



BEIJING + 20
EVENTS

2014-2015



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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About the Beijing+20 Thematic Events

This document provides information about global, regional and national events related to the 20-year anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20).

Beijing+20 takes place at a strategic moment – at the crossroads of accelerated efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, review progress and gaps in MDGs, and during the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda and sustainable development goals. The confluence of these processes provide a once-in-a-generation opportunity to position gender equality, women's rights, and women's empowerment front and center on the global agenda.

As a result, Beijing+20 is envisaged as a highly visible, dynamic, and engaging process. The focus is on accelerated and effective implementation. UN Women has identified 4 objectives for the review, appraisal and commemoration:

- Renewed political will and commitment;
- Social mobilization, awareness-raising and revitalized public debate;
- Strengthened evidence base and knowledge generation;
- Enhanced and sufficient resources to achieve gender equality, women's rights and women's empowerment.

With these objectives in mind, a series of thematic events will take place throughout 2014 and 2015 to mark Beijing+20. Focusing on the 12 critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action, the events are instrumental in bringing together policy makers, political leaders, technical experts, and gender advocates to share cutting-edge experience and knowledge in each critical area, and identifying recommendations to accelerate action. As such, the events will provide a forum to have dialogues about lessons learnt and good practices, challenges and set-backs, emerging issues, and most importantly - what can be done to improve the status of women and girls in each of the critical areas of concern.

UN Women will co-organize some of the events together with Member States, UN system, Civil Society, Private Sector, Academia and other partners. Other events will be directly organized and led by partners. In many cases, the approach has been to capitalize on already planned international events, to ensure high-level participation, greater visibility and cost-efficiency. The events are also an opportunity to engage with constituencies that do not specifically focus on gender equality issues.

Global thematic events aim to promote the coming together of various sectors and stakeholders in support of the gender equality and women's empowerment agenda. Consequently, each event may adopt a different format. Some of them coincide with time of internationally observed thematic days, offering excellent opportunities for advocacy. The outcome, conclusions or recommendations from each event will inform the Beijing+20 global review and its report. Recommendations from the events can be sent to UN Women as an input.

Any organization or institution is encouraged to organize its own event in support of the Beijing+20 review and appraisal. Events can be included in the official Beijing+20 calendar by writing to: beijing.20@unwomen.org.

HIGH-LEVEL EVENTS

HEAD OF STATE LEVEL EVENT

Event: Global Leaders' Commitment Forum on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

Date: September 2015

Location: New York, NY

Status: *Planning Phase*

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENTS

Event: 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59)

Date: 9-20 March 2015

Location: New York, USA

Event: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) High-level Regional Conference

Date: 10-11 November 2014

Location: Cairo, Egypt

Organizers/ Partners: Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Event: Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting

Date: 6-7 November 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/ Partners: Economic Commission for Europe (ECE)

Event: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting

Date: 11-14 November 2014

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Organizers/ Partners: Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Event: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP) Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting

Date: 17-20 November 2014

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Organizers/ Partners: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP)

Event: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Beijing+20 Regional Review Meeting

Date: 18-20 November 2014

Location: Santiago, Chile

Organizers/ Partners: Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

REGIONAL EVENTS

Event: Side-event during the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Conference

Date: 1-4 September 2014

Location: Apia, Samoa

Organizers/Partners: SIDS Conference

Event: Regional Conference “Beijing+20 Meets Post-2015”

Date: 20 October 2014

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Organizers/ Partners: Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CSOs

Status: *Planning Phase*

Event: EU Regional Beijing+20 Review Meeting

Date: 23-24 October 2014

Location: Rome, Italy

Organizers/ Partners: Italian Presidency of European Union (EU)

Event: Event during the 15th Summit of La Francophonie on Women and Youth

Date: 29-30 November 2014

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: Organisation internationale de la Francophonie

Status: *Initial discussions underway*

Event: Beijing+20 event during European Development Days

Date: June 2015

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Organizers/ Partners: European Commission

Status: *Planning Phase*

CIVIL SOCIETY EVENTS

Event: Meeting of European CSOs on Beijing+20

Date: 17 June 2014

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Organizers/ Partners: UN Women Brussels

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

Event: Geneva NGO Forum

Date: 3-5 November 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: NGO CSW Geneva

Event: Latin America and the Caribbean NGO Forum

Date: November 2014

Location: Santiago, Chile

Organizers/Partners: NGO CSW Latin America

Event: Asia-Pacific NGO Forum

Date: 14 November 2014

Location: Bangkok, Thailand

Organizers/Partners: Civil Society Organizations

Event: Africa NGO Forum

Date: November 2014

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Organizers/Partners: Civil Society Organizations

