

The Mandate of Beijing+30

At this critical juncture for the global women's rights movement, the Beijing+30 review process demands more than mere commemoration; it requires a ruthless examination of our collective progress and failures. Grounded in the historic 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the mandate of the Beijing+30 movement is unequivocal: to assess global implementation across twelve critical areas of concern, dismantle enduring systemic barriers, and accelerate action for gender equality.

This is an active, demanding mandate to ensure that promises made thirty years ago are realized in today's complex world. The key outputs of this movement must be tangible: actionable policy shifts, fortified financing for gender equality, robust frameworks addressing intersectional crises, and uncompromising mechanisms to protect women from violence.

The Sudan Crisis: Three Years of Concrete Reality

The lofty goals of Beijing+30 cannot be discussed without confronting the stark, harrowing realities on the ground. A framework for equality means nothing if it cannot protect the most vulnerable among us. Today, our urgent attention and action must be directed toward Sudan.

This month marks a dark and tragic milestone: three years of relentless, devastating conflict. The international community is no longer just warning of a crisis; we are bearing witness to a catastrophe of historic proportions. The concrete reality confronting the Sudanese people today is staggering:

- **The World's Largest Displacement Crisis:** Over 12 to 13 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes. More than 9.5 million are displaced internally, while upwards of 3 million have fled across borders into neighboring countries.
- **A Weaponized Famine:** Hunger is being deliberately used as a weapon of war. With famine officially confirmed in locations such as the Zamzam IDP camp in North Darfur and Kadugli in South Kordofan, an agonizing 24.6 million people—more than half the country's population—currently face acute food insecurity.
- **The Collapse of Survival Systems:** More than 80% of health facilities in conflict-affected areas are completely non-functional.

The Disproportionate Burden and Unyielding Resilience of Women

As is the grim reality of all conflicts, the women and girls of Sudan are bearing a disproportionate and horrific burden. The UNFPA estimates that over 12.7 million people are at risk of gender-based violence. We have documented the systemic weaponization of sexual violence, the total collapse of maternal healthcare leaving hundreds of thousands of pregnant women without safe delivery services, and the shattering of livelihoods.

Yet, amidst this three-year nightmare, Sudanese women are not merely victims. They are the frontline responders, the community organizers, and the very spine of local resilience. They demonstrate the exact leadership the Beijing Declaration promised to uplift, operating daily under the constant threat of gunfire and starvation.

Strategic Priorities for Immediate Action

This profound intersection—the promise of global mandates versus the urgent reality of local crises—dictates our strategic intent. To ensure Beijing+30 serves as a true instrument of action for the women of Sudan, our collective efforts must focus on crucial pillars, informed by the urgent realities raised during our recent dialogue:

- **Unhindered Humanitarian Access, Localized Funding, and Livelihood Support:** Bureaucratic blockades must be bypassed to directly fund grassroots, women-led organizations operating within Sudan. As highlighted in yesterday's discussions, one highly actionable goal we can pursue today to instantly impact livelihoods is supporting these organizations in their localized efforts toward service delivery (to the extent possible) and agricultural production. Specifically, empowering women to cultivate and sustain staple Sudanese crops, such as sorghum and sesame, is vital. These organizations are delivering life-saving aid amidst a collapsed infrastructure and require immediate, flexible, and sustained resources to secure food sovereignty.
- **Accountability, Justice, and Natural Resource Management:** International frameworks must be leveraged to demand an end to impunity. The conflict-related sexual violence and systematic abuses occurring in Sudan—heavily documented by human rights fact-finding missions—must be met with rigorous international legal accountability. Furthermore, as raised during our sessions, we must critically address the management of natural resources, particularly the exploitation of gold, which serves as a significant economic driver of the conflict and deprives the Sudanese people of their rightful wealth and stability.
- **Women's Meaningful Participation in Peacebuilding:** There will be no sustainable peace in Sudan without the central, authoritative inclusion of Sudanese women in all peace negotiations and post-conflict transition planning. This is a prerequisite for a stable future, not a secondary consideration.

Our Commitment

The mandate of Beijing+30 is not a victory lap; it is a continued fight. True outputs must be measured not by the declarations signed in global forums, but by the lives saved and the voices amplified on the ground.

For three years, the women, children, and people of Sudan have demanded the world's attention and action. This statement stands as our resounding commitment. We stand in unwavering solidarity with Sudan, and we remain dedicated to translating global frameworks into urgent, localized, and life-saving impact.