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Session Five: Section Four: National Institutions and Processes

The Interconnectedness between the Narrative Report and the 2030 Agenda

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Session Five Objectives

- Clarify aspects of linking the guidance note for preparing the progress report on the Beijing +30 with the 2030 Agenda and Plan for Sustainable Development.

Present and discuss section four in the national report on the progress made in the Beijing +30

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- It is known that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development takes into account all international frameworks related to human rights and gender equality, including the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.
- The +30 review will be the second review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in comparison to the 2030 Agenda.
- We need to see the review as an opportunity to assess the level of interconnection between efforts to implement the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) and the 2030 Agenda, and to coordinate between the different frameworks for implementing each of them, and to follow up and monitor the progress made.

Guidance Note: Part 1: Review Procedure Mechanism

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According to the Guidance Note:

- The review shall be inclusive, participatory, transparent and thorough, based on evidence, also producing tangible lessons and solutions, which should be followed by concrete collaboration towards the implementation of the BPfA and the SDGs.
- Collaboration and alignment with other existing institutional arrangements, in particular those responsible for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, for the preparation of relevant reports.
- Additionally, sources of information should include periodic reports submitted to treaty bodies, and **Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)** under the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.
- You'll find that the survey includes questions on the interconnectedness of the 2030 Agenda implementation.



Leveraging VNRs in the Comprehensive National-Level Reports for Beijing +30

- All Arab States (except Yemen) have submitted VNRs on the Sustainable Development Plan since 2016, some have submitted such reports more than one time.
- During the period of the comprehensive national-level review of the Beijing Platform for Action +25, in 2019, six Arab States also submitted their voluntary review reports on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (which were Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq, Oman, Kuwait, and Mauritania).
- Between 2020 - 2023, 15 Arab countries submitted their voluntary review reports on the Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- Five of these states submitted their reports in 2022, with the SDG 5 selected to be the focus of the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF).
- Six states (Syria, Palestine, Libya, Egypt, Mauritania, and for the first time Yemen) intend to submit voluntary review reports on the Sustainable Development Plan in 2024.
- 20 out of 22 states have submitted their comprehensive national-level reviews on the progress made in the Beijing +25 (Somalia and Yemen have not submitted their reviews) .

Guidance Note: Part 2: Beijing +30 National Reports Content

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- Section One: Highlights
- Section Two: Priorities, achievements, challenges and setbacks.
- Section Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern.
- Section Four: National institutions and processes.
- Section Five: Data and statistics.
- Section Six: Conclusion and next steps.



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Section Three: Progress across the 12 critical areas of concern.

- This section focuses on providing 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.
- This part is divided, as noted, into six thematic clusters that includes guiding questions 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.
- Hence, the interconnectedness between the responses and thematic groups, critical areas of interest, the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals and the principle of leaving no one behind must be observed in the narrative report.

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Section Four: National Institutions and Processes

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33. Please describe your country's national strategy or action plan for gender equality, including its name, the period it covers, its priority, funding and alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the targets under SDG 5.

35. What formal mechanisms are in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?

In the online survey, you will also be asked if gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls included as a key rity in the national plan/strategy for SDG implementation (YES/NO).

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Section Five: Data and statistics

40. What gender-specific indicators has your country prioritized for monitoring progress on the SDGs?

In the online survey, you will be asked if your country has defined a national set of indicators for monitoring progress on the SDGs (YES/NO); if YES, you will be asked how many indicators are included in the national set, how many of those indicators are gender-specific, and whether data collection and compilation on gender-specific indicators has begun (YES/NO)

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Section Six: Conclusion and next steps

- Priority actions to accelerate the implementation of the BPfA and the 2030 Agenda, notably as part of the Decade of Action for **sustainable development**.

Guidance Note: Section Three: Progress Across the 12 Critical Areas of Concern

33. Please describe your country's national strategy or action plan for gender equality, including its name, the period it covers, its priority, funding and alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the targets under SDG 5.
34. Please describe your country's system for tracking the proportion of the national budget that is invested in the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (gender-responsive budgeting), including the approximate proportion of the national budget that is invested in this area.
35. What formal mechanisms are in place for different stakeholders to participate in the implementation and monitoring of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
36. Please describe how stakeholders have contributed to the preparation of the present national report.
37. Please describe your country's action plan and timeline for implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (if a State party), or of the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review or other United Nations human rights mechanisms that address gender inequality/discrimination against women.



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