



Arab States - Issue 2

## BEIJING+25 Newsletter



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### ARAB COUNTRIES AGREE ON PRIORITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM



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Following a comprehensive and inclusive regional review process that has spanned nearly 12 months, governments, civil society organizations, and youth representatives from across the Arab States region met to agree on a set of priorities and strategies to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in light of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. [Read more.](#)

### CIVIL SOCIETY AND YOUTH FROM THE ARAB STATES HIGHLIGHT PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES FOR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN THE REGION



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Over 70 representatives of civil society organizations and youth advocates from the Arab States region met in Amman, Jordan to conduct a parallel review and discussion on the progress and lessons learned in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, in the lead up to the Arab States High-Level Conference on the Beijing+25 Review. [Read more.](#)

### EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON THE BEIJING+25 REVIEW



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Gender equality experts from across the Arab States met in September to review a regional report on the progress made by Arab countries in the implementation of the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA)**. The meeting presented and discussed the regional summary report based on the 20 national reports submitted earlier this year by Arab member States to contribute towards the global review for Beijing+25. [Read more.](#)

### ARAB STATES YOUTH INFORM THE WAY FORWARD IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM

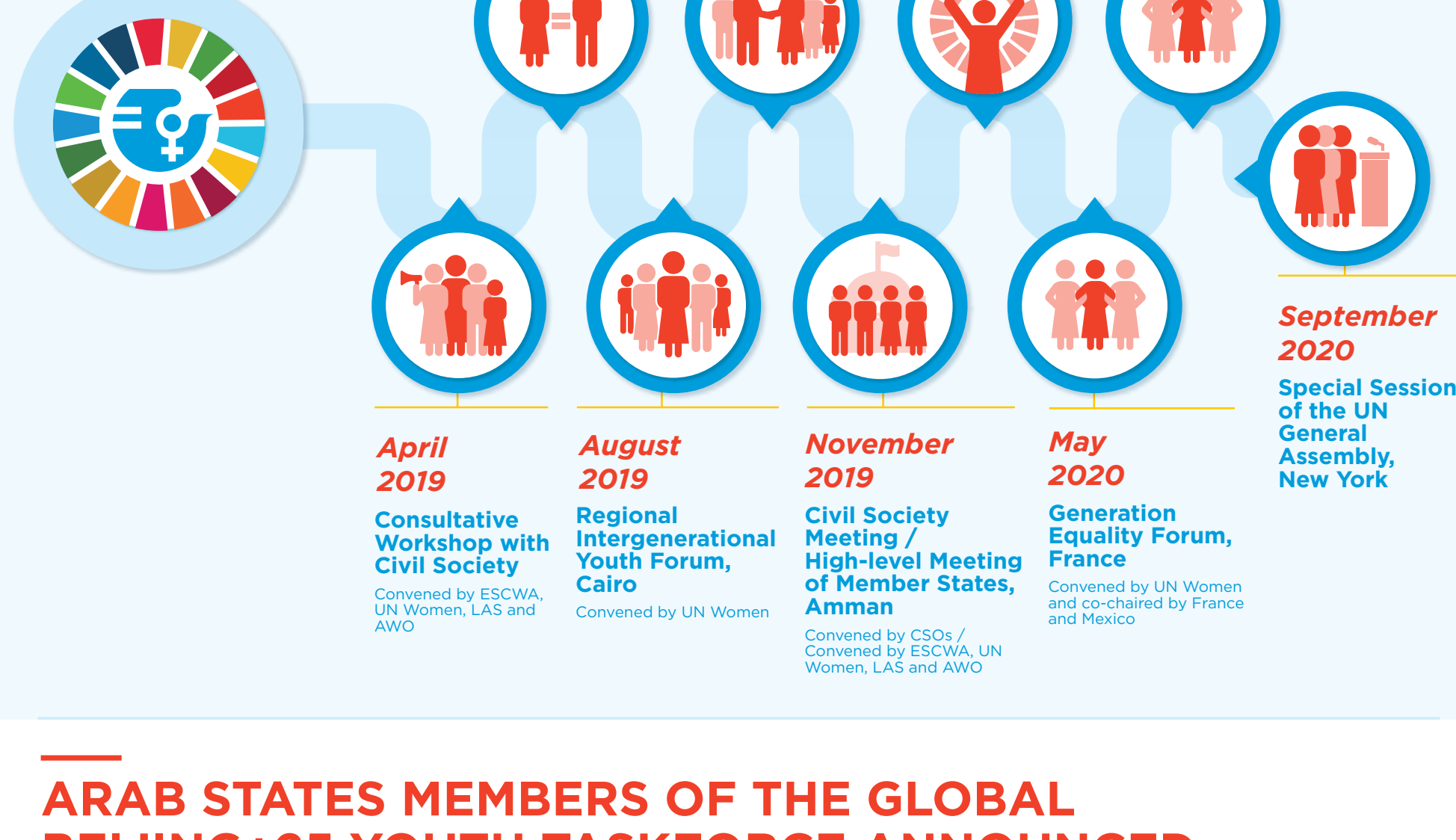


Twenty-two advocates representing youth networks from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen met to discuss the implementation of the historic Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the framework of the 25th anniversary of its adoption.

Hosted in Cairo from 27 to 29 August 2019, the meeting was also attended by gender experts from the region who participated in the fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, that adopted the BPfA with the aim of establishing a dialogue and knowledge exchange between two generations of gender equality advocates. [Read more.](#) [Watch the Video.](#) [Check out the Photo album.](#)