Event: High-level Intergenerational Civil Society Dialogue

Date: 11 March 2015 (tbc)

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: UN Women Civil Society Advisory Groups

Event: Global Civil Society Dialogue

Date: September 2015

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: UN Women Civil Society Advisory Groups

EVENTS ON CROSS-CUTTING AND EMERGING THEMES

YOUTH

Event: An interactive dialogue with young people - Side-event at ECOSOC Youth Forum

Date: 3 June 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Secretary General's Envoy on Youth, UN Foundation

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

MEN AND BOYS

Event: 2nd Men Engage Global Symposium: Men and Boys for Gender Justice

Date: 10-13 November 2014

Location: New Delhi, India

Organizers/Partners: Men Engage Global Alliance

Event: Barbershop Conference – Men talking to men on gender equality

Date: January 2014 (tbc)

Location: New York

Organizers/Partners: Permanent Mission of Suriname, Permanent Mission of Iceland

Event: International Conference on Men and Masculinities

Date: March 2015

Location: Stony Brook University, New York

Organizers/Partners: Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities

OTHER EVENTS

PUBLIC EVENTS

Event: Art Exhibition “Women’s Voices from the Global South”

Date: 17 June 2014

Location: Brussels, Belgium

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

Event: Launch of the Beijing+20 Campaign at the Apollo Theater

Date: 26 June 2014

Location: New York, USA

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

[Press release](#)

Event: Public event to commemorate Beijing+20 during CSW59

Date: March 2015

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/ Partners: UN Foundation (tbc), City of New York (tbc)

Status: *Planning phase*

CRITICAL AREA A

Women and Poverty

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Review, adopt and maintain macroeconomic policies and development strategies that address the needs and efforts of women in poverty.
- Revise laws and administrative practices to ensure women's equal rights and access to economic resources.
- Provide women with access to savings and credit mechanisms and institutions.
- Develop gender-based methodologies and conduct research to address the feminization of poverty.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: High-level Event on Women and Poverty Reduction

Date: TBD

Location: Developing country

Organizers/ Partners: UNDP

Status: *Planning phase*

Event: Event at the World Bank Spring Meeting

Date: April 2015

Location: Washington D.C., USA

Organizers/Partners: World Bank

Status: *Planning phase*

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN AND POVERTY"

October 2014

As a part of the communications campaign, "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" one critical area of the Platform for Action will be featured per-month from June 2014 to June 2015. In October 2014 the thematic month on "women and poverty" will coincide with the **International Day of Rural Women** (15 October), and the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** (16 October).

The **International Day of Rural Women**, established by the General Assembly in 2008, recognizes the critical role and contribution of rural women, including indigenous women, in enhancing agricultural and rural development.

The **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, in observance since 1993, promotes awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution in all countries, particularly in the context of the Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 development agenda.

CRITICAL AREA B

Education and Training of Women

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Ensure equal access to education.
- Eradicate illiteracy among women.
- Improve women's access to vocational training, science and technology and continuing education.
- Develop non-discriminatory education and training.
- Allocate sufficient resources for and monitor the implementation of educational reforms.
- Promote life-long education and training for girls and women.

MAIN EVENT

Event: High-level Session on Women and Girls during the World Education Forum

Date: May 2015

Location: Incheon, South Korea

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Bureau of Education, the Government of the Republic of Korea, and other Member States

Status: *Planning phase*

OTHER EVENTS

Event: Girls education and life skills development: promoting Women's Economic Empowerment through Education and Universal access to SRHR

Date: February 2015

Location: TBD

Organizers/Partners: UNFPA, UNESCO

Status: *Planning phase*

Event: High-Level Event on Girls' Education

Date: TBD

Location: Abuja, Nigeria

Organizers/Partners: Government of Nigeria, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Status: *Discussion with the Government of Nigeria has started*

Event: Mobile Learning Week

Date: 23-27 February 2015

Location: Paris, France

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF WOMEN"

FEBRUARY 2015

In February 2015, the UN Women Beijing + 20 communications campaign will focus on the critical area of "Education and Training of Women". This thematic month will coincide with the **World Day of Social Justice** (20 February), and **World Radio Day** (13 February).

The **World Day of Social Justice** celebrates social justice as an underlying principle for peaceful and prosperous coexistence within and among nations. It promotes women's, indigenous and migrants rights.

World Radio Day is sponsored by UNESCO and celebrated radio as a medium to improve international cooperation between broadcasters, and encourage major networks and community radio alike to promote access to information, freedom of express and gender equality over the airwaves.

