

# Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA)

The Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) was the resulting document of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China in 1995 adopted in consensus by the United Nations (UN). It is during this Conference the governments and the UN agreed to promote gender mainstreaming as a strategy to ensure that a gender perspective is reflected in all policies and programmes at the national, regional and international levels. The BPfA represents the international community's commitment towards the promotion of women's welfare and aims at accelerating the implementation of the [Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women](#).

Following the Fourth World Conference on Women, the United Nations General Assembly mandated the United Nations' [Commission on the Status of Women](#) to integrate into its program a follow-up process to the Conference, regularly reviewing the critical areas of concern in the BPfA and to develop its role in mainstreaming a gender perspective in UN activities.

In 1996, the Commission adopted a multi-year program of work based on the 12 critical areas of concern identified in the BPfA for the period of 1997-2000. Subsequent work programs were adopted in 2001 and most recently in 2006 based on the BPfA and the [Beijing+5 Outcome Document](#). In March 2010, the UN [General Assembly](#) convened a commemorative meeting during the 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in order to mark the 15th anniversary of the adoption of the BPfA.