

THE UN FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN PLATFORM FOR ACTION: OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

This outline highlights the Platform's 11 strategic objectives of the critical areas of concern, and lists the actions to be taken.



1. To enable women to overcome poverty.

- Adopt gender-sensitive economic policy
- Target policies, etc. to poor women
- Help rural women to overcome poverty
- Address needs of women migrants and displaced women

2. To ensure women access to education in a variety of fields and sectors.

- Achieve education for all
- Improve quality of education in developing countries
- Prevent girls from dropping out
- Prepare women for new fields of study
- Elect women to educational boards
- Promote gender-sensitive education
- Encourage women in research

3. To increase women's access to quality, affordable health care.

- Deliver accessible health care service
- Provide adequate funding for family planning and reproductive health.
- Encourage research on conditions and diseases affecting women

4. To eliminate violence against women

- Study the causes of violence in a societal context
- Adopt eradication measures, including legislation
- Provide legal and social assistance to women subject to violence

- Enact training programs for justice and health professionals to ensure the fair treatment of abused women

5. To increase the participation of women in conflict resolution and to protect women in armed and other kinds of conflict under foreign occupation.

- Bring more women into the peace process
- Support women affected by armed conflict
- Grant assistance to refugee women

6. To promote women's economic self-reliance.

- Eliminate discrimination of women in economic activities
- Give women access to resources, employment and appropriate working conditions, market and trade
- Grant women equal pay for equal work
- Create a flexible, supportive workplace that allows for family time

7. To strengthen factors that promote the full and equal participation of women in power structures and decision-making.

- Ensure the training of women in schools and home to enable women to become decision-makers
- Provide equal access, participation and opportunity in all careers and sectors

8. To integrate gender-equality into policy and other planning at all levels and in all areas

- Generate and release gender-disaggregated data for planning and evaluation
- Strengthen national machinery for the advancement of women

9. Apply and enforce international standards to promote and safeguard women's human rights

- Make international instruments effective
- Implement international norms in national practice
- Achieve legal literacy worldwide

10. Enhance the role of communications media to promote awareness of the need for women's equality

- Guarantee the access of women to information and participation in media
- Eliminate gender stereotyping in media

11. Involve women in programs for sustainable development ecological protection

- Disseminate gender-relevant knowledge
- Develop consumer awareness to promote sustainable patterns of consumption.