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COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE FIFTEENTH-YEAR REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEIJING PLATFORM OF ACTION (BPFA+ 15)

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INTRODUCTION

Country Questionnaire for the Fifteenth-Year Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) +15

The adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) in 1995 ushered in a new era in terms of addressing women's empowerment and advancement. The inception of this Platform carried with it, a call for Governments to accelerate their efforts towards addressing gender inequality. In 2004, and in line with the BPFA, African member States reiterated their commitment to the provisions of the Platform and to gender equality in general. African member States committed themselves to addressing challenges as identified in the *Synthesis of the national progress reports on the implementation of the Dakar and Beijing Platforms for Action* (2004). The current review will therefore cover the extent to which countries have scaled up efforts, post the 7th African Regional Conference on Women (Beijing+ 10).

The United Nations (UN) General Assembly has mandated the UN Regional Commissions, including the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), to follow-up the implementation of the BPFA. At the recent meeting of the Committee on Women and Development (CWD), the process for the African review of the implementation of the Platform was presented to member States. This process was adopted with amendments during the CWD session in August 2008.

The process for the African review will be carried out by a number of stakeholders including the AU and UN Agencies. To ensure that a comprehensive review is undertaken, this questionnaire seeks to solicit information on the status of implementation of policies, programmes and legislation in the area of women's empowerment and advancement in your country. It will be appreciated if this questionnaire could be filled in a collaborative way and in consultation with all stakeholders involved in the implementation of activities related to the empowerment and advancement of women in your country. The national gender machinery is expected to coordinate the completion of this questionnaire and also provide documents supporting information provided.

The completed questionnaires will be analysed and summarized by ECA and the results will be published in the *synthesis report* of the regional report on Beijing+ 15. The report will form part of Africa's contribution to the global review and appraisal of the Beijing +15.

The ECA Executive Secretary would therefore appreciate it if you could submit the completed questionnaire to ECA through the REC and ECA Sub-Regional Office in your region, for onward transmission to:

**The OIC
African Centre for Gender and Social Development
Economic Commission for Africa
P.O. Box 3001
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Fax: 251 11 551 2785/ 4416**

Soft copies in MS Word format should also be emailed to the following address:

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The deadline for the submission of the report is **31 March 2009**

Thank you in advance for your keen collaboration.

ACRONYMS

ACHPR	African Charter on Human and People's Rights
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AU	African Union
BPFA	Beijing Platform for Action
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women
CWD	Committee on Women and Development
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
GBV	Gender Based Violence
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HR	Human Rights
ICPD	International Conference on Population and Development (<i>held in Cairo Egypt in 1994</i>)
ICTs	Information Communication Technologies
ILO	International Labour Organisation
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NDS	National Development Strategy
NGP	National Gender Policy
NDP	National Development Plan
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
SDGEA	Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infections
UN	United Nations
UNSC	United Nations Security Council
VAW	Violence Against Women

PART 1: Enabling Environment

Preamble: In this section, countries assess the degree to which there is an enabling environment at country level for supporting effective implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action. This appraisal focuses on the following aspects of the creation of such an enabling environment for the implementation of the BPFA:

- a) Institutional Arrangements
- b) Commitment to CEDAW
- c) Commitment to continental level gender equality protocols
- d) Commitment to sub-regional level gender equality protocols
- e) Adoption of a national gender policy
- f) Emerging issues for Africa
- g) Integration of gender equality principles into national development strategies (NDS) and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSP)

a) Institutional Arrangements for Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women

- 1.1** Have any institutional arrangements been put in place for promoting Gender Equality, Equity and Empowerment of Women in line with the strategic objectives for the BPFA, and recommendation from reviews of the BPFA. Yes No

If yes, please list the various institutional arrangements and mechanisms:

Institutional Arrangement	Year of Establishment	Function(s)
Gender Coordinating Unit	1997	To mainstream gender into all areas of national development.

- 1.2** What are the major constraints that prevent the National Gender Machineries from being effective?)

