



Asia Pacific Women's Watch Newsletter

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APWW's work provides valuable spaces for women's Civil Society Organizations (WCSOs) to gather, share their analyses, formulate common positions, and strategize linked activities and actions on common issues.

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BEIJING +25

Beijing+25 Civil Society Townhall - 19 October, 2020

UN Women is hosting a virtual interactive Civil Society townhall meeting on Beijing+25 and beyond, in the era of COVID-19. The event will be an interactive dialogue between UN Women's leadership and civil society and moderated by Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director of the Civil Society Division and Executive Coordinator of the Generation Equality Forum.

Discussions will touch on the ongoing work on Beijing +25 as well as the impact of COVID-19 on the gender equality agenda. Please find linked the [flyer](#), [concept note](#) and the [agenda](#) for



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**Beijing + 25
in the Time of COVID-19**

The forum will focus on the gender impact of COVID-19 in the Asia Pacific region. With the Beijing Platform for Action as framework, inequalities exacerbated as well as gains eroded by the pandemic will be highlighted. Responses of government, donors, and civil society will be discussed.

October 23, 2020 | 10:00 AM Philippines
| 2:00 PM Fiji | 7:00 AM Pakistan | 11:00 AM Japan

Register through:
https://zoom.us/join/register/WN_qr1Uy6S9ReKxG21oMmVHSA



Yukiko Oda
Japan Women's Watch



Nalini Singh
Fiji Women's Rights
Movement



Moderator:
Luz Martinez
SEAWWatch

Beijing + 25 in the Time of COVID-19 on 23 October, 2020

Webinar - Sharing initial findings from the Pacific and Asia APWW Report on COVID-19 framed by the BPFA.

Across the Pacific and Asia, women and girls in all their diversity are disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Existing gender inequalities are exacerbated during a crisis, with the result that women and girls are not only undertaking more unpaid domestic work, are less able to access essential health services, are more vulnerable to economic hardships, are experiencing ever-rising rates of

the event. We are sharing (in the linked documents) a set of guiding questions that we hope will drive the conversation in the town hall, but you are also welcome to discuss other issues as you see relevant.

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violence, sexual abuse and control from their husbands, partners and families/kinship groups, and they are not at the table in designing the national pandemic strategies. Women in all their diversity are losing ground to previous gains and are experiencing shrinking democratic spaces.

The impacts of COVID-19 restrictions are creating a disproportionate impact on members of our society due to our delay in creating equitable societies.

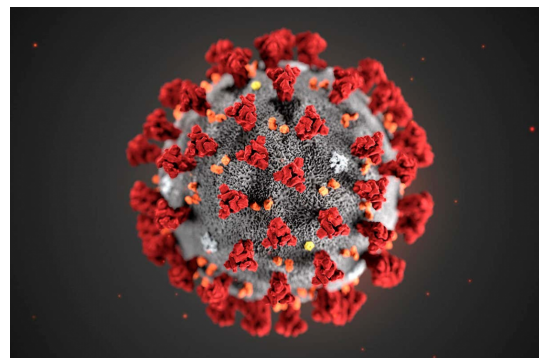
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75th session of the UN General Assembly Update

In the midst of a global pandemic, the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly opened virtually on 15 September. With COVID-19 continuing to put at risk the hard-won gains of women's rights, gender equality is on top of the agenda for decision-makers. The session will mark the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with a High-level event where world leaders are expected to present actions to accelerate the full realization of gender equality.

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Asia Pacific Regional COVID review - coming soon

Following the Rapid Response of many organisations in the Asia and Pacific Region we are quickly finding the longer term gendered impacts of COVID 19 is impacting on women in all their diversity in different ways and at different times.

The call to action of women's voices must be louder and more persuasive during and after COVID-19 and the recovery thereof in persistence of human and women's rights. CEDAW and the Asia Pacific region must act in concert to achieve the gender equity and empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity. At every juncture of society it is the women of the world who have and will experience the most negative and sustained impacts of the

COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 has simply highlighted the injustices that many women experience relentlessly in their daily lives. What is now apparent too is the failure of State social protection systems especially pertaining to women's rights and gender equality.

There are emerging a number of overarching recommendations that cross-cut all areas. These areas are contained within the BPFA and there is a strong argument to return to the strategies of the BPFA to address many of the issues raised. Also by using the BPFA as a framework for action, we can realise and acknowledging the unique areas arising for young women through internet technology and COVID 19 implications of this.

The APWW Regional Update on COVID-19 will be shared in October 2020 - follow the [website](#) or facebook for further information.

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