

Annual Meeting  
Thematic Working Group on Gender and the Sustainable Development Goals  
United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia

**Accelerating the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform  
for Action in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development  
and the Sustainable Development Goals:  
Emerging issues of critical importance for the SPECA countries**

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## Overview



“Regional commissions to undertake regional reviews so that the outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level can feed into the 2020 review”

——E/RES/2018/8, para.2

### 41 National Review Reports Received

Subregion	Submissions
East and North-East Asia	4
North and Central Asia	9
Pacific	13
South and South-West Asia	7
South-East Asia	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>



# Gender Equality in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA



## Inclusive Development, Shared Prosperity and Decent Work

**50%**

Female labour force participation rate in 2018, 55% in 1995

**64%**

Working women employed in the informal sector

**4 Times**

More unpaid care work compared to men

86% of SPECA countries noted the implementation and strengthened labour policies and targeted measures such as prohibiting discrimination.

## Poverty Eradication, Social Protection and Social Services

**16%**

Female poverty rate in South Asia, 14% for men

**60%**

Population without adequate social protection

**85,000**

Women died while giving birth, 2015

All SPECA countries noted reformed social protection, with focus specifically seen for women's access and benefit level, and vulnerable groups.

71 % of SPECA countries have noted a decrease in maternal mortality rates.

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### Freedom from Violence, Stigma and Stereotypes

30%

Women faced intimate partner violence worldwide

30%

Women aged 20-24 first married /in union before 18, South Asia

All SPECA countries noted the introduction or increases in measures of violence against women laws, their enforcement and implementation

86% of SPECA countries hold 18 as the legal age for marriage



### Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

3%

Women mediators/witnesses and signatories worldwide

9%

Women negotiators worldwide

9

Countries having 'open' civic spaces

Three SPECA countries noted the development and/or approval for an Action Plan for the Implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on the role of women in peace and security.

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### Environmental Conservation, Climate Action and Resilience Building

**50%**

Half of the natural disasters worldwide, 2018

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Disproportionate impact on women

86% of SPECA countries have noted the support and/or introduction of gender-responsive laws and policies related to disaster risk reduction, climate change resilience and mitigation.



### Participation, Accountability, and Gender-responsive Institutions

**18%**

Women's representation in the region, 24% worldwide

**24**

Countries with a gender budgeting initiative

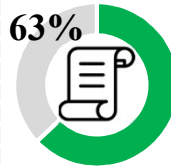
All SPECA countries noted the consideration and/or use of gender quotas to help increase women's representation.

71% of SPECA countries noted the introduction and implementation of gender-responsive budgeting.

## Achievements in Asia and the Pacific & SPECA

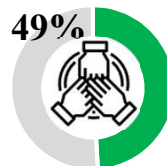
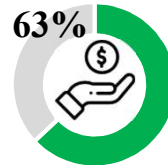


### Top Three Achievements in Asia and the Pacific



Adoption of Laws, Regulations, Action Plans and Policies

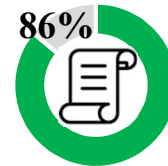
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Political Participation and Decision-making

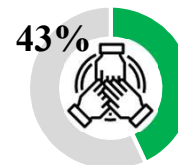
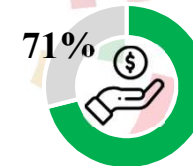


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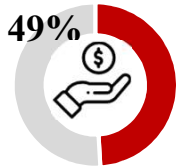


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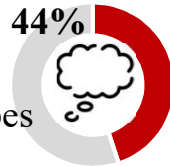
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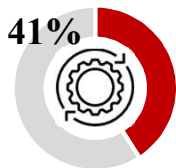
### Top Three Challenges for Asia and the Pacific



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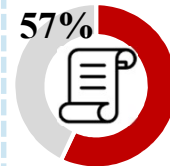
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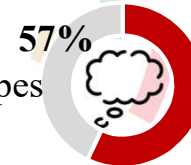
Gender Capacities



