



Briefing note: Policy Processes

For the event: [WP2030_HLPPF2024 side event: Mapping the Path to Feminist Climate Just...](#)

See also: [Briefing note: Summit of the Future](#)

About this briefing note

This briefing note provides an overview of key policy processes relevant to climate and gender justice that will be discussed during the event. For each acronym, you will find the full spelling, a short introduction, current initiatives, upcoming policy events, and information on civil society engagement for groups working on gender equality. It is not a list of all processes out there, so if you spot one that is missing, feel free to add it to during discussions.

Beijing+30

- **What it means:** Review of 30 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- **Introduction:** This refers to the 30-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, a comprehensive policy agenda for women's rights adopted in 1995. [More info](#)
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** Focuses on ensuring that commitments made in the Beijing Platform are met, including those related to women's role in climate action and sustainable development.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#) (1995)
 - Upcoming Review Document: [Reports from regional and global Beijing+30 review meetings](#)
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - Regional preparatory meetings in 2024
 - Global Beijing+30 Review Conference (CSW69): 10-21 Mar 2025
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Engage through UN Women and regional UN commissions that host preparatory meetings. Join platforms like the NGO CSW Forum. [UN Women](#)

CBD COP

- **What it means:** Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties
- **Introduction:** The CBD COP is the governing body of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which meets biennially to review progress, set priorities, and adopt work programs. [More info](#)
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** The Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework includes targets that emphasize gender equality and the role of women in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. GAP
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [Convention on Biological Diversity \(1992\)](#)
 - Legal Framework: [Nagoya Protocol \(2010\)](#), [Cartagena Protocol \(2000\)](#)
 - Policy Framework: [Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#); [Gender Action Plan](#)
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - [CBD COP 16: October/November 2024](#), Colombia
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Engage through the [CBD Alliance](#), which coordinates civil society participation in the CBD process. Obtain observer status via the CBD Secretariat. Feminist advocacy group following the process: [Women4biodiversity](#)

CEDAW sessions

- **What it means:** Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) sessions
- **Introduction:** An international treaty adopted by the UN General Assembly to eliminate discrimination against women and promote gender equality. [More info](#)
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** CEDAW's General Recommendations address the impacts of climate change on women's rights and call for gender-responsive climate policies.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#) (CEDAW)
 - Policy Framework: General Recommendations by the CEDAW Committee
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - CEDAW Sessions: Twice annually, Geneva
- **Civil Society Engagement:** NGOs can submit shadow reports and attend CEDAW sessions.

CSW

- **What it means:** Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
- **Introduction:** The CSW is a functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) dedicated to gender equality and the advancement of women. It meets annually to evaluate progress, identify challenges, and set global standards. [More info](#)
- **Climate and gender justice Initiatives:** Recent sessions have focused on women's roles in climate action, environmental sustainability, and disaster risk reduction. [CSW 68 outcome documents](#); [CSW66 Agreed Conclusions](#) (on climate)
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)
 - Legal Framework: Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - CSW 68: March 2024, New York - focused on “Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective”
 - CSW 69: March 2025, New York - will focus on [Beijing+30 review](#)
- **Civil Society Engagement:** NGOs can participate through the NGO CSW/NY, or the Women’s Rights Caucus, or the Young Feminists Caucus. NGOs need to obtain ECOSOC accreditation to participate.

FfD

- **What it means:** [Financing for Development \(FfD\)](#)
- **Policy framework:** 2030 Agenda
- **Introduction:** The FfD process aims to ensure sufficient financial resources for sustainable development, addressing systemic issues and mobilising international cooperation. The last major Financing for Development (FfD) conferences were:
 1. **Monterrey, Mexico (2002)**
 2. **Doha, Qatar (2008)**
 3. **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2015)**

- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** Focus on financing gender-responsive climate actions and ensuring financial flows contribute to sustainable development goals.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [Addis Ababa Action Agenda \(2015\)](#)
 - Legal Framework: [Monterrey Consensus \(2002\)](#)
 - Policy Frameworks: [Doha Declaration on Financing for Development \(2008\)](#)
 - [The 2022 Bridgetown Initiative](#)
- **Policy Events concerning FfD (2024/2025):**
 - [Spring meetings IMF/World Bank: April 2024, Washington DC](#)
 - [FfD Forum: April 2024, New York](#)
 - [First preparatory committee session](#) July 2024, Addis Ababa
 - [Summit of the future](#): September 2024, New York
 - [Fourth international conference on Financing for Development \(FfD4\)](#): June/July 2025
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Participate through the Civil Society FfD Group, which coordinates advocacy and engagement at FfD forums. [Civil Society FfD Group](#)

