

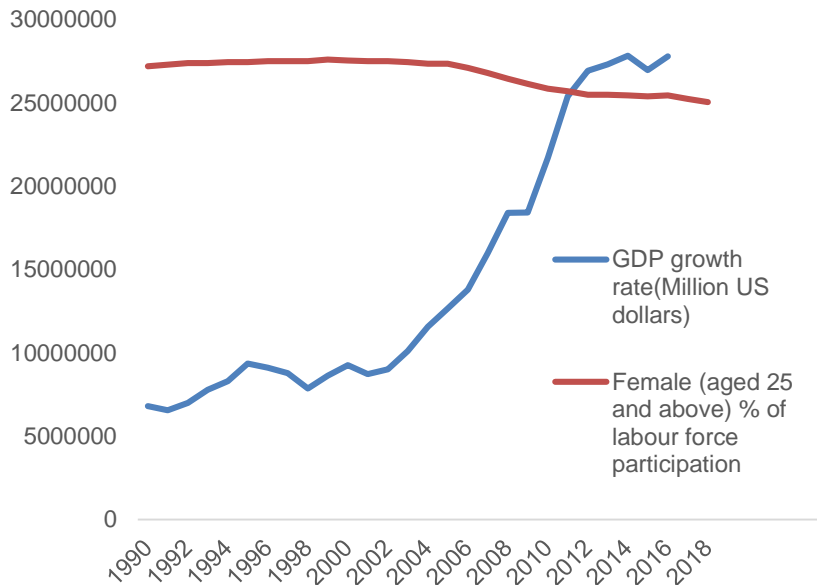
# From Beijing+20 to Beijing+25: Asia-Pacific High-level Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

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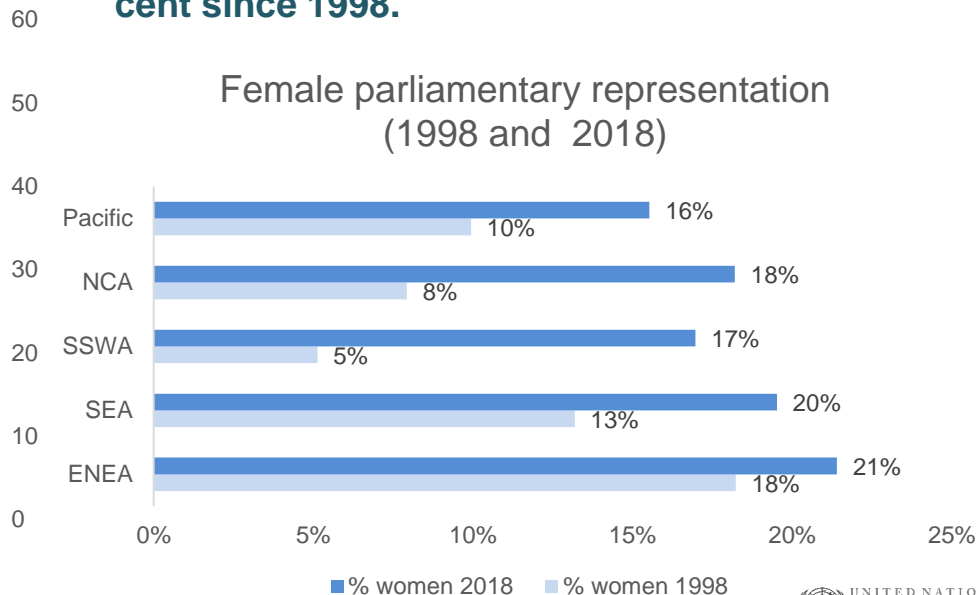
# 25 years on from Beijing: Gender inequalities persist in Asia and the Pacific

**Economic growth has not benefitted women equally: For every 10 men in employment, there are only 6 women in work**



ESCAP Statistical Database, 2019

**Progress on key indicators is slow: the representation of women parliamentarians grew at an annual average rate of 2.18 per cent since 1998.**



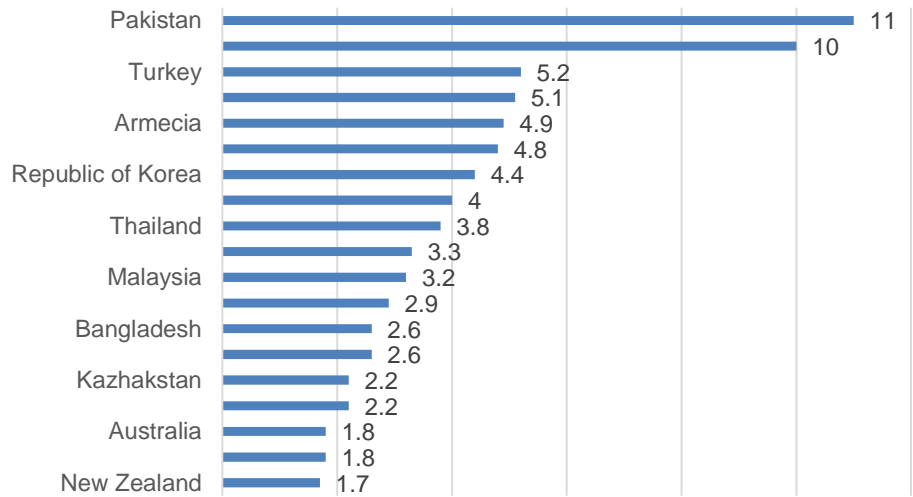
ESCAP: calculations

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**Women and girls spend as much as 11 times more of their day on unpaid care and domestic work**

