

**Linking Beijing +30 and Beijing +35**  
**In person event October 2026**  
**12 & 14 October**

## **Background**

The Fourth World Conference for Women took place in Beijing in 1995. The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action listed 12 Critical Areas of Concern. In keeping with UN practice, there is a review every five years of significant Conventions and major agreements. The five year consultations to assess progress take place at the UN regional levels prior to the global summit that takes place in New York. For B+35 this will probably be the UN Commission on the Status of Women 2030. The mandate of CSW is to monitor the implementation of the BPfA as well as highlight emerging issues and ensure CSW maintains its catalytic role in gender mainstreaming across the UN system and ensure system-wide coherence. CSW is also mandated to ensure public awareness of the themes of the BPfA. According to the Methods of Work Resolution from CSW, the UN is encouraged to consult with Civil Society especially in regard to emerging issues and for the five-year review.

For the two UN regions of Western Europe and Other States and Eastern Europe, the regional consultation is organised by UNECE.

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women Geneva organised women from its members to attend the conference in Beijing and organised the Civil Society consultations with UNECE for B+5, +10, +15, +20 and +30 For B+25, WMG organised the Civil Society Consultation.

## **Consultation Process**

The formal Member States analysis of B+35 will take place through the Commission on the Status of Women in March 2030. The Preparatory Committee for UNECE will take place in Geneva in October 2029 hosted by UNECE. The result of this consultation on the achievements, gaps and challenges for our region will be shared with UN Women and will be included in the global report on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Civil Society will hold a two day event prior to this. Civil Society engagement is vital and NGOCSWGeneva will consult widely to find the most inclusive manner for Civil Society engagement. Building on best practice from past consultations, NGOCSW Geneva has created a consultation process with four pillars. Every effort will be made, in all aspects of the endeavour, to ensure inclusivity and reach out to Eastern European women and girls and those whose voices are not yet heard including rural women, widows, disabled women, indigenous women.

### **1. Analysing achievements, gaps and challenges**

In order to ensure full participation, all interested civil society are been invited to participate in on-line working groups for each of the critical areas of concern. The work has begun in April 2026 with WG co-chairs confirmed and with the first meeting of the WG taking place in May 2026.

There will be a 1000 word statement, three action points and resource papers produced. The first statement will be ready by October 2026 as a first step. The invitations to join the groups will be widely disseminated to ensure inclusion from across the whole of the UNECE region. The proposed draft statements will be circulated with comments to be provided to the Co-Chairs in time for relevant edits. The final statements, action points and background papers will be published in early October 2029. As each area covers a range of issues, some groups will have sub-groups. There is also a Working Group drafting the Chapeau statement that will take into consideration the intersection between all themes with additional proposals to understand well the intersectoralities and ensure robust representation of these issues.

In addition there are two emerging issue groups: women and water and AI & technology.

There is also a desire for a critical analysis of the Beijing Platform for Action as a whole and a consideration of its achievements and gaps, especially in regard to CEDAW and Agenda 2030. In order to achieve this analysis we have invited interested individuals to offer their help in research and editing. The statements and recommendations of the 15 Working Groups will be formatted into one document that will serve as a signpost to civil society concerns.

## **2. Expert Round Tables**

In coordination with UN entities, there will be a number of virtual and in-person round tables with Member States. In addition the NGO CSW Geneva will be holding Breakfast Briefings for Ambassadors. The aim of the Round Tables is to develop a meaningful dialogue with Member States, thus they are all held using Chatham House rules. UN entities are invited together with some civil society. The working groups on the relevant round table are suggesting the civil society experts and are also sharing their working document with the participants. This process is an attempt to have an ongoing conversation with Member States on the areas of concern to ensure a more in- depth analysis of the issue than that which can take place in a 2 day event covering such a wide area, each of great importance.

## **3. In-person event Geneva October 2029**

We are consulting with all stakeholders to ascertain the best use of the two days which we hope to be held within the UN Headquarters in Geneva. We have asked widely and the over-riding response has been a desire for an in-person event. Experience from B+30 is that the day of workshops and training was very important and it is envisaged that these will happen again. We look forward to the integration of the arts and creativity in the two days.

As part of this process there will also be an in-person event in October 2026 entitled “Moving Forwards” providing an opportunity for each WG to present their current findings and discuss cross-cutting themes, with the particular lens of how this affects the Agenda 2030 discussions on what to follow Agenda 2030.

## **4. Participation in UNECE MS consultation October 2029**

We look forward to working with UNECE and UN Women to ensure full engagement of civil society in this process.

## Moving Forwards - in-person event Geneva October 2026

### Vision

- To provide a face to face space for meaningful engagement of women and girls together with men who are advocates of equality, to enable all the elements of synergy that come from an in person meeting.
- To provide an inspiring and contentful experience that energises all participants in their on going work for equality and the advancement of women and girls.
- To create a unified space where all feel welcome and valued and where they participate to their desired extend and can see how their contributions will be used productively.
- To progress the discourse in each of the areas of concern, linking them with other current processes such as Agenda 2030 and Summit of the Future, in addition to remaining innovative and aware of emerging concerns.
- To explore how best to realise the goals outlined in the statements of the 12 Working Groups; in terms of working with Members States in their implementation in the international and national spheres; in terms of national strategies for collaboration and implementation; and in terms of an advocacy tool for use at the local and national levels for NGOs and other stakeholders.
- To provide an environment where civil society can engage in a fruitful consultation on how to do things better and make optimum use of the tremendous capacities, abilities and skills or all protagonists.
- To provide networking spaces for the arrangement of events at future CSW and HRC.
- To model a different way of interaction that result in practical outcomes at the same time as a kind, uniting and inspirational process.
- To strengthen the sense of sisterliness and fellowship of our women's movement.
- To ensure participation of unheard voices and marginalised women and girls.

### Programme

Monday 12 October - Training/workshops/Briefings - at CAGI

Women and Water

AI & Technology

Non-state torture

Institutional Mechanisms

Agenda 2030+

CEDAW

Human Rights Mechanisms

UN architecture for women and girls

Eastern European consultations

North South relations

Wednesday 14 October

#### **Session 1 - 10-11.25**

Welcome and introduction Carolyn Handschin President NGOCSWGVA

Member State comment

UN entity comment - UN Women

Women and poverty

Education and training of women

Women and health

Violence against women and girls

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Discussion in small groups, Questions and comments  
Thanks and closing comments  
Photo of panel & participants  
Comfort break

**Session 2 - 11.35 - 13.00**

Member State comment  
UN entity comment - UN Women - Eastern Europe  
Women and armed conflict  
Women and the economy  
Women in power and decision-making  
Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women  
Discussion in small groups, Questions and comments  
Thanks and closing comments  
Photo of panel & participants  
Lunch break

**Session 3 - 15.00 - 16.25**

Member State comment  
UN entity comment - North/South relations  
Human rights of women  
Women and the media  
Women and the environment  
The girl child  
Discussion in small groups, Questions and comments  
Thanks and closing comments  
Photo of panel & participants  
Comfort break

**Session 4 - 16.35 - 18.00**

Member State comment  
UN entity comment  
Chapeau group  
Women and water  
Women in Technology and AI  
Actioning inter-related issues  
Discussion in small groups on actions, Suggestions of actions  
Thanks and closing comments  
Photo of panel & participants