

CSW69: UN Women Side Event

Multistakeholder Partnerships – Leveraging Generation Equality to Advance Recommitment, Accountability, and Resourcing of the Beijing Platform for Action

Date and time: 10 March 2025, 4:45pm – 6:00pm EST

Location: ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarter, New York City, USA

Background:

2025 is a landmark year for gender equality. Building upon the Summit of the Future and its Pact for the Future as well as the national and regional reviews of progress against the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPfA) in 2024, this year, the global community has an opportunity to further deepen their efforts towards the rights, empowerment and equality for all women and girls. Key moments include the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the BDPfA, the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of UN Resolution 1325, the review of progress on SDG 5 at the High-Level Political Forum, the 15-year anniversary of UN Women, the global community gathering for a high-level session on gender at the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly, and the 10th anniversary of the Youth, Peace and security agenda. .

This pivotal year offers a critical opportunity to evaluate progress, address ongoing challenges, and renew actionable commitments. A critical accelerator to all these efforts are multistakeholder, multilevel, and intergenerational partnerships as recently highlighted in the Pact for the Future and in the regional reviews of progress against the BDPfA. Actioning these agreements will be central during the 69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March and the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly.

Generation Equality, a multi-stakeholder partnerships initiative born out of the 25th anniversary of the BDPfA and convened by UN Women, mobilizes partners, catalyzes collective action, and drives increased investment, accelerating progress towards the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals. As a model of networked and inclusive multilateralism, as highlighted in the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda report, Generation Equality emphasizes the importance of inclusive results which are collectively owned and which are therefore more resilient to pushback. To date, Generation Equality stakeholders have advanced close to 2000 policies, 4500 programmes and 5700 advocacy initiatives and committed more than \$50 billion.

The sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69), to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2025, will focus on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the BDPfA and its outcomes. UN Women will coordinate a high-level side event that will provide a timely opportunity to demonstrate the transformative power of the Generation Equality's multistakeholder partnerships model to drive recommitment, accountability, and resourcing towards the Beijing+30 Action Agenda.

Objectives:

- Demonstrate how Generation Equality has enabled concrete, tangible results towards the Beijing Platform for Action and the Beijing+30 Action Agenda¹ by spotlighting collective efforts advanced through the Action Coalitions and the Compact.
- Demonstrate how collective leadership and accountability are critical in delivering sustainable and innovative results for all women and girls and in resourcing community-led solutions.
- Identify opportunities for joint action and advocacy in the current global context of pushback, regression and fragmentation to position Generation Equality as a game changer during the final push towards the 2030 Agenda.
- Define joint priorities and renew collective, political commitment towards the BPfA and all global agendas for equality and sustainable development.

Agenda:

Time	Component
15mins	Opening Remarks – The transformative power of the Beijing Platform for Action
30 min	Panel 1: Multistakeholder leadership towards achieving the Beijing Platform for Action <i>Show how Generation Equality’s multistakeholder partnership approach has led to concrete, tangible changes across the areas of critical concern of the Beijing Platform for Action and spotlight key takeaways of these collective efforts with potential to accelerate action towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the next five years.</i>
20 min	Panel 2: Collective leadership and accountability to fulfil joint commitments and action for all women and girls <i>a) Demonstrate how collective leadership and accountability are critical for delivering sustainable and innovative results, and b) spotlight opportunities for joint action and advocacy to advance collective leadership and accountability for rights, empowerment and equality towards the Beijing+30 Action Agenda and during the final years of the 2030 Agenda.</i>
10mins	Closing Remarks

¹ The proposed Beijing+30 Action Agenda aims to achieve the following for all women and girls: 1) A digital revolution; 2) Freedom from poverty; 3) freedom from violence; 4) Full and equal decision-making power; 5) peace and security; and 6) a just transition through climate action. Underpinned by three cross-cutting levers: a focus on youth, financing for gender equality, and increasing the production and use of gender data.