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**1 in 2 women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from an intimate partner in the last 12 months**



ADB, UN Women: Women's time spent on unpaid care and domestic work (as ratio of men's time) 2018

# Beijing+20: Building on commitments made

- In 2014, over 700 delegates representing 49 governments, 30 UN entities, 7 IGOs, 187 CSOs gathered for the Beijing+20 review.
- Adopted the “Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment”
  - Reinforced commitments and consolidating gains in 12 critical areas of BPfA.
  - Identify key means of implementation to forge way forward:
    - Strengthening institutions
    - Increasing financing
    - Enhancing accountability
    - Forging stronger partnerships
    - Strengthening regional cooperation



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# Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+25 Review, 25-28 November 2019



Member States requested ESCAP to convene an intergovernmental conference in 2019 and undertake regional reviews.

(58 (g) Asia-Pacific Ministerial Declaration Beijing+20; ECOSOC E/RES/2018/8)



Launch of process: Setting agenda and key priorities for Asia-Pacific



- What is holding back progress in Asia-Pacific, 25 years on from Beijing? How do we maintain a momentum for change and reinvigorate **irreversible** progress.
- What have been the successful strategies and good practices moving the region towards change, in alignment with the SDGs?
- What are the priorities or key drivers for accelerating gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, including in the context of the 2030 Agenda?



# Beijing+25 in Asia-Pacific: Roadmap of Critical Actions

## Intended Outcome: Ministerial Declaration

- Building on commitments made at Beijing+20
- Importance of mandate at regional level, with focus on actions
- Reflecting specificities of the region, e.g.
  - Demographic context
    - 693 million youth, but also rapidly ageing society.
  - Emerging issues and spaces
    - Technological disruptions; digital spaces
- How invigorate the Beijing+25 process?



# Beijing+25 in Asia-Pacific: Key Considerations

## Stronger together: Synergies with SDGs

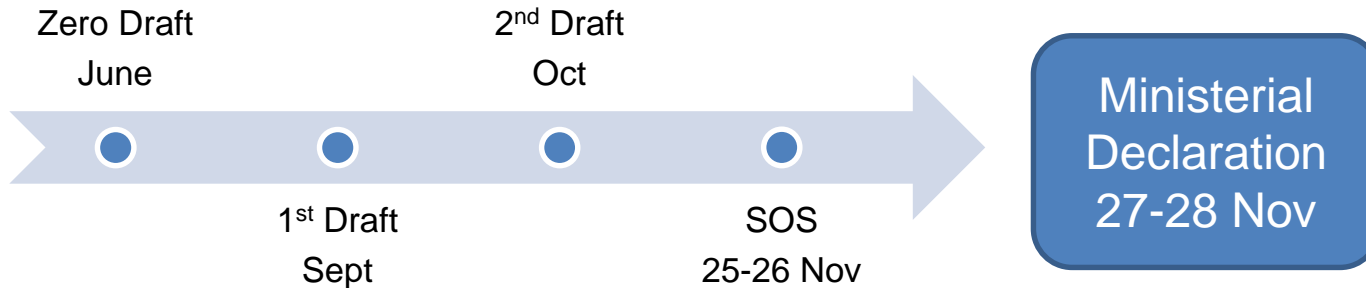
- 2030 Agenda: Holistic, interlinkages, and measurable goals and targets
- Alignment with SDGs is important as we move BPfA forward



Beijing Platform for Action 12 Critical Areas		National Review Clusters
A. Women and poverty	G. Women in power and decision-making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work</li><li>• Poverty eradication, social protection and social services</li><li>• Freedom from violence, stigma and stereotypes</li><li>• Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions</li><li>• Peaceful and inclusive societies</li><li>• Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation</li></ul>
B. Education and training of women	H. Institutional mechanisms	
C. Women and Health	I. Human rights of women	
D. Violence Against Women	J. Women and the media	
E. Women and armed conflict	K. Women and the environment	
F. Women and the economy	L. The girl-child	

# Beijing+25 Review: Outcome Document

## Outcome Document Review Process





# Timeline for the Regional Review of Beijing+25



	2018				2019											
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
Review	National Reviews								Submit 1 May	Regional analysis			Regional synthesis deadline 16 Sep			AP B25 25-28
IGM	Preparations					AP CSW 63 13-14 Feb		Regional preparations and consultations								
CSO	Preparations					CSO Consultation 11-12 Feb		Regional preparations and consultations						CSO Consultation 23-24 Nov		
Outcome										Zero draft			1 <sup>st</sup> draft	2 <sup>nd</sup> draft		

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