





# **Civil Society Consultations on the Regional Review of** the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after Thirty Years

27-28 May 2024 Kempinski Hotel Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

# Proposed Agenda

#### Time

Session

#### Day One: Monday, May 27, 2024

- 09:30 10:00 **Opening Session** Moderator: Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA
  - Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
  - Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, Gender Justice, Population and Inclusive Development Cluster, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.
  - Ms. Shatha Abdellatif, Representative of League of Arab States Secretariat.

# 10:00 - 11:30Session One: Comprehensive Review of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPfA)Moderator: Ms. Nada Darwazeh, Chief of ESCWA Center for Women

# Keynote Speech: Entry points for CSOs and UN engagement on B+30 review process

Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

- Overview the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action Review and its intersection with the Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights Frameworks Ms. Salma Al-Nims, Senior Social Affairs officer, ESCWA
- Overview of key areas of progress and indicators
  Dr. Mageud Osman, Consultant
- Discussion on the role of civil society and partnerships with different stakeholders in implementation and review of BDPfA

#### 11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 Session Two: Progress across critical areas through the First, Second and Third dimensions: The role of civil society in contribution to advancements in the three pillar areas, challenges faced, and lessons learned.

# Panel I:

- 1. Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work
- 2. Poverty eradication, social protection, and social services

#### Panel II:

- 3. Freedom from violence, stigmatization and stereotypes
  - Women in Media, Technology and Gender-Based Violence
  - Combating domestic violence
  - Violence against women in the public sphere and politics

#### 14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

15:00 – 16:30 Session Three: Progress across critical areas through the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth dimensions: The role of civil society in contribution to advancements in the three pillar areas, challenges faced, and lessons learned.

#### Panel III

- 4. Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions
  - Women in decision-making positions
- 5. Peaceful and inclusive societies
  - Implementation of Women, Peace and Security Agenda
- 6. Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation
  - Role of women in climate action

#### Day Two: Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- 9:30 10:00 Review of Day One discussions
- 10:00 12:00 Session Four: Working Groups

Six working groups are organized around the above themes, each addressing: challenges and mechanisms to address them, sharing good practices and proposing messages to policymakers.

- 12:00 12:30 **Coffee break**
- 12:30 14:00 Session Five: Crisis and push back on Gender Equality Agenda

#### Panel IV

- The War on Gaz and its impact on Palestinian women and girls in OPT.
- Conflict in Sudan: Impact on women and girls and the role of women in addressing it.
- Countering the backlash on the gender equality and women's empowerment agenda: the way forward

#### 14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break

#### 15:00 – 16:30 **Closing Session**

- Summarizing main priorities and possible partnerships with the governments for achievement.
- Key messages to policy makers.