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69th Session of the COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)
at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 10 to 21 March 2025.

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The global community marked the thirtieth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world were invited to attend the session. www.unwomen.org/
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The main focus of the sixty-ninth session was the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. The review included an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The main outcome of the 69th session was the adoption by consensus of a political declaration and a resolution on the multi-annual program of work for the coming four years for CSW. The Political Declaration reaffirms global commitments for gender equality, underscoring the Beijing Declaration's importance as a critical tool while emphasizing the need for intensified action, better implementation and international enforcement. While acknowledging the progress made in protecting and empowering women and girls, it also draws attention to the slow and uneven progress with regards to gender equality and the need to address key and emerging challenges. These include addressing economic inequality and structural issues, stressing the necessity of inclusive access to technology and education, the importance of participation and leadership of women at all levels of decision-making, and combatting all forms of violence against women and girls. The session showed again how important it is to come together to mark achievements and share good practices to pave the way, and it reminded us about the need to keep up efforts for gender equality in times of turmoil and backlash. The session marked the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, which remains the most progressive framework for gender equality since its adoption in 1995. Three decades after its adoption, the Declaration and Platform for Action still set the global standards for equal rights of every woman and girl. Representatives from member states, UN entities, and NGOs from across the globe were invited to reaffirm the commitments from Beijing in the current context and share views for the way ahead. The Bureau of the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2025) was composed of five members including **H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil (Saudi Arabia), Chair, Asia and Pacific States Group** and **Ms. Dúnia Eloisa Pires do Canto (Cabo Verde), Vice-Chair, African States Group**.

The Commission had about 13,000 participants, including 5,845 civil society representatives. Side events were organized and in which Jeannette LIEBEHERR, the AAA Representative, actively participated. These include:

- ◆ 30 Years of the Beijing Platform for Action: Looking Back, Pushing Forward
- ◆ Violence against women: Key information
- ◆ Recognizing and Redoubling the Impact of 30 Years of Grassroots Women's Groups' Organizing to Realize the Beijing Platform for Action, SDG 5, and Build Economically Just and Resilient Communities - A Call to Action
- ◆ Rule of Law Pathways to Promote Women's Economic Opportunity
- ◆ Beijing+30: UNESCO's Actions for Women and Girls Achievements and Foresight
- ◆ A 30-Year Perspective on Beijing: Achieving SDG 5 - gender equality and empowerment to all women and girls - only five years left for the world to fulfil the promises made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- ◆ Impact of Women's Leadership and Decision-Making Post Beijing– Lessons from Kenya and Global Strategies for Replication
- ◆ Advancing Beijing: Opportunities and Priorities for Accelerating Women's Empowerment with Climate and Environment Finance
- ◆ Addressing structural barriers for progress on the BPfA: Financing Care systems as a development strategy
- ◆ Operationalizing the Accountability Framework to End Harmful Practices and Advance Gender Equality
- ◆ Breaking Barriers: Women's Leadership and Entrepreneurship in Tanzania's Tourism Industry
- ◆ The Care Agenda 30 Years After the Fourth World Conference on Women: A Reflection on Achievements and the Way Forward



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