

## CSW 2025 | Case for Support of Women's Land Rights and Beijing +30

### Beijing Declaration Platform

[Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Beijing +5 Political Declaration and Outcome | UN Women – Headquarters](#)

#### What is the Beijing Declaration and Platform<sup>1</sup> for Action?

- The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) is a visionary agenda for the empowerment of women. It remains the most comprehensive global policy framework and blueprint for action to achieve gender equality and the human rights of women and girls worldwide.
- It was adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China, in September 1995 by 189 governments after extensive political debate, exchange of good practices, and consultation with more than 30,000 people in an NGO Forum.
- The Platform for Action identifies 12 critical areas of concern, including poverty, education, health, violence against women, armed conflict, the economy, power and decision-making, institutional mechanisms, human rights, media, the environment, and the girl child.
- Reaffirms the commitment to "the equal rights and inherent human dignity of women and men" as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).
- The declaration calls for the full implementation of the human rights of women and girls as an inalienable, integral, and indivisible part of all human rights
- Under the declaration, governments urged to:
  - Ensure access to justice and effective remedies for women whose rights have been violated.
  - Address gender-based violence including domestic violence, sexual abuse, trafficking, and discrimination in all its forms.
  - Strengthen laws, policies, and programs to promote the equal participation of women in all aspects of society, including decision-making and leadership.
- Women's Land Rights (WLR) in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action:
  - Governments should ensure that national legislative and administrative reform processes, including those linked to land reform, decentralization, and economic reorientation, promote women's rights, particularly those of rural women and women living in poverty.
  - Governments are called to develop, review, and implement laws and procedures that guarantee women's equal access to and control over economic resources, including land, property rights, inheritance, credit, and savings schemes such as women's banks and cooperatives.
  - Governments should undertake legislative and administrative reforms to give women full and equal access to economic resources, including the right to inheritance, ownership of land and property, credit, and natural resources.

## **The Generation Equality Forum (GEF)** [About | Generation Equality Forum](#)

- The Generation Equality Forum (GEF), convened by UN Women and co-hosted by the governments of France and Mexico in partnership with civil society and youth, took place in Mexico City from 29 - 31 March 2021 and in Paris from 30 June - 2 July 2021. The Forum generated \$40 billion in financial commitments, as well as multiple policy and program commitments. The Forum's ambitious action agenda will be driven by multi-stakeholder Action Coalitions, who together developed a Global Acceleration Plan to advance gender equality.<sup>ii</sup>
- Action Coalitions<sup>iii</sup> are global, innovative, multi-stakeholder partnerships that are mobilizing governments, civil society, international organizations, and the private sector to: catalyze collective action, spark global and local conversations among generations, drive increased public & private investment, and deliver concrete, game-changing results.
  - The selected themes of the Generation Equality Action Coalitions are Gender-Based Violence<sup>iv</sup>, Economic justice and rights<sup>v</sup>, Bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)<sup>vi</sup>, Feminist action for climate justice<sup>vii</sup>, Technology and innovation for Gender Equality<sup>viii</sup>, Feminist movements and leadership<sup>ix</sup>.

## **GEF Economic Justice and Rights (EJR) Blueprint<sup>x</sup>:**

- EJR Vision:
  - By 2026, economic justice and rights are guaranteed for women and girls, in all their diversity, including for adolescent girls, as for men and boys.
  - Systems and structures are gender-responsive and ensure equitable, secure access to resources, services and decision-making; participation in gender-transformative enterprise and trade; promotion of non-discriminatory labor markets, free of violence and harassment; a care economy that equitably shares and values care and domestic work; and resilience to economic shocks such as the COVID-19 pandemic.
- EJR Action Coalition and WLR:
  - EJR calls for increased women's access to and control over productive resources through increasing access to and control over land, gender-responsive financial products and services, and the number of firms owned by women by 2026.