CRITICAL AREA C

Women and Health

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Increase women's access throughout life cycle to appropriate, affordable and quality health care, information and related services.
- Strengthen preventive programmes that promote women's health. Undertake gender-sensitive initiatives that address sexually transmitted diseases, HIV/AIDS, and sexual and reproductive health issues.
- Promote research and disseminate information on women's health. Increase resources and monitor follow-up for women's health.

MAIN EVENT

Event: Special Focus on women and health at the World Health Assembly

Date: May 2015

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: World Health Organization (WHO) and Member States

Status: *Planning phase with WHO and Member States*

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Event: Launch of the HPV vaccine campaign, with GAVI Alliance

Date: 2014

Location: Liberia

Organizers/Partners: GAVI Alliance

Status: *Under discussion with GAVI*

Event: Partners Forum of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)

Date: 30 June 2014

Location: Johannesburg, South Africa

Organizers/Partners: PMNCH

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

[Web story](#)

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN AND HEALTH"

April 2015

The thematic month on "women and health" will coincide with **World Health Day** (7 April).

World Health Day, established in 1948, is sponsored by the World Health Organization. The day brings global awareness to major global health issues. Global, regional and local level events are organized by World Health Organization to celebrate this day.

In 2005 the World Health Day theme was "Make Every Mother and Child Count."

CRITICAL AREA D

Violence against Women

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Take integrated measures to prevent and eliminate violence against women.
- Study the causes and consequences of violence against women and the effectiveness of preventive measures.
- Eliminate trafficking in women and assist victims of violence due to prostitution and trafficking.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: High-Level event on Elimination of Violence against Women

Date: January/February 2015

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Partner: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Council of Europe

Status: *Under discussions with UNFPA*

Event: Marking the coming into force of the Istanbul Convention/European Treaty on Violence against Women

Date: 19 September 2014

Location: Rome, Italy

Organizers/Partners: Council of Europe

Status: *Under discussion with Italy and Council of Europe*

Event: Future Policy Award on innovative policy solutions for ending violence against women and girls during the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) General Assembly

Date: 14 October 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Event: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women with Future Policy Award winners

Date: 25 November 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and others and Global Awardees

Status: *Planning Phase*

Event: United Nations Observance of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and 16 Days Campaign

Date: 25 November 2014 – 10 December 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/ Partners: Member States, Civil Society Organizations

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN"

November 2014

The thematic month on "violence against women" will coincide with the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November)**. Since 1999 the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** has worked to raise public awareness of the global pandemic of violence against women.

For the first time, in 2013, the Secretary-Generals UNITE Campaign to End Violence Against Women, extended the annual Orange Day to 16 Days of Activities Against Gender-Based Violence, starting November 25 on the International Day to End Violence Against Women, through December 10 Human Rights Day. In 2014, UN Women will engage in global mass mobilization activities during the 16 Days of Orange in November/December 2014.

Status: Planning phase

CRITICAL AREA E

Women and Armed Conflict

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Increase the participation of women in conflict resolution at decision-making levels and protect women living in situations of armed and other conflicts or under foreign occupation.
- Reduce excessive military expenditures and control the availability of armaments.
- Promote non-violent forms of conflict resolution and reduce the incidence of human rights abuse in conflict situations.
- Promote women's contribution to fostering a culture of peace.
- Provide protection, assistance and training to refugee women, other displaced women in need of international protection and internally displaced women.
- Provide assistance to the women of the colonies and non-self-governing territories.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: A series of events related to the Global Study on the implementation of the SC resolution 1325

Date: 2014/2015

Location: Different regions

Partners: Member States, DPKO, PBSO, Security Council, Friends of 1325

Status: *Planning Phase*

Event: Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security

Date: October 2014,

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: DPKO, PBSO, Security Council, Friends of 1325, Member States

Status: *Planning Phase*

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN AND ARMED CONFLICT"

June 2015

The thematic month on "women and armed conflict" will coincide with the **World Refugee Day (20 June)**.

In 2000 the General Assembly marked the 50 year anniversary of the adoption of the Convention relating to the status of Refugees by establishing 20 June as World Refugee Day.

World Refugee Day brings awareness to forcibly displaced people, including internally displaced, due to conflict.

CRITICAL AREA F

Women and the Economy

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Promote women's economic rights and independence, including access to employment, appropriate working conditions and control over economic resources.
- Facilitate women's equal access to resources, employment, markets and trade.
- Provide business services, training and access to markets, information and technology, particularly to low-income women.
- Strengthen women's economic capacity and commercial networks.
- Eliminate occupational segregation and all forms of employment discrimination.
- Promote harmonization of work and family responsibilities for women and men.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: "World Assembly for Women: Tokyo 2014"

Date: 12-13 September 2014

Location: Tokyo, Japan

Organizers/Partners: Government of Japan

Event: World Export Development Forum

Date: 15-17 September 2014

Location: Kigali, Rwanda

Organizers/Partners: International Trade Center (ITC)

Event: "Women's empowerment and gender equality: the role of Transnational Corporations" at the World Investment Forum

Date: 14 October 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

Event: Women in Business Award at the World Investment Forum

Date: 15 October 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN AND THE ECONOMY"

September 2014

As a part of the campaign, "Empowering Women – Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" one critical area of the Platform for Action will be featured per month from June 2014 to June 2015.