Lack of resources (human, financial and material); lack of appreciation of the concept of gender by a cross section of the populace.

b) Commitment to CEDAW

- 1.3** What additional work has been done on CEDAW since the 2004 evaluation? What are the lessons learnt?

A three year project supported by the European Commission and UNDP on CEDAW implementation and domestication is being implemented by the government of Swaziland.

- 1.4** Has the Government ratified the Additional Protocol to CEDAW?

a. Ratified? Yes Year of ratification [_____] No

c) Commitment to Continental Level Gender Equality Protocols

1.5 Indicate actions taken to implement the following continental level policy/strategy/framework in your country:

- Year
1. *AU Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa* [_____]
- 1.1. Frequency of reporting: Always Sometimes Never
2. *The African Women's Protocol* [_____]
- 2.1. Frequency of reporting: Always Sometimes Never

d) Commitment to Relevant Sub-regional Level Policies and strategies

1.6 State the relevant sub-regional level policy or strategy and actions taken at country level

Instrument	Action taken at country level
1997 SADC Declaration on Gender and Development	Sectoral programmes have been planned and implemented and reports sent to SADC on annual basis.

e) Adoption of a National Gender Policy

1.7 Has the Government developed a national gender policy or reviewed an existing one to conform to the BPFA+10 Recommendations?

(a) Developed Yes Year of adoption [_____] [awaiting cabinet's approval]
 No

f) Emerging Issues for Africa

1.8 Has your Government adopted Gender Responsive Budgeting as a mechanism?

Yes Year of adoption [_____] No

1.9 What are the lessons learnt in formulating, implementing and monitoring the National Gender Policy?

__ We have learnt that there is need for nation wide consultation to avoid stalling the process as gender is still misconstrued by many people in society. In terms of monitoring, we have learnt that we need to have clear indicators, however, sometimes it becomes impossible to monitor behavioural change.

g) Integration of Gender Equality Principles in the NDS/ PRSP

1.10 Has the Government formulated a National Development Strategy (NDS) / PRSP?

NDS: Yes √ Year [_1997_____] No
 PRSP: Yes √ Year [_2008_____] No

If Yes, please indicate which of the following areas articulated in the NDS and budgeted for in the national programme of activities? (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

BPFA 12 Critical Areas of Concern	<i>Gender Issues Articulated In the NDS/ PRSP</i>	<i>Gender Issues Budgeted for in the NDP</i>
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>
1. Women and Poverty	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
2. Women in the Economy	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
3. Education and training for women	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
4. Women and health	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
5. Violence Against Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> √
6. Women in Conflict Situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Women in Power and Decision Making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> √
8. Human rights of women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> √
9. Women in the media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> √
10. Women and the environment	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
11. The Girl Child	<input type="checkbox"/> √	<input type="checkbox"/> √
12. HIV/AIDS		
Emerging Issues for Africa		
13. Financing for Gender Equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Other (Specify)		

1.12 Please rate availability of the following statistics and data in your country?

Very effective	Good	Average	Poor	Ineffective
1	2	3	4	5

Availability of gender statistics in following areas	Response				
	1	2	3	4	5
Sex disaggregate data on social issues (education, health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on economic issues (production, income, trade, employment, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sex disaggregate data on environmental issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex disaggregate data on Time-Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Statistics on GBV/Violence Against Women	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Statistics for women in decision-making positions (cabinet, parliament, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.13 How effective is the dissemination strategy of Gender Statistics in your country?

Very effective	Good	Average	Poor	Ineffective
1	2	3	4	5

1.13.1 Does it involve use of ICT? Yes

No

Please elaborate:

PART 2: Review of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern and other Emerging Issues

Preamble: Part 2, provides a set of guiding questions that can be used to assess a country's performance against expected actions to be taken by governments as stipulated in the BPPA for 1995. All the 12 critical areas of concern are covered. Countries will also review their performance against cross cutting and emerging issues for the BPPA for Africa.