## **Feminist Action for Climate Justice (FACJ) BluePrint<sup>xi</sup>:**

- FACJ Vision:
  - By 2026, FACJ will have initiated a transition to an inclusive and regenerative green economy that recognizes the interconnectedness of climate change with issues of gender justice and protects and amplifies the voices of grassroots and indigenous communities, including frontline defenders, across social and political arenas.
  - Women and girls in their full diversity equitably and meaningfully participate in decision-making processes at all levels, including in aligning key climate policy instruments with national development plans and developing climate responses that center human rights.
  - Financing institutions and the donor community reframe risk, prioritize women's organizations as priority partners, and are held accountable to shift capital to support resilient societies and transformative investments in gender-just climate and ecosystem-based approaches.

- Women and girls in their full diversity equitably access climate finance, technologies and knowledge, and access and control natural resources for management and protection, including through securing land rights and ownership.
- FACJ Action Coalition and WLR:
  - FACJ calls for enhancing and leveraging the capacity of millions more women and girls in all their diversity to build resilience to climate and disaster risks, mitigate climate change, and address loss and damage, including through community-based cooperative models and land rights and tenure security.

### **The Pact for the Future<sup>xiii</sup>:**

#### [Pact along with its annexes](#)

- What is the Pact for the Future?
  - On September 24, 2024, World leaders adopted the Pact for the Future, a landmark declaration pledging concrete actions towards a safer, more peaceful, sustainable and inclusive world for tomorrow's generations.
  - The Pact's five broad focus areas include: sustainable development; international peace and security; science and technology; youth and future generations and transforming global governance.
- General Goals of the Pact for the Future:
  - "We, the Heads of State and Government, representing the peoples of the world, have gathered at United Nations Headquarters to protect the needs and interests of present and future generations through the actions in this Pact for the Future."
  - "We will take bold, ambitious, accelerated, just and transformative actions to implement the 2030 Agenda, achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and leave no one behind."
  - "We will urgently accelerate progress towards achieving the Goals, including through concrete political steps and mobilizing significant additional financing from all sources for sustainable development, with special attention to the needs of those in special situations and creating opportunities for young people."
- Goals Related to Land Rights and Tenure Security:
  - "We will take comprehensive and targeted measures to eradicate poverty by addressing the multidimensional nature of poverty, including through rural development strategies and investments and innovations in the social sector, especially education and health."
  - "We will ensure equal access for women to effective job training, retraining, counselling and placement services that are not limited to traditional employment areas."
  - "We will undertake legislation and administrative reforms to give women equal rights with men to economic resources, including access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, credit, inheritance, natural resources and appropriate new technology."
- Goals Specifically Addressing Women's Land Rights:
  - "We will ensure that national legislative and administrative reform processes, including those linked to land reform, decentralization and reorientation of the economy, promote women's rights, particularly those of rural women and women living in poverty."
  - "We will take measures to promote and implement those rights through women's equal access to and control over economic resources, including land, property rights, right to inheritance, credit and traditional saving schemes, such as women's banks and cooperatives."
- Commitments to Gender Equality and Sustainable Development:

- "None of our goals can be achieved without the full, safe, equal and meaningful participation and representation of all women in political and economic life."
- "We reaffirm our commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, to accelerating our efforts to achieve gender equality, women's participation and the empowerment of all women and girls in all domains and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls."

#### **WLR and SDGs<sup>xiii</sup>:**

- **SDGs specific to tenure:**
  - **SDG 1.4<sup>xiv</sup>:** By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.
    - **SDG 1.4.2:**
      - Proportion of total adult population with secure tenure rights to land, (a) with legally recognized documentation, and (b) who perceive their rights to land as secure, by sex and by type of tenure.
  - **SDG 5.1<sup>xv</sup>:** Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.
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      - **SDG 5.a.1:**
        - (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure.
      - **SDG 5.a.2:**
        - Proportion of countries where the legal framework (including customary law) guarantees women's equal rights to land ownership and/or control.
  - **SDG 11.1<sup>xvi</sup>:** By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.
    - **SDG 11.1.1:**
      - Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements or inadequate housing.
  - **SDG 15.3<sup>xvii</sup>:** (*Key link between land tenure and land restoration/land degradation neutrality*) By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world.
    - **SDG 15.3.1:**
      - Proportion of land that is degraded over total land area.

