Accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals: Emerging issues of critical importance for the SPECA countries

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Overview

“Regional commissions to undertake regional reviews so that the outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level can feed into the 2020 review”

——E/RES/2018/8, para.2

41 National Review Reports Received

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Gender Equality in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

**Inclusive Development, Shared Prosperity and Decent Work**

- **50%** Female labour force participation rate in 2018, 55% in 1995
- **64%** Working women employed in the informal sector
- **4 Times** More unpaid care work compared to men

86% of SPECA countries noted the implementation and strengthened labour policies and targeted measures such as prohibiting discrimination.

**Poverty Eradication, Social Protection and Social Services**

- **16%** Female poverty rate in South Asia, 14% for men
- **60%** Population without adequate social protection
- **85,000** Women died while giving birth, 2015

All SPECA countries noted reformed social protection, with focus specifically seen for women’s access and benefit level, and vulnerable groups.

71% of SPECA countries have noted a decrease in maternal mortality rates.
Gender Equality in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

Freedom from Violence, Stigma and Stereotypes

30% Women faced intimate partner violence worldwide

30% Women aged 20-24 first married/in union before 18, South Asia

Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

3% Women mediators/witnesses and signatories worldwide

9% Women negotiators worldwide

9 Countries having ‘open’ civic spaces

All SPECA countries noted the introduction or increases in measures of violence against women laws, their enforcement and implementation

86% of SPECA countries hold 18 as the legal age for marriage

Three SPECA countries noted the development and/or approval for an Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the role of women in peace and security.
### Gender Equality in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

#### Environmental Conservation, Climate Action and Resilience Building

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<th>50%</th>
<th>Half of the natural disasters worldwide, 2018</th>
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86% of SPECA countries have noted the support and/or introduction of gender-responsive laws and policies related to disaster risk reduction, climate change resilience and mitigation.

#### Participation, Accountability, and Gender-responsive Institutions

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<th>18%</th>
<th>Women’s representation in the region, 24% worldwide</th>
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<td>Countries with a gender budgeting initiative</td>
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All SPECA countries noted the consideration and/or use of gender quotas to help increase women’s representation.

71% of SPECA countries noted the introduction and implementation of gender-responsive budgeting.
Achievements in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

Top Three Achievements in Asia and the Pacific

- Adoption of Laws, Regulations, Action Plans and Policies: 63%
- Advancing Women’s Economic Empowerment: 63%
- Political Participation and Decision-making: 49%

Top Three Achievements in SPECA

- Adoption of Laws, Regulations, Action Plans and Policies: 86%
- Advancing Women’s Economic Empowerment: 71%
- Political Participation and Decision-making: 43%
Challenges in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

Top Three Challenges for Asia and the Pacific

49% Women’s Economic Empowerment
44% Gender Norms and Stereotypes
41% Gender Capacities

Top Three Challenges for SPECA

57% Women’s Economic Empowerment
57% Gender Norms and Stereotypes
43% Political Participation and Decision-making
Top Priorities: Between 2014 and 2024

- Violence against Women
- Political Participation
- Health Care
- Law & Justice
- Entrepreneurship
- Quality Education
- Social Protection & Public Services
- Violence against Women
- Political Participation
- Law & Justice
- Entrepreneurship
- Quality Education
- Employment
- Gender-responsive Budgeting
Outcome Document: Structure and Priorities

Preamble

A Call to Action

Equitable and inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work

Poverty eradication, universal social protection and social and public services

Freedom from violence, stigma, stereotypes and social norms

Participation, social dialogue, accountability and gender-responsive institutions

Peaceful and inclusive societies

Environmental conservation, climate action and resilience building

Data and statistics

Partnerships and regional cooperation

Poverty & Agriculture

Employment

Entrepreneurship

Unpaid Work

Social Protection & Public Services

Health Care

Quality Education

Law & Justice

Violence against Women

Social Norms & Stereotypes

Political Participation

Gender-responsive Budgeting

Disaster Risk Reduction
Thank You