**Introduction:**

Since the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) was adopted in the Fourth World Conference on Women 1995, it has been considered as a landmark instrument for the advancement of women’s rights and equality. The conference accelerated disabled women’s movements, catalysing networks of advocates for the rights of women with disabilities (WWD).

The BPfA has had periodical reviews every five years with civil society organizations maintaining the charge for government accountability and greater commitments for women’s rights. In 2014, women with disabilities was one of the main constituency groups outlined by the Steering Committee of CSOs from the Asia and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review.

In 2020, the UN is set to conduct the BPfA review 25 years after the Beijing conference (BPfA +25) during the UN General Assembly along with national and regional reviews pertaining to the declaration. Taking this as an opportunity, the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) is launching a survey to measure levels of engagement and participation of women with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region in BPfA +25 related processes and beyond.

This survey also seeks to acquire pertinent information on the current situation of WWDs through concrete findings; i.e. actual stories and cases relevant to the implementation of the BPfA. Furthermore, the survey intends to gather recommendations from WWDs in the Asia-Pacific region on how the BPfA can better work for the group.

This survey is estimated to take approximately 45-60 minutes to be completed and is targeted to women with disabilities as well as groups and individuals working with the group in the Asia-Pacific region. When answering the questions, please bear in mind that BPfA is not a standalone document, hence is crucial to be considered in relation to other instruments on disability, gender, and development, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the Incheon Strategy, the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development to name a few.

**Objectives:**

* To measure awareness, engagement, and participation of women with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region in BPfA +25 related processes including national and regional reviews.
* To examine the situation of women with disabilities in the Asia-Pacific region in relation to the BPfA implementation through case studies, stories, submissions to name a few.
* To identify recommendations of women with disabilities from the Asia-Pacific region towards better implementation of BPfA inclusive of needs and realities of the constituency.

**Survey questions:**

**Basic Information**

* Name:
* Organisation:
* Email:
* Phone Number
* Are you participating in the survey as: individual/organisation?

**Awareness and engagement:**

* Have you heard of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) or the Fourth World Conference on Women? \*skip next question if your answer is "No"\* Multiple Choice: Yes/No
* What was the source of information/from whom did you hear about BPfA? Can choose more than one: government, UN agency, CSOs, Others
* Has your organization ever participated or engaged in any of the BPfA reviews at the national, regional and/or international levels? If YES, please specify the review cycle and describe the level of participation and engagement *e.g. have you ever been invited to any consultation meeting, what was the level of accessibility for women with disabilities, whether your inputs were reflected in the result of the meeting/consultation, etc.* If NO, what do you think are the factors that has hindered the participation of women with disabilities? Please answer in a short paragraph
* Based on the Critical Areas of Concern (CACs) identified in BPfA, please select the focus areas of your work. Can choose more than one from:
  + Women and Poverty
  + Education and Training of Women
  + Women and Health
  + Violence against Women
  + Women and Armed Conflict
  + Women and the Economy
  + Women in Power and Decision-making
  + Institutional Mechanism for the Advancement of Women
  + Human Rights of Women
  + Women and the Media
  + Women and the Environment
  + The Girl-child
* Please give 2-3 examples on the work/initiatives/actions taken by your organization in relation to the selected CACs. Please answer in a short paragraph

**Issues:**

* Please identify 3 key challenges or barriers faced by women with disabilities in your country/local area. Please give examples e.g. case studies and stories where appropriate. Please answer in a short paragraph
* Please identify 3 key challenges or barriers faced by women with disabilities in your country/local area in relation to the Beijing +25 Review processes as well as the implementation of BPfA. Please give examples e.g. case studies and stories where appropriate. Please answer in a short paragraph

**Level of implementation:**

When answering questions in this section, please refer to the annex for a complete list of key actions identified in BPfA regarding the rights of WWD. The annex can be found at the end of this document.

* Please provide a brief analysis on the level of implementation of the BPfA in advancing the rights of women with disabilities in your country/local area. *For example, the BPfA identified the development of special programmes enabling women with disabilities to obtain and retain employment as action to be taken by governments, employers, employees, trade unions and women's organizations under F.5.178.j. You can analyze by answering some of these questions: Has there been any such comprehensive programmes in my country? How effective have they been? Have women with disabilities been consulted thoroughly in the processes? To what extent have their opinions been taken up in the implementation of such measures? This is only one example; see annex for a complete list of key actions. Please try to elaborate on as many areas as possible.* Please answer in a short paragraph
* Please provide examples, if there is any, of good practices by your government in implementing the BPfA to advance the rights of women with disabilities. *For instance, progress in promotion and implementation of gender equality in disability related policies, special programmes to increase the number of women with disabilities in political and public life, integrating BPfA with SDGs and other relevant processes and instruments (CRPD, Incheon Strategy, etc)*. Please answer in a short paragraph
* Please provide examples of situations where your government fails to implement the BPfA to advance the rights of women with disabilities. Please answer in a short paragraph

**Demands and Recommendations:**

* What are the past recommendations, if any, that you have put forward regarding the implementation of BPfA for women with disabilities? Please answer in a short paragraph
* What are the actions, if any, that various parties have taken based on your past recommendations? Please answer in a short paragraph
* What are your current demands regarding the implementation of BPfA for women with disabilities? Please answer in a short paragraph
* What are the actions that can be taken by various parties to address these current demands? Please answer in a short paragraph

**Other:**

* Please attach reports/materials related to BPfA +25 review or submissions to any relevant bodies for the review and beyond
* Please give an in-depth case study if possible. You can choose to elaborate on any of the examples given above. Please answer in a short paragraph
* Other comments/remarks Please answer in a short paragraph

**Annex: list of key actions identified in BPfA regarding the rights of WWD**

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| **Critical Area of Concern** | **Action** | **Responsible Party** |
| Women and Health | Ensure that girls and women of all ages with any form of disability receive supportive services with regard to their access throughout the life cycle to appropriate, affordable and quality health care, information and related services | Governments, in collaboration with non-governmental organizations and employers' and workers' organizations and with the support of international institutions |
| Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women | Improve concepts and methods of data collection on the participation of women and men with disabilities, including their access to resources, in the processes of generating and disseminating gender-disaggregated data and information for planning and evaluation | National, regional and international statistical services and relevant governmental and United Nations agencies, in cooperation with research and documentation organizations, in their respective areas of responsibility |
| Human Rights of Women | Publicise and disseminate information on women’s human rights in formats suitable for PWD to achieve legal literacy | Governments and non-governmental organizations, the United Nations and other international organizations, as appropriate |
| Women and the Economy | Ensure access to   * special programmes enabling WWD to obtain and retain employment * education, skills development and training for the purpose of employment for women with disabilities * working conditions suited for the needs of WWD * legal protection against job loss on account of disabilities | Governments, employers, employees, trade unions and women's organizations |
| The Girl-child | Ensure access to appropriate education and skills-training for girl children with disabilities for their full participation in life to eliminate discrimination against girls in education, skills development and training | Governments, international and non-governmental organizations |
| Violence against Women | Ensure that women with disabilities have access to information and services in the field of violence against women in order to prevent and eliminate violence against women | Governments |
| Women in Power and Decision-making | Provide leadership and self-esteem training to assist women and girls, particularly those with special needs, women with disabilities and women belonging to racial and ethnic minorities to strengthen their self-esteem and to encourage them to take decision-making positions to increase women's capacity to participate in decision-making and leadership | Governments, national bodies, the private sector, political parties, trade unions, employers' organizations, subregional and regional bodies, non-governmental and international organizations and educational institutions |