This month, the campaign will focus on the critical area of "women and the economy." With the 69th session of the UN General Assembly beginning in September with a focus on the theme of "Delivering on and Implementing a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda," certain issues will be at the forefront, including sustainable development, including women's contributions to the economy and challenges they continue to face in accessing jobs, assets and resources and an enabling environment.

Event: Special Session on Women during Trade Promotion Organization Meeting

Date: 3 November 2014

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Organizers/Partners: International Trade Center (ITC)

Status: *Initial discussions with ITC have started*

Event: 2020 Women on Board

Date: 20 November 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: 2020 Women on Board - NYC

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Event: Launch of the ILO Overview Report on Women at Work

Date: March 2015

Location: New York, USA.

Organizers/Partners: International Labour Organization

CRITICAL AREA G

Women in Power and Decision-making

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Take measures to ensure women's equal access to and full participation in power structures and decision-making
- Increase women's capacity to participate in decision-making and leadership

MAIN EVENT

Event: High-level event on Women in Power and Decision Making

Location: Santiago, Chile

Date: 7 January 2015

Organizers/Partners: Government of Chile

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN IN POWER AND DECISION MAKING"

July 2014

The thematic month on "women and decision making" will coincide with the **World Population Day (11 July)**.

World Population Day, observed since 1989, focuses global attention on the importance of population issues in the context of overall development.

Women's power and decision making, particularly in the context of a woman's ability to make decisions regarding her own body and health, is a key component to World Population Day.

CRITICAL AREA H

Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Create or strengthen national machineries and other government bodies.
- Integrate gender perspectives in legislation, public policies, programmes and projects.
- Generate and disseminate gender-disaggregated data and information for planning and evaluation.

MAIN EVENT

Event: Event on Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women

Location: New York, USA

Date: March 2015

Organizers/ Partners: Member States, United Nations Statistics Division

OTHER EVENT(S)

Event: Capacity Development Workshop on “On Equality Path: Transforming Public Service Delivery” at the United Nations Public Service Forum, Day and Award Ceremony

Location: Seoul, Korea

Date: 23-26 June 2014

Organizers/Partners: Government of the Republic of Korea

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

Event: Global Forum on Gender Statistics

Location: Aguascalientes, Mexico

Date: 3-5 November 2014

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Statistics Division

Event: Fifteenth International Meeting on Gender Statistics

Location: Aguascalientes, Mexico

Date: 5-7 November 2014

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Statistics Division

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH “INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN”

March 2015

The thematic month on “institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women” will coincide **with International Women’s Day (8 March) and the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (13-20 March 2014).**

International Women’s Day, established in 1975, is an opportunity to not only reflect on progress made and celebrate the achievements of women, but it is also a time to call change.

Through the annual Agreed Conclusions, the Commission on the Status of Women, calls on governments to implement specific actions in order to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Many of these actions refer directly to the institutional mechanisms of governments, including national machineries, national legislation and the generation of gender-disaggregated data.

CRITICAL AREA I

Human Rights of Women

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION

- Promote and protect the human rights of women, through the full implementation of all human rights instruments, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
- Ensure equality and non-discrimination under the law and in practice.
- Achieve legal literacy.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: “Women’s Human Rights Forum: 20 years of the Beijing Platform for Action”

Date: 14 June 2014

Location: Malmo, Sweden

Organizers/Partners: Nordic Forum

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

[Web story](#)

Event: Expert meeting on Human Rights and Gender Equality

Date: 4-5 September 2014

Location: Vilnius, Lithuania

Organizers/Partners: European Institute for Gender Equality

Event: Human Rights Day on Women Human Rights Defenders

Date: 10 December 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland (tbc)

Organizers/Partners: The Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Event: Side-event to the Human Rights Council

Date: March 2015

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: The Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Status: *Details being discussed with OHCHR*

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH “HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN”

December 2014

The thematic month on “human rights of women” will coincide with **Human Rights Day (10 December)**.

Human Rights Day, observed since 1950, brings attention of the peoples of the world’ the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a common standard of achievement.

On Human Rights Day 2014, UN Women will participate with OHCHR in a High-level event on Women’s Human Rights Defenders.

