Key findings of the Regional Synthesis Report

Agenda item 4
Key trends on gender equality in the UNECE region
Timeline:
Regional Synthesis Report

July 2018
ECOSOC Resolution calls for national reviews

September 2018
Guidance note sent to member States

September 2018 to May 2019
National review process within member States

May 2019
National Reports submitted

August 2019
Regional Synthesis Report published

29-30 October 2019
Regional Review Meeting

March 2020
Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64)
Global Synthesis Report

September 2020
High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Beijing+25
Total responses: 51 member States
Responses reflected in report: 46 member States
Six overarching dimensions

- Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work
- Poverty eradication, social protection and social services
- Freedom from violence, stigma and stereotypes
- Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions
- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation
Priorities, Achievements, Challenges and Setbacks

Key trends in the UNECE region since 2014

Priorities

**Combating violence against women**
- Driving force of progress: Istanbul Convention
- Persistence of traditional social and cultural norms, international standards not practically implemented

**Women's economic empowerment**
- Progress in work-family reconciliation (e.g. expansion of childcare, paternity/parental leave)
- Lower employment rates, lower pay (etc.) among women remain

**Women's political participation**
- Some EU countries close to parity at the national level
- Progress remains uneven, particularly low at the local level

Overall challenges

- Least advances in the areas of environmental protection and climate change
- Gender equality machineries remain weak and underfunded in several countries
Data and statistics

- Uneven progress in the collection, analysis and dissemination of sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics across region
- Lack of national data for specific gender-related SDG indicator in some countries (e.g. unpaid work, gender pay gap, prevalence of violence against women)

Emerging issues and future priorities

- Education: Initiatives to promote female participation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields
- Economic empowerment: Initiatives to address women’s unpaid care and domestic work
- Violence: New forms of violence, including online violence
Regional review of progress: regional synthesis

Note by the secretariat

Summary

The Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2018/8 called upon States to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews of the achievements made and challenges affecting the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, as well as the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development from a gender perspective. It further encouraged regional commissions to engage in regional reviews to feed into the “Beijing+25” global review to be undertaken by the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-fourth session in March 2020.

As part of the preparations for the regional review, all member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) have been requested to undertake comprehensive national-level reviews, based on the Guidance Note issued by U.N. Women. This report contains a synthesis of the responses received and is submitted for the regional review in the ECE region. It summarizes recent achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its integration with the Sustainable Development Goals. It is complemented by document ECE/AC.28/2019/4, which highlights, by country, selected achievements and challenges in promoting gender equality.

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