GEF FACJ

- **What it means:** Generation Equality Forum Feminist Action for Climate Justice (GEF FACJ) Action Coalition
- **Introduction:** An initiative of the Generation Equality Forum, focusing on accelerating gender equality commitments, including feminist action for climate justice.
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** It includes commitments from over 150 governments, civil society, youth, international organisations, philanthropies, and the private sector to promote women's leadership in climate action and resilience.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [FACJ Action Coalition Priority Action Areas](#)
 - [Generation Equality Forum Global Acceleration Plan](#)
 - Policy Framework: [The GEF Compact and commitments from various stakeholders](#)
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - Summit of the Future GEF events: 2024

- GEF FACJ events at UNCBD COP16, UNFCCC COP29 and UNCCD COP16
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Join the GEF Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice through UN Women's engagement platforms and regional consultations. UN Women

HLPF

- **What it means:** High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)
- **Introduction:** The HLPF is the main UN platform for follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs, meeting annually under the auspices of ECOSOC and every four years under the General Assembly. [More info](#)
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** Focuses on the review of specific SDGs each year, including those related to gender equality (SDG 5) and climate action (SDG 13).
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2015)
 - Legal Framework: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
 - Policy Frameworks:
 - Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)
 - Annual HLPF reports
 - Thematic reviews conducted during HLPF sessions
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - HLPF 2024: July 2024, New York
 - HLPF 2025: July 2025, New York
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Engage through the Major Groups and Other Stakeholders mechanism and through its constituencies, attend HLPF sessions, and participate in national and regional SDG consultations. [MGOS](#)

ICPD+30 review

- **What it means:** 30th anniversary review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)
- **Policy framework:** ICPD
- **Introduction:** The ICPD, held in 1994, resulted in a Programme of Action emphasising the link between population, development, and individual well-being, particularly reproductive health and rights. More info
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** Integrates gender and reproductive health into sustainable development and climate resilience strategies.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (1994)
 - Policy Framework: ICPD+20 and ICPD+25 outcome documents
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - ICPD+30 Review: 2024-2025, regional and global events
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Participate through the NGO Working Group on Population and Development and engage in UNFPA-led consultations and events.

SOTF

- **What it means:** [Summit of the Future](#)
- **Introduction:** The Summit of the Future is a UN initiative aimed at addressing global challenges and ensuring a sustainable, equitable future. It focuses on updating multilateral frameworks to better address contemporary issues, including climate change and gender equality. The Pact for the Future is negotiated between the Member States
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** The Summit aims to incorporate strong climate action and gender equality measures into the [Pact for the Future](#), ensuring that these issues are central to global policy-making.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: [Declaration on the Commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the United Nations](#) (2020)
 - Policy Framework: [Our Common Agenda Report](#) (2021) by the UN Secretary-General
 - 2030 Agenda
 - [Declaration on Future Generations](#)
 - [Global Digital Compact](#)

- [Pact for the Future](#)
- **Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - Preparatory meetings throughout 2024
 - Summit of the Future: September 2024, New York
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Participate through MGOS (see HLPF)

UNEA

- **What it means:** United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA)
- **Policy framework:** 2030 Agenda
- **Introduction:** The UNEA is the world's highest-level decision-making body on environmental issues, convening biennially to set priorities and policies. More info
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** Includes resolutions on gender and the environment, promoting women's leadership in environmental governance.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: Rio Declaration on Environment and Development (1992); 2030 Agenda
 - Policy Framework: [Agenda 21](#), UNEA Resolutions
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - [UNEA-6: February 2024](#), Nairobi, Kenya
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Engage through the Major Groups and Stakeholders mechanism, particularly the UNEA Women's Major Group. Apply for accreditation to attend and participate in sessions. [Women Major Group](#)

UNFCCC COP

- **What it means:** United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP)
- **Introduction:** The COP is the supreme decision-making body of the UNFCCC, meeting annually to negotiate and advance climate action. [More info](#)
- **Climate and Gender Justice Initiatives:** The Gender Action Plan (GAP) integrates gender considerations into climate policy. COP decisions increasingly recognize the role of women in climate action.
- **Guiding documents and legal frameworks**
 - Key Document: United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (1992)

- Legal Framework: Paris Agreement (2015)
- Policy Frameworks: COP decisions and nationally determined contributions (NDCs)
- **Upcoming Policy Events (2024/2025):**
 - COP 29: 11-22 November 2024, Baku, Azerbaijan
 - SB62 (Pre-meeting to COP 30): June 2025, Bonn, Germany
 - COP 30: November 2025, Belem, Brazil
- **Civil Society Engagement:** Engage through the [Women and Gender Constituency](#) (WGC) and apply for observer status via the UNFCCC secretariat.