Section 1: Women and Poverty

a) Measures taken by government empower women and reduce poverty

2.1.1 Indicate actions taken by your government through review of macro policies, development of new legal framework and other socio-economic measures and strategies all aimed at empowering women and reducing their level of poverty. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Reallocation of public spending in favour of programmes and projects aimed at empowering women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Design social protection tools (gender-sensitive safety nets in favour of women and girls)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Provision of services (training, legal services, credit) to women to enable them to start up businesses.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A number of government depts and NGOs have trained women on entrepreneurs	

		an d some NGOs have provided low interest rates loans to women who want to start up businesses	
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b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.1.2 For the critical area of Concern “Women and Poverty”, please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to empower women and reduce poverty. *(Tick the appropriate response)*

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective Result Based Management mechanism	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and poverty	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food security	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality to reduce poverty	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

_Government in collaboration with certain NGOs have started male involvement programmes . In addition a number of capacity building projects on different fields have been undertaken.

Section 2: Education and training for women

a) Measures taken by government for education and training of women

2.2.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure education and training of women. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Elimination of barriers that hinder boys and girls' access to education	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduction of free primary education	2009
Measures to increase tertiary enrolment and retention of women and girls, especially in sciences, mathematics and technology-related disciplines	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Eliminate gender gap in basic functional literacy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Support and develop gender studies and research	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Eliminate gender disparities in all areas of tertiary education by 2015	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Measure to eliminate barriers to schooling of pregnant adolescents	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.2.2 For the critical area of Concern "Education and training of women", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to empower women and reduce poverty. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and education	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality education and training of women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded "yes" to the question above, please elaborate:

__The Central Statistics Office avails sex disseggregated data on different developmental fields. In addition, a number of training workshops on gender have been held for curriculum developers and teachers. Lastly, there has been a prodject in different high schools on ICT targeted to girls to enhance their literacy in terms of ITC.

Section 3: Women and health

a) Measures taken by government for women and health

2.3.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure quality health services for women (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Implementation of the ICPD Programme of Action and the Copenhagen Declaration	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government in collaboration with NGOs are implementing the provisions of the ICPD and the Copenhagen Declaration	1995 to date
Design and implement and monitor gender-sensitive health programmes, including affordable sexual and reproductive health care services and education for women and girls, and increase resources for women's health	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Reduce maternal morbidity and mortality, deal with health impacts of unsafe abortions, ensure that girls have continuing access to necessary health and nutrition information and services, and address harmful traditional practices that harm women and girls' health including female genital mutilation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Awareness raising programmes undertaken by both government and NGOs	ongoing
Support interventions to curb the spread of malaria, cardiovascular diseases, STIs and cancer that affect women, including provision of free and subsidized reproductive health care services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Medical school curriculum include gender-sensitive mandatory courses.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.3.2 For the critical area of Concern "Women and Health", please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to ensure quality health for women. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and health	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women's health	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Provision of support for elderly women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Provision of support for HIV/AIDS affected girls	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 4: HIV/AIDS and its Gender Implications

a) National Institutional and Policy Framework

2.4.1 Has the Government put in place the institutional framework to address HIV/AIDS or adopted any recent strategies or measures including changes in legislation to address HIV/AIDS concerns?

Yes No

If yes, please indicate as follows:

	Yes	No
1. Existence of an engendered national HIV/AIDS policy	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Engendered service delivery guidelines and standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Availability of adequate human resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Others (please specify):	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.4.2 Has your government established, enforced and monitored strict legal frameworks to address the vulnerability of girls and women

Yes No

If Yes give details

b) HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Strategy

2.4.3 Has the Government adopted any recent measures and strategies including changes in legislation as part of the country's HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment strategy?

HIV Prevention and Treatment Strategies	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved in (year)
Counselling and voluntary testing	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Male and female condom availability and use	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provision free of charge male and female condoms.	ongoing
Targeted intervention to women and other vulnerable groups	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programmes to encourage all citizens to get tested are ongoing.	
Prevention of mother to child transmission	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There is a fully fledged programme on almost all health	

