



Asia-Pacific Women Deliver Regional Convening 2023

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

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BACKGROUND

To tackle the pressing issue of gender inequality against girls and women in all their intersecting identities, and to work towards improving health and rights, Women Deliver was introduced. Since its inception, Women Deliver has proven to be a major platform for enhancing a collective movement of gender equality and promoting significant change for the 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

The Asia-Pacific region is very diverse, with varying degrees of gender inequality prevalent across the diverse nations and circumstances. To effectively tackle and address this issue through the Women Deliver Conference to progress towards gender equality, a comprehensive approach is necessary. This approach must include factors such as cultural norms, discriminatory practices, legal frameworks, social attitudes, and economic possibilities.

Therefore, the Women Deliver Regional Convening aims to bring together stakeholders and young people from the Asia-Pacific region by identifying key problems and developing

workable comprehensive solutions in accordance with the key thematic areas of the convening.

The regional convening aims to encourage actions and stimulate creativity and accelerate change by creating spaces for dialogue, collaboration, knowledge sharing, policy influence, resource mobilization, and movements building. It not only aims to not only identify the challenges hindering gender equality in the key thematic areas but also to generate an actionable plan that will promote inclusivity, improve access to healthcare and education, and empower women and girls in all their intersectionality. This plan will be presented at the Women Deliver Conference 2023 as a call-to-action that will contain concrete solutions and strategies aimed at addressing gender inequality.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Women Deliver Regional Convening is to advance gender equality and improve the health and well-being of women and girls in the Asia Pacific region.

The objectives of the Convening are as follows:

- Identify key strategic issues related to gender equality in the Asia-Pacific region, under the thematic focus areas of inclusivity, young people's SRHR, women's rights and girls' rights, and the intersection between gender, SRHR, and climate change.
- 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.
- 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.

KEY-THEMES

The Women Deliver Regional Convening will focus on the following key themes:

1. **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 LGBTQI, people with disabilities, and tribal/indigenous populations.
2. **Young People's SRHR:** 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.

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3. **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.
 4. **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.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The regional convening will emphasize on:

- Prioritizing the needs and rights of women and girls in the Asia-Pacific region
- Promoting inclusivity, equity, and empowerment
- Recognizing and addressing the unique challenges faced by women of the marginalized groups, including LGBTQI, people with disabilities, and tribal/indigenous population.
- Improving access to CSE and modern contraceptives for young people
- Ensuring that women and girls have access to safe and quality healthcare, education, and economic opportunities.
- Promoting partnerships and networks among stakeholders from across the region for coordinated and sustained efforts to advance gender equality.

METHODOLOGY

The Women Deliver Regional 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 ministers, government officials, 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 workshops and panel discussions focusing on specific issues and topics related to the key themes of the convening.
- Sharing of Innovative solutions that have tackled gender inequality in the Asia Pacific Region. Release/launch of its official booklet.
- Networking and partnership-building opportunities, including virtually displaying innovative solutions and initiatives related to gender equality in the region from the Steering Committee members and member organizations.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Regional Convening will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders, including policymakers, civil society organizations, activists, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), healthcare providers, youth peer-educators, youth advocates, individuals who identify as LGBTQI, people with disabilities, representatives of tribal and indigenous groups, and other key stakeholders who are interested in advancing gender equality and improving the health and well-being of women and girls in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Convening will provide an opportunity for these stakeholders to come together to engage in dialogue, share their experiences and perspectives, and work collaboratively towards achieving the goals.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The expected outcomes of the Women Deliver regional convening are as follows:

- Development of a Call to Action with actionable solutions and strategies for addressing gender inequality in the Asia-Pacific region.
- A clear understanding of the key strategic issues related to gender equality in the Asia-Pacific region among the stakeholder and the participants.
- Strengthened partnerships and networks among stakeholders, including policymakers, civil society organizations, and other key actors.
- Increased awareness and engagement around gender inequality-related issues in the Asia-Pacific region, and a commitment to sustained action.

CONCLUSION

The Women Deliver Regional Convening is an important event for progressing towards gender equality and promoting the health and well-being of women and girls in the Asia-Pacific region. Through a participatory and collaborative approach, the convening will facilitate the identification of actionable solutions and strategies to address key issues related to gender inequality.

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