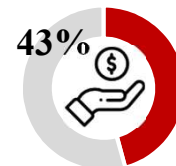
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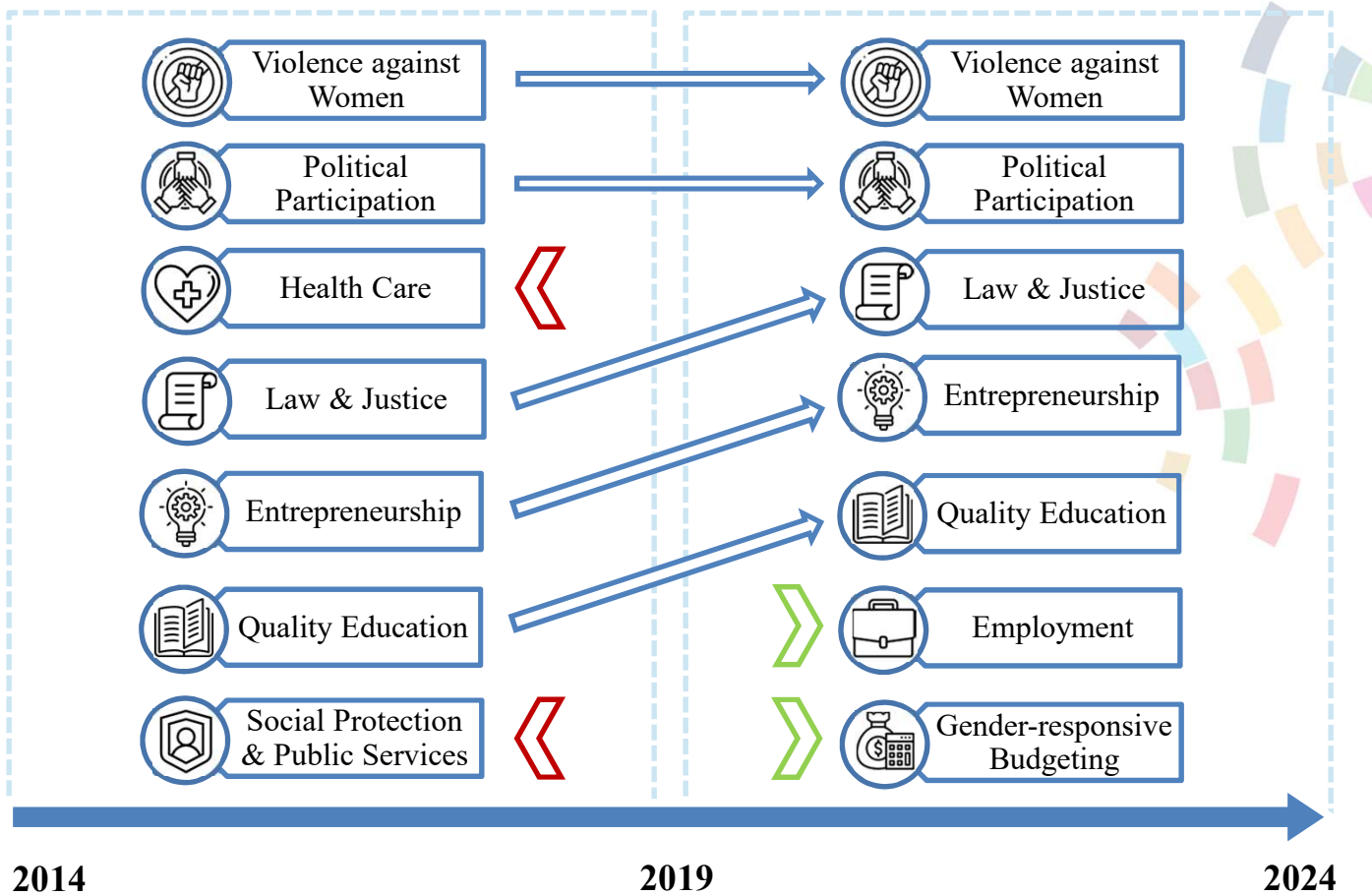