OTHER EVENT(S)

Event: Women and Girls with Disabilities, Linkages between Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Date: 11 June 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) Committee

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

CRITICAL AREA J

Women and the Media

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Increase the participation and access of women to expression and decision-making in and through the media and new technologies of communication.
- Promote a balanced and non-stereotyped portrayal of women in the media

MAIN EVENTS

Event: World Summit on Information Society (WSIS+10) High-level Event

Date: 9-13 June 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

Event: Symposium on the findings of first global study on gender stereotypes in family entertainment

Date: 22 September 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: Geena Davis Institute, Rockefeller Foundation

Event: 2014 Gender Equality Mainstreaming –Technology (GEM-Tech) Awards

Date: October 2014

Location: Busan, Republic of Korea

Organizers/Partners: International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

Event: International Girls in ICT Day

Date: 23 April 2015

Location: Global; New York, USA ; Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

Event: Gender Equality and ICT, during World Press Freedom Day

Date: 3 May 2015

Location: Riga, Latvia

Organizers/Partners: The Government of Latvia, European Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Phase: *Planning Phase*

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH "WOMEN AND THE MEDIA"

May 2015

In May 2015, the UN Women Beijing + 20 communications campaign will focus on the critical area of "women and the media". This thematic month will coincide **World Press Freedom Day** (3 May) and **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** (17 May).

The World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993 and celebrates the fundamental principles of press freedom, which are the cornerstones of an inclusive society and thriving democracy.

The 17th of May marks the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union. World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) raises awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies.

Event: 2015 Gender Equality Mainstreaming –Technology (GEM-Tech) Awards at the World Telecommunications and Information Society Day and 150 year anniversary of ITU

Date: 17 May 2015

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), International Telecommunications Union (ITU), Member States

CRITICAL AREA K

Women and the Environment

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Involve women actively in environmental decision-making at all levels
- Integrate gender concerns and perspectives in policies and programmes for sustainable development
- Strengthen or establish mechanisms at the national, regional and international levels to assess the impact of development and environmental policies on women

MAIN EVENT

Event: High-level Forum on “Women Leading the Way: Raising Ambition for Climate Action”

Date: 22 September 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: Mary Robinson Foundation-Climate Justice

OTHER EVENT(S)

Event: Gender Forum at the United Nations Environmental Assembly

Date: 23 June 2014

Location: Nairobi, Kenya

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Network of Women Ministers and Leaders of Environment, Government of Japan

EVENT ALREADY OCCURRED

[Web story](#)

Event: The Gender Dimensions of Weather and Climate Service

Date: 5 November 2014

Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Organizers/Partners: World Meteorological Organization

Event: Event on Gender Equality Day at the 20th Session of the UN Conference of Parties (COP-20) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Date: 1-12 December 2014

Location: Lima, Peru

Organizers/Partners: 20th Session of the Convention of Parties (COP-20) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Secretariat

COMMUNICATION THEMATIC MONTH “WOMEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT”

June 2014

The thematic month on “women and the environment” will coincide with **World Environment Day (5 June)**.

World Environment Day, observed since 1973, has become one of the primary vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and encourages political attention and action.

The theme of the 2014 World Environment Day will be “Small Islands and Climate Change.” The slogan is “Raise Your Voice Not the Sea Level.”

In June 2014 UN Women will participate in Gender Forum Day of the United Nations Environment Assembly.

CRITICAL AREA L

The Girl Child

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Eliminate all forms of discrimination against the girl child.
- Eliminate negative cultural attitudes and practices against girls.
- Promote and protect the rights of the girl child and increase awareness of her needs and potential.
- Eliminate discrimination against girls in education, skills development and training.
- Eliminate discrimination against girls in health and nutrition.
- Eliminate the economic exploitation of child labour and protect young girls at work.
- Eradicate violence against the girl child.
- Promote the girl child's awareness of and participation in social, economic and political life.
- Strengthen the role of the family in improving the status of the girl child.

MAIN EVENTS

Event: United Nations Observance of International Day of the Girl Child

Date: 10 October 2014

Location: New York, USA

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Event: Event during Girls' Week

Date: October 2014

Location: Brussels, Belgium

Organizers/Partners: Plan International, UN entities

NATIONAL EVENTS

Brazil

Event: Exhibitions *Beijing+20 in Graffiti* Panels

Date: July 2014 to September 2015

Location: Brasília, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo

Organizers/Partners: Rede Nami, Secretaries of Policies for Women from Brasília, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo

Event: Intergenerational Dialogue between women who participated in Beijing and young women

Date: September 2014

Location: Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Organizers/ Partners: Federal University of Minas Gerais and UN Women Advisory Group

Event: South-South learning seminar on the empowerment of girls

Date: October 2014

Location: Brasília

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and UN Gender, Race and Ethnicity Thematic Group

Event: 3 thematic debates on Brazilian women's perceptions of Beijing+20 issues

Date: August 2014, November 2014 and tbc

Location: Brasília, Brazil

Organizers/ Partners: Patrícia Galvão Institute, Data Popular Institute and Ford Foundation.