#### **Alignment of WLR Collective Commitment<sup>xviii</sup> with Global Frameworks**

- **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action:**  
The Beijing Declaration called for:

- “Governments to ensure that national legislative and administrative reform processes, including those linked to land reform, decentralization, and economic reorientation, promote women’s rights, particularly those of rural women and women living in poverty.”
- “Develop, review, and implement laws and procedures that guarantee women’s equal access to and control over economic resources, including land, property rights, inheritance, credit, and savings schemes such as women’s banks and cooperatives.”

Alignment with WLR Collective Commitment:

- The WLR Collective Commitment upholds this by advocating for securing land, housing, and property rights for 100 million women and youth.
- It calls on governments to facilitate access to justice for women claiming land rights, including inheritance rights, directly supporting Beijing’s objectives.
- It pushes for sex-disaggregated land statistics, a key measure urged under the Beijing Declaration to monitor progress and accountability.

- **GEF Action Coalitions:**

EJR Coalition called for:

- “Calls for increased women’s access to and control over productive resources through increasing access to and control over land, gender-responsive financial products and services, and the number of firms owned by women by 2026.”

FACJ Coalition called for:

- “Calls for enhancing and leveraging the capacity of millions more women and girls to build resilience to climate and disaster risks, mitigate climate change, and address loss and damage, including through community-based cooperative models and land rights and tenure security.”

Alignment with WLR Collective Commitment:

- The WLR Collective Commitment supports the GEF goals by integrating gender and land rights into climate, food systems, and biodiversity policies.
- It mobilizes civil society, governments, and financial institutions to channel funding directly to grassroots women-led organizations and advance gender-responsive financing.
- It demands corporate accountability and compliance with human rights frameworks in land governance and reinforces the calls for fair resource distribution.

- **Pact for the Future:**

The Pact for the Future called for:

- “We will take comprehensive and targeted measures to eradicate poverty by addressing the multidimensional nature of poverty, including through rural development strategies and investments and innovations in the social sector.”
- “We will undertake legislation and administrative reforms to give women equal rights with men to economic resources, including access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, credit, inheritance, natural resources, and appropriate new technology.”
- “We will ensure that national legislative and administrative reform processes, including those linked to land reform, decentralization, and economic reorientation, promote women’s rights.”

Alignment with WLR Collective Commitment:

- The WLR Collective Commitment prioritizes securing land tenure for women and youth, reinforcing the Pact’s goal of legislative and administrative reform for equal land rights.
- It directly supports land restoration strategies as a condition to address climate change and biodiversity loss, in line with the Pact’s environmental and sustainability goals.
- It promotes the active participation of women in land governance and administration, ensuring decision-making roles for grassroots and indigenous women.

- **Additional Key Talking Points Documents:**

- [Collective women’s land rights commitment - ILC](#)
  - [2024 10 infographic commitment to womens land rights 1.pdf](#)
- [Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition - Collective Commitments.pdf](#)

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<sup>i</sup> [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Beijing +5 Political Declaration and Outcome | UN Women – Headquarters](#)

<sup>ii</sup> [About | Generation Equality Forum](#)

<sup>iii</sup> [Action Coalitions | Generation Equality Forum](#)

<sup>iv</sup> [GBV\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>v</sup> [EJR\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>vi</sup> [SRHR\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>vii</sup> [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

<sup>viii</sup> [TIGE\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>ix</sup> [FML\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>x</sup> [EJR\\_FINAL\\_VISUAL\\_EN.pdf](#)

<sup>xi</sup> [PowerPoint Presentation](#)

<sup>xii</sup> [Document Viewer](#)

<sup>xiii</sup> [THE 17 GOALS | Sustainable Development](#)

<sup>xiv</sup> [Goal 1 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

<sup>xv</sup> [Goal 5 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

<sup>xvi</sup> [Goal 11 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

<sup>xvii</sup> [Goal 15 | Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

<sup>xviii</sup> [Collective women’s land rights commitment - ILC](#)