

Preliminary Program

## Civil Society Forum to the regional review meeting on Beijing+25

28 October 2019, Geneva  
International Conference Center Geneva (CICG)  
(3 rooms, 500/100/100 persons)  
Translation into Russian, English

### Goals and objectives

1. Engage civil society stakeholders from across the UNECE region in the regional review meeting of Beijing+25
2. Share experience on national/sub-regional shadow reports (e.g. Turkey, W-Balkans Roma women)
3. Include Emerging Issues e.g. migrant women, climate change, women's rights are under attack
4. Strengthen Civil Society cooperation and their role in United Nations process on Beijing+25 and the inter-linkages with the CSW, CEDAW, Istanbul Convention and Agenda2030 regional processes
5. Share independent CSO positions on the review of Beijing+25 and prepare recommendations to be presented to the UNECE member states
6. Set in motion regional preparation and input for the 2020 Beijing+25 summit in France / Mexico as well as the CSW64
7. Solidarity and movement-building

### Key expected outputs of the event

1. Shared lessons on progress at national level on progress on women's rights by Civil Society
2. Recommendations for the review and implementation of Beijing Platform for Action
3. Agreed statements and positions to be presented to member states at the review session

### Input into the event

A steering committee with a number of thematic and regional working groups has been created. All working groups are preparing fact sheets with key priorities and recommendations.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

PLENARY ROOM	SIDE ROOM 1	SIDE ROOM 2
<b>8:00-9:00: Registration, Coffee and Networking in Exhibition space</b>		
<b>9:00-10:30 Opening and Introduction to the Beijing Platform for Action and 2020 (plenary room only)</b> Plenary opening, introduction of the agenda, Forum objectives by co-moderators, introduction to the process and 2020 Forum in France <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Executive Secretary, UNECE (tbc)</li><li>• France (<i>Mme Marlene Schiapa, Sec of State, tbc</i>)</li></ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UN WOMEN regional office (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><u>Civil society address</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feminist(s) - young /experienced tbc</li> <li>Input from the floor</li> </ul>		
<p>10:30-11:30 <b>CSO priorities:</b> Group leaders <u>introduce</u> their constituency's and or themes /regions briefly before breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young Feminists groups</li> <li>Women Peace, Security, Displaced women groups</li> <li>Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights groups</li> <li>Feminists for Economic and Tax Justice</li> <li>Ending violence against women and girls groups</li> <li>Feminists from Environmental and Climate Justice groups</li> <li>Feminists holding government's accountability (e.g. global independent monitoring body)</li> <li>Women with Disabilities</li> <li>Women in Labour Unions</li> <li>LBTI movement</li> <li>Older Women and Widows</li> <li>Women from minority and rural grassroots groups</li> <li>Women/Feminists from Central Asian region</li> <li>Women/Feminists from Eastern European region</li> <li>Women/Feminists from Western Balkan region</li> <li>Women/Feminists from North American region</li> <li>Indigenous Women</li> <li>Trafficking of women and girls (including sexual violence)</li> <li>Others (e.g. Migrant women, domestic workers, social green entrepreneurs, ..etc)</li> </ul>		
<p>11:30-13:00 <b>Break out groups 'world café' style</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every 30 minutes, participants can change to another group</li> <li>Groups may decide to cluster</li> </ul> <p>Several groups (in Plenary room)</p>	Several groups	Several groups
<p>13:00 – 14:00 <b>Lunch break</b></p> <p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>SOLIDARITY Action</b></li> <li><b>Nominations</b> of potential 29-30 Oct (on Flipchart)</li> </ul>		
<p>14:00 – 14:45 <b>Presentations</b> by the breakout groups</p>		
<p>14:45 – 15:45 Break out groups 2: <b>Analysing the country reports, positions and alternative CSO reports</b></p> <p>3 regional groups: Central Asia, Caucasus, E-Europe</p>	3 groups: W-Europe (Spanish, French, Engl.)	2 groups: North Americas and W-Balkans
<p>15:45 – 16:30 <b>Presentations</b> by the breakout groups</p>		
<p>16:30 – 17:30 <b>Combining priorities</b> for joint statement to UN member state meeting on Beijing+25 (on 29-30 of September)</p>		
<p>17:30 – 18:00 <b>Next steps and closing</b></p> <p>Appoint drafting group to finalize interventions with speakers during the evening</p>		
<p>18:30 (hopefully) <b>small reception</b> hosted by UNWOMEN (in garden of restaurant ROMA, next door)</p>		