

Comprehensive National Review Report
Beijing+30
Implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action 1995*

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Section One: Introduction

Thirty years ago, the Fourth World Conference on Women adopted the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, elevating the global pursuit of gender equality to new heights. These documents continue to profoundly influence the development of women's causes worldwide. Since 1995, China has earnestly honoured its commitments by actively implementing the principles set forth in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. It has consistently worked to improve women's living conditions and development opportunities while shoring up its support for women's causes globally. In 2020, at the United Nations General Assembly high-level meeting commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, President Xi Jinping proposed China's approach to accelerating gender equality and advancing the cause of women globally.

The year 2025 marks the 30th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women. To systematically summarise China's recent efforts to implement the Beijing Declaration, the Platform for Action, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the country has undertaken thorough reviews and assessments at all levels. This national review was organised and coordinated by the National Working Committee on Children and Women under the State Council, led by judicial authorities and government ministries, with broad participation from various stakeholders including people's organisations, social groups, academia and the media. The review provided a comprehensive retrospective of China's progress in promoting gender equality and advancing women's development over the past five years. China has regarded this review process as a crucial opportunity to accelerate progress towards gender equality and foster high-quality development in women's causes. It has taken a systematic approach to evaluating achievements while actively mapping out future directions.

The report outlines China's comprehensive advancements in women's development under the strong leadership of the Communist Party of China (Sections Two to Five). The nation has achieved the historic milestone of eradicating absolute poverty, while steadily strengthening the sustainable development capacity of women who have been lifted out of poverty. Through balanced pandemic control and economic and social development, women's welfare in health, education, employment and social security has seen sustained improvement. China has also worked steadily to implement

the fundamental national policy of gender equality, comprehensively strengthening legal protections for women's rights. Seizing new opportunities in technological innovation and digital transformation, China has empowered women to become frontrunners in high-quality development. These efforts demonstrate the nation's commitment to synchronizing and coordinating women's development with broader economic and social progress, marking solid strides towards transformative and inclusive growth.

The report summarises China's experience in advancing women's development as follows (Section Six): First, under the overarching leadership of the Communist Party of China, the promotion of gender equality and women's all-round development have been institutionalized within national development strategies. A working mechanism featuring government leadership, multi-stakeholder coordination and broad social participation has been further refined to safeguard women's rights and interests. Second, the people-centred approach fully leverages women's subjectivity and initiative. The role of women as "half the sky" is more prominent. Third, the development-first paradigm safeguards women's rights and well-being through economic and social progress, providing an even stronger material basis for improving women's living standards. Fourth, China remains firmly grounded in its national conditions while exploring context-specific pathways to advance women's development. This has facilitated synchronized progress between gender equality initiatives and broader economic and social development. Fifth, China steadfastly upholds the fundamental national policy of gender equality, ensuring that the distinct realities between genders and the special interests of women are fully considered in the formulation of laws, policies, plans and implementation efforts. The protection of women's rights has been systematically incorporated into the rule of law in all respects, offering stronger guarantees for gender equality and women's overall development.

The report outlines a promising vision for advancing women's development in the coming five years. As China pursues modernisation through high-quality development, it will strengthen integrated planning for comprehensive progress in gender equality initiatives. Strategic measures will focus on five key areas: promoting women's participation in innovation-driven development, supporting family development, fostering an environment of equality and inclusion, facilitating women's engagement in green development and strengthening international cooperation on

women's causes (Section Two, Item 5). These efforts aim to inject fresh momentum into women's equal participation in high-quality development, create unprecedented opportunities for women to share in the fruits of reform and development, build a more enabling environment for gender equality, establish innovative platforms for women to contribute to building a beautiful China, and open new avenues for women to take part in shaping a community of common destiny. China stands ready to work with nations worldwide to proactively address varied challenges facing gender equality and women's empowerment, and to accelerate the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.