Event: National meeting on women's situation in Brazil

Date: January 2015

Location: Brasília, Brazil

Organizers/ Partners: Secretary of Policies for Women and UN Women

Cameroon

Event: "Gender Café": debates, discussions and experience sharing on gender issues.

Date: 28 May 2014

Location: Cameroon

Organizers/Partners: Cameroon Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER), the French Development Agency for Agriculture (FIDA), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the French Development Agency (AFD)

Organized on a monthly basis

Cape Verde

Event: Training of media professionals on social communication, gender and gender-based violence

Date: 26 May 2014

Location: Praia, Cape Verde

Organizers/Partners: National Institute for Gender Equity and Equality (ICIEG); UN Women Cape Verde

Event: “Gender Talks”: Open debates with civil society organizations, journalists, judges, development partners to discuss the Beijing+20 review report and MDG 3 report

Date: May 2014

Location: tbd

Organizers/Partners: Cape Verdean Prime Minister’s Office; National Institute for Gender Equity and Equality (ICIEG)

Event: Interviews with “Women of achievement” and with the Cape Verdean participants to the 1995 Beijing Conference on progress made on gender equality

Date: June and July 2014

Location: Praia, Cape Verde

Ecuador

Event: High-level Event on women and poverty reduction

Date: 17 October 2014

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), National Planning for Development Institution Ecuador (SENPLANDES), Academia

Event: Urban innovation towards a city free of violence against women

Date: 20 November 2014

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Organizers/Partners: Quito Municipality, Civil Society Organizations

Event: Establishing the Ecuadorian National Mechanism for the Advancement of Women

Date: TBD, February 2015

Location: TBD, Ecuador

Organizers/ Partners: National Mechanism for the Advancement of Women, women’s organizations, other UN entities

Event: Women and Freedom of Speech: Is social media strengthening stereotypes?

Date: 3 May 2015

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Organizers/Partners: Academia, European Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Event: Launch of the Beijing+20 web-based national consultations

Date: TBD

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Organizers/ Partners: Ecuadorian National Mechanism for the Advancement of Women

Event: Symposium on migration trends in Latin America and trafficking against women: the case of Ecuador

Date: TBD

Location: Ecuador (tbc)

Organizers/Partners: Ecuadorian National Government, National Mechanism for the Advancement of Women, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Civil Society Organizations

Event: Andean Civil Society Dialogue on Economic Empowerment

Date: TBD

Location: Quito, Ecuador

Organizers/Partners: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from the Andean Region and the Bolivian Government.

El Salvador

Event: Protective measures for women facing violence

Date: 6-7 November 2014

Location: San Salvador, El Salvador

Partner: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Government of El Salvador – the Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU), General Attorney, National Police, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Event: Campaign launch: Recognition of unpaid work and its contribution to the economy

Date: 8 March 2015

Location: San Salvador, El Salvador

Partners: AECID, Government of El Salvador – the Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU)

Event: Creating economic opportunities for rural women

Date: April 2015

Location: San Salvador, El Salvador

Organizer: IFAD, Cooperazione Italiana, Ciudad Mujer

Event: Mayors for Equality: Meeting on the Beijing Platform for Action

Location: Santa Tecla, El Salvador

Date: May 2015

Partners: National Congress Influencing the Political Parties Act to ensure the inclusion of women in politics (ANDRYSAS), Municipalities, and Basque Country Government of El Salvador – the Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU)

Event: National committee installation for the monitoring of the UN Security Council resolution 1325

Date: June 2015

Location: San Salvador, El Salvador

Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Government of El Salvador– the Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Event: Presentation of the manual to eliminate discrimination against women in advertising

Date: June 2015

Location: San Salvador, El Salvador

Partners: Government – the Institute for the Development of Women (ISDEMU), Consumer Ombudsman

Ethiopia

Event: Launch of the Beijing+20 Campaign

Date: August, 2014

Location: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Organizers/Partners: Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs in collaboration with other UN Agencies

Gambia

Event: Increase women literacy rates in the Gambia through partnerships with community radios

Date: TBD

Location: Banjul, Gambia

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Community radio stations in the Gambia

Guinea

Event: "Voices of girls in Africa": Dialogue session in Guinea Conakry

Date: 27 June 2014

Location: Conakry, Guinea

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)-Guinea, Guinean Children Parliament (Parlement des Enfants); the city of solidarity (disenfranchised community in Guinea); WAFRICA Guinea, Association des Jeunes Filles de l'Espace Francophone and Espace TV

