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1. Context & Background: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

- 15th September, 1995 at the Fourth World Conference on Women marked commitments to actions and the 189 countries adopted the Beijing Declaration and Platform for action.

- 25 years ago, some 50,000 women and men from 189 countries arrived in Beijing, China for the Fourth World Conference on Women

- The conference culminated in the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action: the most comprehensive policy agenda for the empowerment of women.

- Every 5 years, since 1995, progress in achieving the strategic objectives has been reviewed by the Commission on the Status of Women.

- 5th review in 2020.
1. Context & Background: Asia-Pacific Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment, 2019

- Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing +25 review was convened on the 27th to 29th November, 2019 to review progress in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

- More than 600 participants, 54 countries, 166 civil society organizations attended the Conference and Member States adopted the Asia-Pacific Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment.

- A comprehensive set of commitments and actions on region-specific issues that can accelerate the gender equality agenda over the next 5 years.
2. Beijing +25 review outcomes: Key achievements

01. Adoption of laws, regulations, action plan and policies
02. Women’s Economic Empowerment
03. Improvement of women’s political participation and decision-making power
04. Presence of national gender machinery (national coordination mechanism)
05. Data and Statistics
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01. Barriers to women’s economic participation

02. Gender norms and stereotypes

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1. Equitable and inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work
2. Poverty eradication, social protection and social and public services
3. Freedom from violence, stigma, harmful stereotypes and negative social norms
4. Participation, social dialogue, accountability and national women’s machinery for gender equality and women’s empowerment
5. Peaceful and inclusive societies
6. Environmental conservation, climate action and resilience-building
7. Data and statistics
8. Partnerships and regional cooperation