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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work*

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* The proposed organization of work will be issued as [E/CN.6/2025/1/Add.1](#).



Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and pursuant to Council resolution [1987/21](#) and decision 2002/234, the Commission on the Status of Women elects its Bureau for a two-year period. At the 2nd meeting of its sixty-eighth session, on 11 March 2024, the Commission elected Dúnia Eloisa Pires do Canto (Cabo Verde) and Yoka Brandt (Kingdom of the Netherlands) as Vice-Chairs for its sixty-eighth and sixty-ninth sessions. At the 1st meeting of its sixty-ninth session, on 22 March 2024, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Abdulaziz Alwasil (Saudi Arabia) as Chair of the sixty-ninth session of the Commission. The Commission also elected, by acclamation, Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica) and Nataliia Mudrenko (Ukraine) as Vice-Chairs for its sixty-ninth session.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [2009/16](#), the Commission appoints five of its members to serve a two-year term on the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women, established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [1983/27](#). At the 2nd meeting of its sixty-eighth session, the Commission appointed Spain and Ukraine to serve as members of the Working Group at its sixty-ninth session.

In the absence of nominations from the African, Asia-Pacific and Latin American and Caribbean States, the Commission postponed the election of the remaining three members of the Working Group on Communications to a later date, on the understanding that upon endorsement by their respective groups, the endorsed members of the Commission would be allowed to participate fully in the proceedings of the Working Group. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission will be called upon to appoint the remaining members of the Working Group.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission, at the beginning of each session, shall adopt the agenda of that session.

The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2024/313.

Preparations for the sixty-ninth session of the Commission were made in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [2022/4](#) on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women. Accordingly, the Bureau of the Commission held several meetings as well as informal briefings and consultations with delegations to consider the organization of work for the session.

Statements delivered by representatives of delegations of members and observers of the Commission during the general discussion shall be limited to 4 minutes, and statements made on behalf of groups of delegations to 7 minutes. It is also recommended that interventions from non-governmental organizations on themes relevant to the session be integrated into the general discussion and the interactive dialogues, taking into consideration geographical balance.

3. **Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”**
- (a) **Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2022/5)**

In its resolution 2022/5, the Economic and Social Council decided that, at its sixty-ninth session, in 2025, the Commission on the Status of Women would undertake a review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including an assessment of current challenges that affect the full, effective and accelerated implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a gender perspective.

Also in its resolution 2022/5, the Council encouraged the regional commissions to conduct regional reviews so that the outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level could inform the 2025 review, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. As part of the Africa regional review of thirty years of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Economic Commission for Africa, in partnership with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the African Union, convened an expert group meeting on 1 and 2 November 2024 that culminated in the meeting of ministers of States members of the African Union in charge of gender and women’s affairs, held on 6 November in Addis Ababa. The Economic Commission for Europe held a regional review meeting on 21 and 22 October in Geneva. The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific held the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on the Beijing+30 Review, from 19 to 21 November in Bangkok. The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean held the sixty-sixth meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean on 4 and 5 December in Santiago. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia convened a high-level meeting on progress made in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action after 30 years, on 9 December in Muscat.

Ministerial segment

The ministerial segment of the Commission will be held from 10 to 14 March 2025, concluding at 6 p.m. on 14 March, and will include a series of ministerial round tables and other high-level interactive dialogues, in addition to the general discussion.

Ministerial round tables

Two ministerial round tables will be held on the topic: national mechanisms for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls: recommitting to, resourcing and accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, also with a view to contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

High-level interactive dialogues with ministerial participation

The Commission will hold three high-level interactive dialogues during the ministerial segment, as follows:

- (a) A high-level interactive dialogue with regional commissions on the outcomes of regional reviews of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and next steps;
- (b) A high-level interactive dialogue on accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: the role of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- (c) A high-level interactive dialogue on “Beijing@30”: a dialogue with youth representatives.

Interactive dialogues

The Commission will hold interactive dialogues on the following topics:

- (a) Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work;
- (b) Poverty eradication, social protection and social services;
- (c) Freedom from violence, stigma and stereotypes;
- (d) Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions;
- (e) Accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action: the role of the Commission on the Status of Women (*continuation*);
- (f) Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation;
- (g) Peaceful and inclusive societies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.6/2025/3)

Discussion guide for the ministerial round tables to be held on the occasion of the 30-year review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (E/CN.6/2025/5)

Information on outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level

Economic Commission for Africa: see <https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/beijing30>.

Economic Commission for Europe: see <https://unece.org/gender/events/beijing30-regional-review-meeting>.

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: see <https://www.cepal.org/en/topics/gender-affairs/thirtieth-anniversary-beijing-declaration-and-platform-action-latin-american-and-caribbean-beijing30>.

