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Session Two: An Introduction on the Comprehensive National-Level Review for Beijing +30

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Session Two Objectives

- Review the structure and content of the national report.
Review the general principles of the comprehensive national-level report preparation to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after 30 years.



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Review the Structure and Content of the National Report

A Comparison between the Comprehensive National-Level Reviews on the Beijing +25 and +30

	Beijing +25 Report	Beijing +30 Report
Form	A survey and a narrative report within the same sections	A separate survey + narrative report
Submission mechanism	Via an email to ESCWA	Via an email to ESCWA + Via an online platform to fill in the survey and then download the narrative report
No. of sections	4 sections	6 sections
Thematic classification	6 pillars on the critical areas of concern	6 pillars on critical areas of concern plus A question on bridging the gender digital gap. A question on recovery from Covid-19. Additional questions on combating violence against women and girls.

A Comparison between the Comprehensive National-Level Reviews on the Beijing +25 and +30

Beijing +25	Beijing +30
	Section One: Highlights
Section One: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks	Section Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks
Section Two: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern	Section Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern
- Inclusive development, shared prosperity, and decent work	- Inclusive development, shared prosperity, and decent work
- Poverty eradication, social protection, and social services	- Poverty eradication, social protection, and social services
- Freedom from violence, stigma, and stereotypes	- Freedom from violence, stigma, and stereotypes
- Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions	- Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions
- Peaceful and inclusive societies	- Peaceful and inclusive societies
- Environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation	- Environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation
Section Three: National institutions and processes	Section Four: National institutions and processes
Section Four: Data and statistics	Section Five: Data and statistics
	Section Six: Conclusion and next steps

The Structure and Content of the Comprehensive National-Level Report on Beijing +30

Report sections and content (1/2)

Section One: Highlights

Provides a one-to-two-page synthesis highlighting the core elements of the country-level review process, main achievements, challenges and setbacks over the past five years, and a maximum of two promising practices that may be relevant for other countries, preferably with a focus on measures with a transformative potential.

Section Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks

Provides a macro analysis of priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks, with a focus on the past five years (i.e. 2020 to 2024, or five years since the completion of the last report); as well as new and emerging priorities for the future.

Section Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern

Provides a more detailed analysis of measures taken to advance gender equality across the twelve critical areas of concern of the BPfA and the relevant SDGs with a focus on the last five years (i.e. since 2020 or the completion of the previous report). The use of the thematic clusters and guiding questions is encouraged to reflect on how the BPfA and the 2030 Agenda can be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner to accelerate progress for all women and girls. For each of the areas, special attention should be given to elaborate on concrete examples of the measures that were taken, the challenges encountered, and the achievements made, using data to document them where available.

The Structure and Content of the Comprehensive National-Level Report on Beijing +30

Report sections and content (2/2)

Section Four : National institutions and processes

Covers national processes and mechanisms, linking those related to the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with those related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Section Five: Data and statistics

Highlights progress on the availability of data disaggregated by sex and gender statistics, linking the monitoring of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with gender responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Section Six: Conclusion and next steps

Presents forward-looking reflections on future challenges and priority actions that are needed to accelerate the implementation of the BPfA and the 2030 Agenda, notably as part of the Decade of Action for sustainable development.

The Structure and Table of Contents of the Comprehensive National-Level Report on Beijing +30

Section	Total pages of the section
Section One: Highlights	1-2 pages
Section Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks	12-18 pages
Section Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern	54-56 pages
Inclusive development, shared prosperity, and decent work (8 pages)	
Poverty eradication, social protection, and social services (10 pages)	
Freedom from violence, stigma, and stereotypes (14-16 pages)	
Participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions (10 pages)	
Peaceful and inclusive societies (8 pages)	
Environmental conservation, protection, and rehabilitation (4 pages)	
Section Four : National institutions and processes	7 pages
Section Five: Data and statistics	6 pages
Section Six: Conclusion and next steps	1-2 pages
Total pages of the report	81-91 pages



