

# WEBINAR

## NATIONAL REVIEWS ON PROGRESS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS



25 Years from the Beijing World Conference on  
Women (Beijing +25)

Organized by NGO Office NYC and Province UN  
Representatives

### Background and Aim of Webinar

The “Beijing Conference on Women” was the Fourth World Conference on Women. These conferences were held in Mexico (1975), Copenhagen (1980), Nairobi (1985) and Beijing (1995). The Beijing conference was a resounding success in that it gathered together some 17.000 delegates and 30.000 civil society activists and delivered a Declaration and Platform of Action. The Beijing Conference was pivotal in that it produced a leap in the level of awareness of women's issues that needed to be addressed. The twelve critical areas of concern identified in the Beijing Platform for Action have provided a framework that allowed countries and civil society to take note of the implementation, the progress and the impediments.

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) has been responsible for the follow up at its annual sessions and, every five years, a special review was held.

We are now celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. At the next session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) participants will bring together the work which began in 2019 with the preparation of comprehensive national reviews led by the Member States. Following regional reviews, held in the five UN regions, the review process will culminate in a global review at the 64th Session of the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) in March 2020.

The IBVM/CJ Network has been preparing for this moment where the current political, economic and social trends continue to advance and impede the advancement of women's human rights in a global context marked by deepening inequalities within and between countries. We decided to have a Webinar before the Commission. (We will also have a Webinar for Latin-American and the Caribbean Region in Spanish after the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) but we will have input from Peru in English on 29 February).

## **Aim of the Webinar**

The IBVM/CJ Province UN Representatives and the UN NGO Office, New York have organized an educational /awareness- raising opportunity on what has been achieved in our countries since the Fourth World Conference on Women held in 1995. It will be based on the reports submitted by our national governments.

We decided to study the National Reviews submitted to UN Women from the countries where we are present. It is important to know what our governments actually say they are doing, their progress and difficulties. With that information we can make judgments on the present situation of women and girls.

In addition to general overview, we will have input on the reviews from the perspective of specific issues, e.g. Human Trafficking, Girls.

**We would like to invite sisters, associates, colleagues, friends, students past and present from the global IBVM/CJ network. If you are interested in the empowerment of women and girls, and promoting gender equality, please come and join this thought-provoking webinar.**

## **Webinars: Information**

**We will hold two sessions of the Webinar**

**Date: Saturday 29 February.**

1. **Asia Pacific:** 11.30am (India), 5pm (Sydney, Australia), 1 pm (Philippines), (1.00 am New York). Register [HERE](#)
2. **Rest of world:** 11am (NYC, Peru, Canada), 4pm (Ireland and UK), 5pm (Continental Europe), 7 pm (Kenya), 6 pm (Zambia, Zimbabwe). Register [HERE](#)

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**Duration of Webinar:** 45 mins max.

### **Presenters:**

**If we are lucky with internet connections, we will have presenters from/on:**

- **Asia-Australia Region:** Nepal, India, Philippines, Australia
- **Rest of World:** Albania, Spain, Ireland, Morocco, Peru, U.K. Zimbabwe, Zambia.

### **NGO Office:**

- **Cynthia** will join from India and will comment from the perspective of girls.
- **Francesca and Cecilia** will organize the Webinars from New York.
- **Francesca** will handle the chat and questions and will give some feed-back on what she has heard at the end.
- **Cecilia** will facilitate.