Arab countries agree on priorities for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action almost 25 years after its adoption. She attended the Tunis Forum on Gender Equality organized by the Tunisian Ministry of Women, Children and Social Solidarity, hosted in Tunis, Tunisia, in February 2020.

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BEIJING+25 YOUTH TASKFORCE ANNOUNCED

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ASK AN ADVOCATE:

Youth advocate Hana Faidi from Libya shares her views on the importance of the Beijing Platform for Action in the light of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

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UN Women announced the "Beijing+25 Youth Task Force", comprising 30 young advocates from the Arab States region, to support and guide UN Women's efforts to engage young people in accelerating progress on gender equality and women's empowerment in light of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

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The task force will support UN Women's Policy Advocacy Unit in identifying key champions and influencers for gender equality and women's empowerment in the Arab States region. The task force will also assist in promoting the Beijing+25 Youth Task Force on social media and raise awareness of gender equality and women's empowerment in the Arab States region.

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Twenty-two advocates representing youth networks from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, and Tunisia will be involved in the task force. The task force will be led by UN Women Regional Office for Arab States Deputy Director Fatma El Samahy.

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The Beijing+25 Youth Task Force is a key component of the Generation Equality Forum, which is part of the Beijing+25 process. The Generation Equality Forum, hosted in Mexico City from 30 June to 3 July 2020, marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and brings together young people as equal partners to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment.

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The task force will meet in Amman, Jordan to conduct a parallel review and discussion on the progress made by Arab countries in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and share lessons learned.

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Over 70 representatives of civil society organizations and youth advocates from the Arab States region met in Amman, Jordan to conduct a parallel review and discussion on the progress and lessons learned.

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The event was hosted on occasion of the Digital Inclusion Week organized by UNESCO and ITU and the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration. Women and Health is one of the 70 critical areas identified in the Beijing Declaration, which reiterated that "women have the right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health. The enjoyment of this right is vital to their life and well-being and their ability to participate in all areas of public and private life".

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The task force will work with the aim of establishing a dialogue and knowledge exchange between two generations of gender advocates.

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The meeting presented and discussed the regional summary report based on the 2018-2019 Global Monitoring Report World of Women. The report highlights how governments, civil society organizations, and youth representatives from across the Arab States region brought together their efforts to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

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The meeting was also attended by gender experts from the Regional Support Group of the Generation Equality Forum, which is part of the Beijing+25 process. The Generation Equality Forum, hosted in Mexico City from 30 June to 3 July 2020, marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

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Twenty-five years since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, governments, civil society organizations, and youth representatives from across the Arab States region met to agree on a set of priorities and strategies to advance gender equality and women's empowerment.

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Following a comprehensive and inclusive regional review process that has spanned nearly 12 months, governments, civil society organizations, and youth representatives from across the Arab States region met to agree on a set of priorities and strategies to advance gender equality and women's empowerment in the region.

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In the framework of the 25th anniversary of its adoption, the historic Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in the region who participated in the fourth World Conference on Women in 1995, that adopted the BPfA.

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