN LAUNCHES SINDH'S FIRST STRATEGIC PLAN FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

■ PAKISTAN

Ahead of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Sindh Commission on the Status of Women (SCSW) launched its first ever Strategic Plan for women's empowerment. [Read more.](#) ▶

BEIJING+25 YOUTH BLOG: THAILAND

■ THAILAND

Born on the same year the Beijing Declaration was adopted, LGBTIQ activist Shane Bhatla, shares his story and impressions on growing up as a transgender man. [Read more.](#) ▶



BUSINESS LEADERS AND ENTREPRENEURS: EMPOWERING WOMEN BOOSTS BUSINESSES

■ ASEAN

Private sector leaders, entrepreneurs and officials of the European Union and UN Women highlighted the “business case” for gender equality and women’s economic empowerment at a panel discussion hosted by the regional programme We Empower Asia, as part of the ASEAN Women CEOs Summit in Bangkok. [Read more.](#) ▶



VIETNAMESE PEOPLE CREATE MODERN FAIRY TALES FOR AN EQUAL FUTURE

■ VIET NAM

On occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a fairy tale contest in Viet Nam is inviting people to create stories that break gender stereotypes and stigma. [Read more.](#) ▶

Writing & Drawing Competition

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Deadline: 27/11/2019

For more information:



BEIJING+25 YOUTH BLOG: AFGHANISTAN

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“We can’t wait – We have to end Afghanistan’s harmful gender stereotypes now,” says social entrepreneur and women’s empowerment enthusiast Sveto Muhammad Ishoq from Afghanistan. [Read more.](#) ▶



“NEPAL HAS MADE GREAT PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION BUT MUCH MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE”

■ NEPAL

Shanta Lakshmi Shrestha chairs the Beyond Beijing Committee (BBC), a coalition of women’s rights and gender-justice organizations working to advance the status of women in Nepal. [Read more.](#) ▶





BEIJING+25 YOUTH BLOG: JAPAN

■ JAPAN

Mayumi Sato, an environmental and gender equality activist from Japan, was recently selected to attend the Youth Climate Summit in New York. She is convinced that young people must take the lead to ensure climate change action is just and equitable. [Read more.](#) ►



BANGKOK STUDENTS' CAMPAIGN FOR GENDER EQUALITY AT HEFORSHE UNIVERSITY TOUR

■ THAILAND

Students from four universities raised their voices to create safe and gender-equal campuses for all at the HeForShe University Tour in Bangkok in the context of the Generation Equality campaign. [Read more.](#) ►



UN AGENCIES IN NEPAL TRAIN ON GENDER-SENSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS AND BEIJING+25

■ NEPAL

25 staff from 13 United Nations agencies in Nepal participated in a training on gender-sensitive communication. The workshop included a special briefing on the Beijing+25 campaign. [Read more.](#) ►



BEIJING+25 YOUTH BLOG: THAILAND

■ THAILAND

Thai social entrepreneur and feminist activist Net Supatranij explains why men and boys need to go above and beyond of being just supporters of gender equality and become real advocates. [Read more.](#) ►