Guinea Bissau

Event: Training to strengthen the capacities of NGOs and community-based organizations working on HIV/GBV/reproductive, newborn and infant health

Date: 26 May 2014 to 30th June 2014

Location: Across Guinea Bissau

Organizers/Partners: AGUIBEF "Association Guineene pour le Bien Etre Familial" (Guinean association for family welfare)

Event: Celebration of International Day of the Girl Child in Guinea Bissau

Date: 16 June 2014

Location: Bissau, Guinea Bissau

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Guatemala

Event: Meeting with civil society organizations on Beijing+20

Date: 9 April 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: UN Women and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Event: Public Presentation of the Alternative Report of the Human Rights Ombudsperson on the advances of the Beijing Platform for Action

Date: 27 May 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: UN Women, Procuraduría de los Derechos Humanos (PDH)

Event: Presentation of a publication on institutional mechanisms for women

Date: 10 June 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/ Partners: UN Women, Agenda Política Mujeres en la Diversidad (APMD), Colectiva para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Mujeres en Guatemala (CODEFEM)

Event: Media tour (covering and positioning the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform, according to the global calendar)

Date: June 2014 to March 2015

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/ Partners: UN System entities, and Guatemala's Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG)

Event: Accompanying the process for the creation of a new Institutional mechanism for women in Guatemala

Date: June 2014 to December 2015

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Agenda Política Mujeres en la Diversidad (APMD)

Event: Support to the elaboration of the 8th and 9th CEDAW reports

Date: June 2014 to July 2015

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: OHCHR, Women's Presidential Secretary (SEPREM) and Human Rights Presidential Commission (COPREDEH)

Event: Technical assistance on raising legal age for child marriage

Date: June 2014 to June 2015

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: UN System and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Event: Training process for girls

Date: August 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Event: 2nd Race "Iris for Epilepsy"

Date: 6 July 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Association Lirios por la Epilepsia

Co-organizers: UN Women, World Health Organization (WHO), Private Sector, Public Entities

Event: "Guatemala's commitments for the advancement of girls and women"

Date: 9 July 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Agenda Política: Mujeres en la Diversidad (APMD)

Event: Public presentation of the Study "Women and Political Participation in Guatemala"

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Date: 23 July 2014

Organizers/Partners: Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Supreme Electoral Court (Tribunal Supremo Electoral)

Event: Training process on women's political participation, leadership and citizenship

Date: July 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: World Vision and Tribunal Supremo Electoral

Event: High-level Event: 14th Meeting of Women in Political Parties

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Date: 25 August 2014

Organizers/Partners: Central American Parliament's (PARLACEN) Commission for Women, Children, Youths and Families

Event: Side Event: Women's Economic Empowerment Principles (Global Compact framework)

Date: August 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Event: High-level Women Entrepreneurs Meeting

Date: August or September 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Vital Voices

Event: 2nd Central American Congress on Communication

Date: 1-3 October 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Mariano Gálvez University and other private universities: UMES, Galileo, URL, the public university USAC, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), World Bank, CICIG and Mexican Embassy in Guatemala

Event: Campaign focused on rural women (tbc)

Date: October 2014

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Food Programme (WFP), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Event: Social mobilization for the Secretary-General's UNITE Campaign to End Violence against Women

Date: November 2014

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN Interagency Group on Communications and Information

Event: Meetings with official delegations and civil society representatives on CSW59

Date: November 2014 to January 2015

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Event: 2 Dialogues on the UN Security Council Resolutions for Women, Peace and Security, with the participation of Gender and Justice Masters students of Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala

Date: TBC on 2014

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Event: Public presentation of data compilation and analysis on the 12 critical areas of the Beijing Platform for Action

Date: January 2015

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Event: CSW59 Public Forum

Date: January 2015

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR)

Event: 1325 National Action Plan Presentation

Date: June 2015

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: UN Women

Event: Open Day: Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security

Date: TBC

Location: Guatemala, Guatemala

Organizers/Partners: Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) and Comisión Internacional contra la Impunidad en Guatemala (CICIG)

Haiti

Event: Mass Mobilization Event for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Date: 25 November 2014

Location: TBD, Haiti

Partner: NWM, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Event: Round tables on the 12 critical areas of Beijing

Date: 8 March – 3 April, 2015

Location: TBD, Haiti

Organizer: NWM, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

Liberia

Event: Women's Rights Reporting Award, at the Press Union of Liberia 2014 annual awards ceremony, in support of quality media reporting on women's issues in Liberia