### HOW DOES CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTE TO BEIJING+25 IN THE ARAB STATES REGION?

April 2019	September 2019	March 2020	July 2020
<b>Tunis Gender Equality Forum</b> Organized with the Governments of Tunisia and Sweden, UN Women and UNDP	<b>Regional Expert Group Meeting, Beirut</b> Convened by ESCWA, UN Women, LAS and AWO	<b>Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 64), New York</b>	<b>Generation Equality Forum, Mexico</b> Convened by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico



### ARAB STATES MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL BEIJING+25 YOUTH TASKFORCE ANNOUNCED



UN Women announced the “Beijing+25 Youth Task Force”, comprising 30 young advocates from different youth-led and youth-serving organizations, with diverse areas of expertise and from all regions of the world. These youth advocates will support and guide UN Women's efforts to place young people at the centre of the Beijing+25 process. Meet the five members representing the Arab States region [here.](#)

### CAIRO YOUTH VOLUNTEERS JOIN EDITATION ON WOMEN'S HEALTH



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70 youth volunteers researched, translated, edited and added 97 articles on Arabic Wikipedia focusing on women and health, in order to contribute to making this vital information more accessible to Arabic-speaking audiences. The event was hosted on occasion of the Digital Inclusion Week organized by UNESCO and ITU and the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration. Women and Health is one of the 12 critical areas identified in the Beijing Declaration, which reiterated that “women have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The enjoyment of this right is vital to their life and well-being and their ability to participate in all areas of public and private life”. [Read more.](#)

### ASK AN ADVOCATE:

Twenty-five years since the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action, how far have we come, and is the Platform relevant for young people?

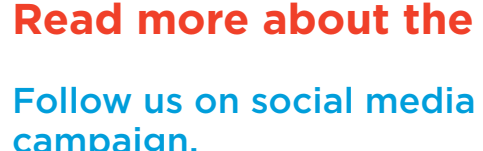


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Youth advocate Hana Faidi from Libya shares her views on the importance of the Beijing Platform for Action almost 25 years after its adoption. She attended the Tunis Forum on Gender Equality organized in April in the lead up to the global Beijing+25 review process. [Read more.](#)

[Read more about the Beijing+25 upcoming events here.](#)

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