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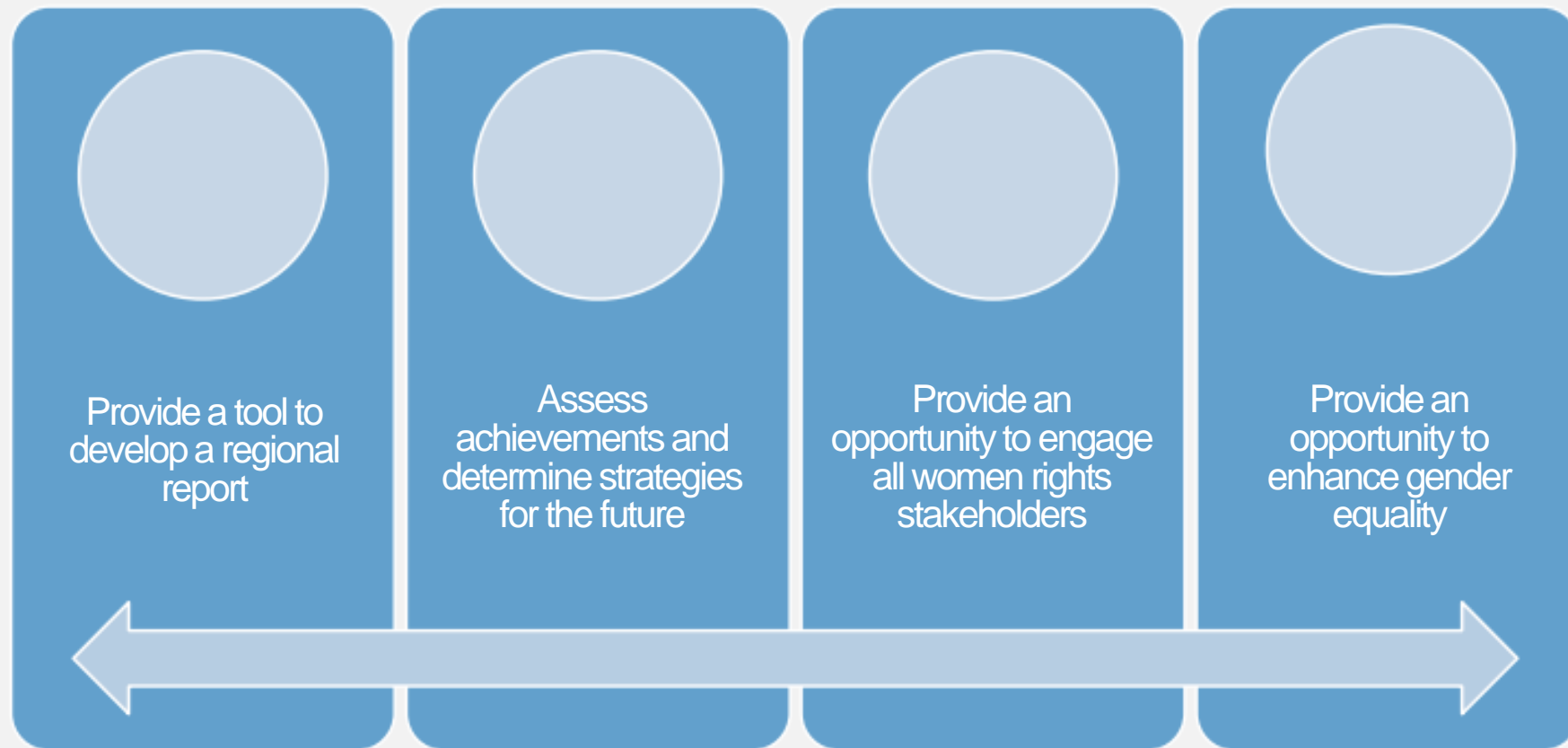
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The Importance of the Review

An opportunity to fulfill other international commitments



The Guidance Note

It is developed by UN Women in cooperation with the five regional commissions, including ESCWA, and is directed to all states around the world. It acts as a guide for states. The note can be adapted and localized according to the state's context.



The first part of the note tackles the objective of the general principles which includes the Institutional Setup and Communications, the relevant bodies and stakeholders, the timeline, in addition to the sources of information.

The Main Objective of the Review as Stated in the Note

Assess progress made in implementation and identify challenges encountered.

Take stock of achievements, identify gaps and setbacks, and outline strategies for addressing those gaps and challenges.

Renew commitments and clear sets of priority actions, as well as help mobilize the necessary means of implementation and partnerships, support the identification of solutions and best practices and promote the coordination and effectiveness of national, regional and international actions.

Align and build synergies with work on the 2030 Agenda and galvanize its gender-responsive implementation.

Institutional Setup and Communications

- Leadership on the national level/ the national mechanism on women
- Engage all governmental entities.
- Available committees (Coordination Committees, Report Drafting Committee, Committee on the 2030 agenda...)

- Access to data: High quality, up-to-date and disaggregated data should inform the comprehensive national-level review.
- *Information dissemination*: The comprehensive national-level review should be well publicized.



Responsible bodies



Communications

Multi-stakeholder Participation and Contributions

Civil society organizations including women's organizations, women human rights defenders, national human rights institutions, organizations representing women and girls subject to multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, other representative organizations such as trade unions, women's self-help organizations, youth groups, faith-based organizations, and professional organizations, as well as the private sector, including employers' organizations, academia, and media

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- Right holders
 - UN agencies
 - Regional commissions

Timeline of the Reviews

- **October 2023:** issuance by UN-Women and the United Nations Regional Commissions of the present *Guidance note for comprehensive national-level reviews*.
- **October to December 2023:** planning process within government initiated, including establishment of committees and working groups, and initial outreach to stakeholders; planning process initiated by stakeholder.
- **December 2023 to May 2024:** following an official launch of the comprehensive national review process by the Head of the national mechanism for gender equality and the empowerment of women, consultations and stakeholder activities take place, in parallel with preparation of national report.
- **1 June 2024:** Completion of survey and submission of national report through an online platform.
- **May to September 2024:** Regional Commissions organize regional consultations with various stakeholders.
- **June to October 2024:** High-visibility presentation of national report at country level, followed by implementation activities.
- **October 2024 to February 2025:** regional intergovernmental meetings.
- **March 2025:** 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sources of Information

- Treaty bodies
- Special processes
- Periodic comprehensive



Lessons Learned from Previous Reports Regarding General Principles

- Challenges of coordination between the various concerned national mechanisms.
- Weak mechanisms for preparing national reports.
- Poor use of available information, whether through reports submitted by NGOs or official reports submitted by States, either in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), before the Human Rights Council, or reports submitted to the CEDAW or other contractual bodies, or national voluntary report.
- Most of the reports have a qualitative dimension without any quantitative dimension, except for a few.
- There is a general weakness in the ranking of the set of indicators to measure gender equality and progress towards women's empowerment according to their priority for the Arab region, in light of the multiplicity of lists of indicators presented internationally, regionally and nationally.
- Not all countries have provided indicators in the annexes.



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