



Women Deliver National Convening – Nepal 2023

Gender Equality Now: Youth-Led Solutions for Women's Empowerment in The Asia-Pacific Region

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Time: 1 PM to 4 PM Nepali Standard Time

BACKGROUND

The Women Deliver movement is dedicated to advocating for gender equality and the health and rights of girls and women worldwide. Since its inception in 2007, Women Deliver has brought together diverse stakeholders from various sectors, including governments, civil society organizations, and the private sector, to advance progress for women and girls in all their intersectionality. The organization has held global and regional conferences, convened high-level advocacy events, and developed research and publications on critical issues facing women and girls globally.

With Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights at the core, this year's Women Deliver Conference will center intersectional feminist principles, to address compounding issues impacting girls and women—from climate change to gender-based violence, to unpaid care work—and collectively identify and action evidence-based solutions.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONVENING

In line with its commitment to advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls, the Asia-Pacific steering committee for Women Deliver is pleased to announce the Women Deliver National Convening. This series of virtual convenings aims to create a platform for national-level conversations and collaborations on key thematic areas that affect women and girls in countries in the Asia-Pacific. The convening will bring together diverse stakeholders from government, civil society, the private sector, and academia to share knowledge, identify solutions, and generate collective action for gender equality. Its major objective is to develop actionable solutions and strategies for addressing four critical thematic areas, with a focus

on promoting inclusivity, improving access to healthcare and education, and promoting empowerment for women and girls to feed into the Asia Pacific Regional Convening event.

The Women Deliver National Convening will focus on critical thematic area:

Inclusivity: The convening will focus on promoting inclusivity and addressing the unique challenges faced by girls and women in all their intersecting identities, including those of marginalized groups, individuals identifying as LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and tribal/indigenous populations.

Young People's SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights): The convening will focus on improving access to modern contraceptives and Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) for young people, with an emphasis on promoting safe and healthy sexual and reproductive behaviors.

Women's Rights and Girls' Rights: The convening will focus on promoting women's and girls' rights, with a priority towards promoting access to modern contraceptives, family planning, and safe delivery, and addressing the decline of women in workforce participation and promoting women's participation in political decision-making.

Gender, SRHR, and Climate Change: The convening will explore the intersection between gender, SRHR, and climate change, and identify actionable strategies for promoting gender equality and addressing the impact of climate change on women and girls in the region.

Women Deliver National Convening aims to catalyze action and drive progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in Nepal. YUWA and Plan International Nepal, in collaboration with the Women Deliver and ARROW, invite interested stakeholders and participants to join the convening and contribute to creating significant change for the women and girls globally.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Women Deliver National Convening is to advance gender equality and improve the health and well-being of women and girls in Nepal.

The objectives of the Convening are as follows:

- Provide a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences and perspectives on the thematic area.
- Develop actionable solutions and strategies for addressing these issues, with a focus on promoting inclusivity, improving access to healthcare and education, and promoting empowerment for women and girls to feed into the Asia Pacific Regional Convening.
- Share good practices and innovations in the thematic areas.
- Build partnerships and networks among stakeholders from across the region, including policymakers, civil society organizations, and other key actors, to promote coordinated and sustained efforts to advance gender equality.

METHODOLOGY

The Women Deliver National Convening will be a participatory virtual event, featuring a range of activities aimed at engaging stakeholders and promoting dialogue and exchange. The methodology for the convening will include the following:

- Plenary sessions featuring high-level speakers, including stakeholders, young people, and other experts. The plenary will also have presentations on key themes and issues related to gender equality in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Interactive discussions focusing on specific issues and topics related to the key themes of the convening.
- Networking and partnership-building opportunities.

SCOPE

The national-level virtual convening will invite some members of the Women Deliver Asia Region Steering Committee and other relevant stakeholders from each country to participate. The Steering Committee members will represent different countries across the Asia-Pacific region, and they will serve as the focal points for engaging stakeholders from their respective countries.

PARTICIPANTS

The virtual national convening will bring together 70 stakeholders, guests and participants from different sectors, including government officials, civil society organizations, private sector representatives, academia, and development partners. Participants will be selected based on their experience and expertise in the selected themes.

TECHNICAL ASPECT

The virtual convening will be hosted on a virtual platform that can accommodate the expected number of participants and the format of the event. Technical support will be available to troubleshoot any issues that may arise, and participants will receive guidance on how to use the platform and engage in the sessions.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

A communication plan will be developed to promote the convening and reach out to potential participants and stakeholders. Key communication channels and messaging will be identified, and outreach materials will be developed. The communication plan will include outreach to relevant government agencies, civil society organizations, youth networks, and other stakeholders to ensure broad participation and engagement.

EVALUATION PLAN

The convening will be evaluated using feedback mechanisms, surveys, and other evaluation tools to gather feedback and identify areas for improvement. The evaluation plan will be developed in consultation with the Steering Committee members and other stakeholders, and it will be designed to capture feedback on the content, format, and organization of the convening.

TIMELINE

The national-level virtual convening will be held prior to the Women Deliver Asia Region Convening, and the timeline will be determined based on the availability of the Steering Committee members and other stakeholders. The timeline will be developed in consultation with the Steering Committee members and other stakeholders to ensure that it is feasible and allows sufficient time for planning and preparation.

CONCLUSION

The national-level virtual convening will serve as a critical platform for engaging stakeholders and building momentum and engagement for the Women Deliver Asia Region Convening. By bringing together stakeholders from different countries and sectors, the convening will promote collaboration and knowledge-sharing, and it will help to identify key issues.