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific: see <https://www.asiapacificgender.org/beijing>.

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: see <https://www.unescwa.org/events/beijing-30>.

(b) Emerging issues, trends, focus areas and new approaches to questions affecting the situation of women, including equality between women and men

In its resolution [2022/4](#), the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission would, as necessary, continue to discuss emerging issues, trends, focus areas and new approaches to questions affecting the situation of women that require timely consideration, taking into account developments at the global and regional levels as well as planned activities within the United Nations, where increased attention to gender perspectives is required, and with attention to relevant issues on the agenda of the Council, in particular its annual main theme, as applicable.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Bureau of the Commission, prior to the session, to identify such an emerging issue, trend, focus area or new approach, in consultation with all Member States, through their regional groups, and taking into account inputs from other relevant stakeholders, for consideration by the Commission through an interactive dialogue.

This sub-item is integrated into the consideration of the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, including current challenges that affect such implementation and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

Normative aspects of the work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

In accordance with paragraph 67 (c) of General Assembly resolution [64/289](#), the Commission will have before it the annual report of the Under-Secretary-General/ Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the normative aspects of the work of UN-Women and on its implementation of the policy guidance provided by the Commission.

Future multi-year programme of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

In its resolution [2022/5](#), the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission at its sixty-ninth session to decide on its future multi-year programme of work and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission, at its sixty-ninth session, a report containing proposals on the Commission's priority and review themes for 2026 and beyond.

Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts

In its decision [68/101](#), the Commission on the Status of Women decided to defer consideration of the question of "Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts" and to consider it at its sixty-ninth session under the sub-item entitled "Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters" of the item entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled 'Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century'".

Violence against women

In its resolution [50/166](#) on the role of the former United Nations Development Fund for Women (now UN-Women) in eliminating violence against women, the General

Assembly requested the Fund to include in its regular reports information on the establishment of a trust fund in support of national, regional and international actions to eliminate violence against women and to provide such information to the Commission.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

In accordance with article 21 (2) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are transmitted to the Commission for its information.

Programme matters

The proposed programme of work of UN-Women for 2026, under programme 14, Gender equality and the empowerment of women, is under preparation.

Documentation

Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the normative aspects of the work of the Entity ([E/CN.6/2025/2](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals for the Commission's priority and review themes for 2026 and beyond ([E/CN.6/2025/4](#))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations trust fund in support of actions to eliminate violence against women ([A/HRC/59/21-E/CN.6/2025/6](#))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth and eighty-seventh sessions ([A/79/38](#))

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the results of the eighty-eighth and eighty-ninth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women ([E/CN.6/2025/7](#))

4. Communications concerning the status of women

In its resolution [76 \(V\)](#), the Economic and Social Council established a procedure by which the Commission would receive and consider communications relating to the status of women. In its resolution [304 I \(XI\)](#), the Council amended resolution [76 \(V\)](#) and requested the Secretary-General to compile, before each session of the Commission, a list of confidential and non-confidential communications, containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication.

In its resolution [1983/27](#), the Council reaffirmed the mandate of the Commission to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women and authorized the Commission to appoint a working group to consider such communications and prepare a report thereon for the Commission.

In its resolution [1993/11](#), the Council reaffirmed that the Commission was empowered to make recommendations to the Council on what action should be taken on emerging trends and patterns of discrimination against women revealed by such communications.

In its decision 2002/235, the Council decided, in order to make the communications procedure of the Commission more effective and efficient:

(a) That the Commission, starting at its forty-seventh session, should appoint, at each session, the members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status

of Women for the next session so that the members would be able to meet to enable the Secretariat to issue their report three working days before the adoption of the agenda by the Commission;

- (b) To request the Secretary-General:
 - (i) To inform Governments about each communication pertaining to them that would be considered by the Commission and give them at least 12 weeks before the consideration of such communications by the Working Group;
 - (ii) To ensure that the members of the Working Group receive in advance the lists of communications, including replies from Governments, if any, to be taken into account in preparing its report for examination by the Commission.

In its resolution 2009/16, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission, starting at its fifty-fourth session, should appoint the members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women for a two-year period.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the list of confidential communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2025/R.1 and E/CN.6/2025/R.1/Add.1)

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [75/290 A](#), the Economic and Social Council, at its coordination segment, will address issues identified by subsidiary bodies as requiring the attention of the Council at the global level and build on the policy conclusions of its subsidiary bodies, along with inputs of the United Nations system, so as to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The theme of the 2025 session of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2025 will be “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science- and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals for leaving no one behind”.

6. Provisional agenda for the seventieth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission will have before it a draft provisional agenda for its seventieth session, including the list of documents to be submitted for its consideration.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-ninth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its sixty-ninth session.