Date: June 2014
Location: Monrovia, Liberia
Organizers/Partners: Press Union of Liberia

Mozambique

Event: Launch of the Research Report on the Impact of the Extractive Sector on Gender Equality and Women's Rights

Date: September 2014

Location: Pemba, Cabo-Delgado - Mozambique

Organizers/Partners: Provincial Department of Women and Social Action and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Event: Thematic roundtables based on Beijing+20 national review report

Date: November 2014

Location: 2 Provinces, Mozambique

Organizer/Partners: Universidade Eduardo Mondlane with UN Women's Support

Event: Launch of Beijing+20 National Review Report

Date: TBC

Location: Maputo, Mozambique

Organizers/Partners: Ministry of Women and Social Action

Niger

Event: Boost women's interest to study math and sciences in Niger

Date: TBD

Location: Niamey, Niger

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Higher Education/Institutions in Niger

Rwanda

Event: Launch of Beijing +20 and HeforShe Campaigns

Location: Kigali, Rwanda

Date: 14 July 2014 (**TBC**)

Organizers/Partners: Office of the President of Rwanda

Senegal

Event: "Voices of girls in Africa": Dialogue series on issues affecting the well-being, rights and expectations of girls - starting with the celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child

Date: 16 June 2014

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: Schools in Dakar (College Hyacinthe Thiandoum and Awa & Kassim Primary School), Youth Leadership Organization (AFRYAN Girls)

Event: Project Launch: "Support to women working in the fish processing industry in Kafountine, a village in Casamance"

Date: July 2014

Location: Casamance, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: Ministère de la Femme, de l'Enfant et de la Famille

Event: Launch of campaign on violence in the health sector and women access to quality health care

Date: August 2014

Location: Across West and Central Africa

Organizers/Partners: Radio France International; Midwives and community health workers involved in the Muskoka Initiative Partnership Program

Event: Launch of Africa Unite Campaign on "Engaging artists in EAW"

Date: September 2014

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Trust Fund End Violence against Women

Event: National Conference on the parity law

Date: September 2014

Location: Across Senegal

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Fund for Gender Equality

Event: Awareness raising event during 16 Days of Activism against VAW with Global Champion Youssou N'Dour

Date: November 2014

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: Youssou N'Dour

Event: Launch of campaign during the 15th Francophonie Summit - entitled "Women and Youth in the Francophonie region: peacemakers, actors of development"

Date: 29-30 November 2014

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: Radio France International; the Scientific Preparatory Committee of the 15th Summit of the Francophonie

Event: Regional training on implementation mechanisms to prevent violence in the health sector

Date: December 2014

Location: West and Central Africa

Organizers/Partners: Radio France International, Muskoka Initiative Partnership Program

Event: High Level Panel on "Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict" in support of the London Global Summit held on the same issue

Date: 10 June 2015

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: British Embassy; Association des Juristes Senegalaises and the Scientific Preparatory Committee of the 15th Summit of the Francophonie

Event: Increase literacy rate of Senegalese rural women through mobile technology

Date: TBD

Location: Tambacounda, Senegal

Organizers/Partners: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), TIGO

Event: International Women's Day

Date: 8 March 2015

Location: Dakar, Senegal and West and Central African region

Event: Gender Champions Discussions with Franco-Cameroonian Singing Duo "Les Nubians" as part of their pan African Tour

Date: TBD (2015)

Location: West and Central Africa (Regional)

Organizers/Partners: Singing Duo "Les Nubians"

Sierra Leone

Event: Outreach mission to the four regions of Sierra Leone to inform women about the ongoing Constitutional Review process and capture their voices with regards to their living conditions

Date: 11-15 June 2014

Location: Across Sierra Leone

Organizers/Partners: Sierra Leone's Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs (MSWGCA)

Turkey

Event: Celebration of International Day of the Girl Child in Turkey (tbc)

Date: TBD

Location: Gaziantep, Turkey (TBD)

Organizers/Partners: GTG Turkey

Uganda

Event: Public Debate on Gender Equality

Date: September 2014

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Organizers/Partners: Ministry of Finance of Uganda, Uganda Women Entrepreneurs, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Event: Public Dialogue

Date: October 2014

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Organizers/ Partners: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ministry of Finance of Uganda, Uganda Bureau of Statistics, and Ministry of Gender of Uganda

Event: Breakfast meeting with women journalists

Date: May 2015

Location: Kampala, Uganda

Organizers/Partners: Uganda Media women Association, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Zimbabwe

Event: Inter-generational dialogue on Beijing+20

Date: TBC

Location: Zimbabwe

Event: North/South dialogue on strategies for implementation of Beijing Platform for Action

Date: TBC

Location: Zimbabwe