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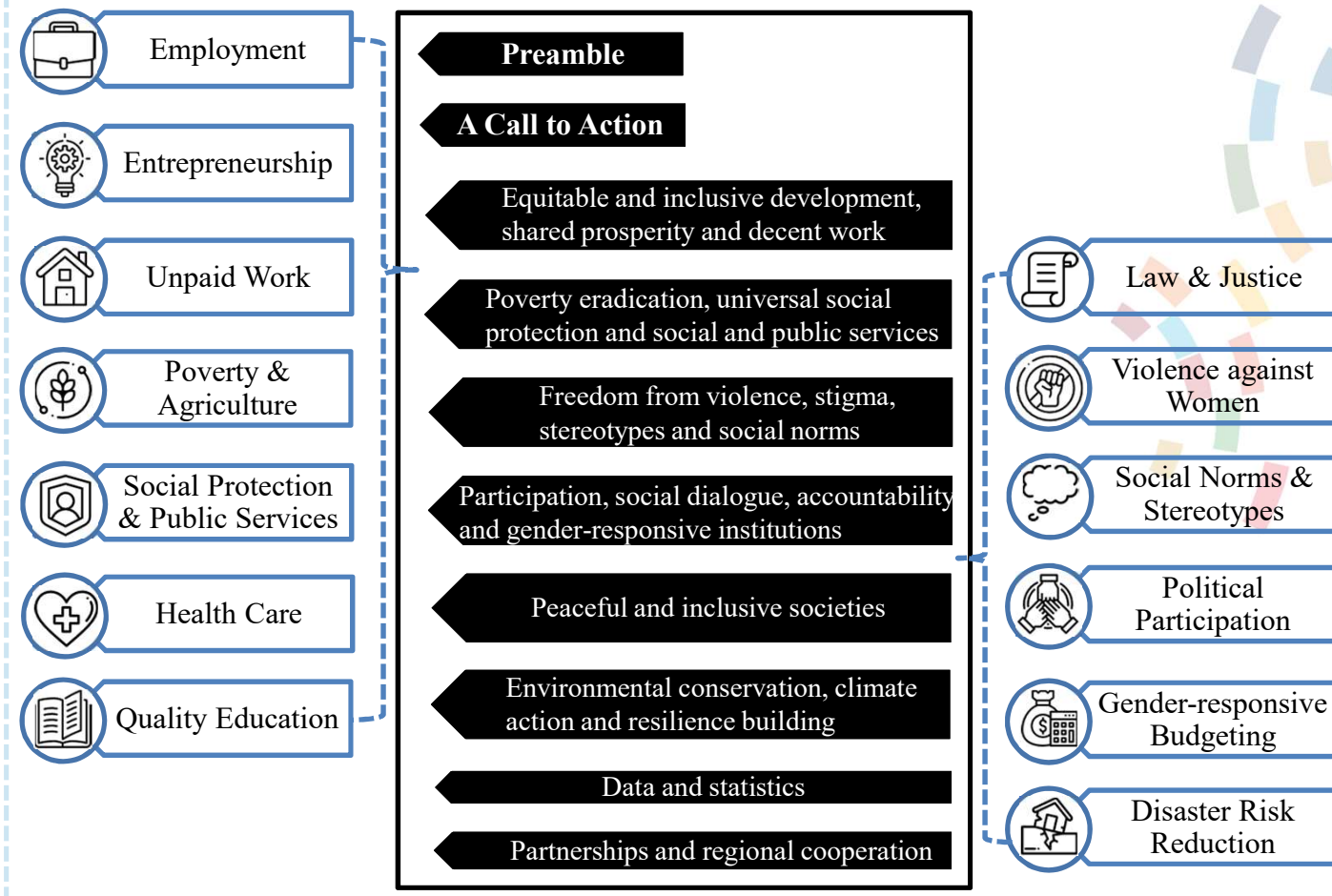
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# Top Priorities: Between 2014 and 2024





# Outcome Document: Structure and Priorities



# Thank You