		institutions on PMCT	
Provision of antiretroviral therapy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ✓	Services available in almost all health institutions country wide	
Behaviour change communication	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ✓	Country wide awareness raising campaigns are on going by different partners.	
Medical, psychological and social care to HIV/AIDS victims	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ✓	Voluntary Counselling and testing centres with trained counsellors available countrywide.	
Home based care	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> ✓	A number of organizations both within and outside government offering home based care. In addition rural health motivators are being trained on home based care and given the working tools by governments to work in their respective areas.	
Other (please specify)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section 5: Violence Against Women

a) Measures taken by government for elimination of violence against women

2.5.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure elimination of violence against women (*Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No'*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Legal sanctions for violence against women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enacted or reinforced country legislation to punish offenders and support women subjected to violence with justice and legal services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Mainstreamed gender perspectives in all policies and laws related to VAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Women with disabilities have access to information on services for violence against women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Women with disabilities occasionally invited by different lead agents to trainings on gender and human rights.	
Provide well funded shelters and relief support for girl and women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote research, collect data and compile statistics on domestic violence	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Swaziland Action Group against Abuse is the main NGO collecting and collating statistics on GBV.	
Measures aimed at preventing sex tourism and trafficking	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage the media to examine the impact of gender role stereotyping including those encouraged by commercial advertising.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Several trainings and sensitization sessions with the media have been held by different agencies.	

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.5.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Violence Against Women*”, please indicate if any of these issues were

addressed in efforts to ensure elimination of violence against women. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for violence against women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

_The gender policy elaborates strategies to deal with GBV at national level. Also a programme on 365 days to combat GBV was drawn and is being implemented. Also a programme on male involvement has been initiated by SWAGAA.

Section 6: Women and Armed Conflict

a) Measures taken by government for protection of women in armed conflict situations: Emelang

2.6.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure elimination of violence against women (Tick the box for which the answer is ‘Yes’ or leave box unchecked if answer is ‘No’)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Women’s voices in conflict prevention are heard and they are meaningfully involved in peace processes, including in the planning, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of refugee projects	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Train women in conflict resolution, reconciliation and tolerance	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Integration of a gender perspective in the resolution of armed and other forms of conflict	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Investigate and punish policy, security and armed forces involved in acts of VAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Protect the safety and integrity of women refugees	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Train military officials on the human rights of women and measures to assist women refugees deal with the trauma of rape and rejection	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Implement provisions of UNSC Resolution 1325	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Implement provisions of the AU Protocol on Women’s Rights	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ratified and domesticated international Conventions and Protocols	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.6.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Women in armed conflict*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to protect women in armed conflict. (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Gender and ICTs for women in armed conflict situations	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Financing gender equality for women in armed conflict	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 7: Women and the Economy

a) Measures taken by government for women and economy

2.7.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure full participation of women in the economy. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Adopt and enact laws that guarantee an equal access to employment opportunities and social protection benefits.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Employment Act guarantees these rights	
Ensure equal access to capital and trade opportunities.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Build capacity in gender-sensitive economic analysis.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Ratified and domesticated International Conventions that guarantee the participation of women in the economy			

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.7.2 For the critical area of Concern "Women and the Economy", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to ensure equal participation of women in the economy. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women and the economy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Addressed food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality for women and the economy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded "yes" to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

___The PRSAP is the policy document with clear indicators pointing at the direction on the issue of women and the economy.

Section 8: Women, governance, power and decision making

a) Measures taken by government on women governance, power and decision-making

2.8.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure meaningful participation and involvement of women in power and decision-making. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Encourage and promote stronger representation of women in political and diplomatic circles	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campaigns to encourage women's participation in decision making at all levels mounted.	Increase in the number of women in decision making especially in parliament and cabinet in 2003 and 2008 elections.
Encourage greater involvement of women, in particular indigenous women, in decision-making processes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Campaign covered both urban and rural areas.	
Support research to help identify adequate ways and means to politically empower women			

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.8.2 For the critical area of Concern "Women in power and decision making", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to ensure equal participation of women in power and decision-making. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Institutional mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs for women	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded "yes" to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

__Women's Parliamentary Caucos, the Gender Committee in Parliament and the Nertwork of women parliamentarians are some of the structures in place.

Section 9: Human rights of women

a) Measures taken by government for human rights of women

2.9.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to protect human rights of women. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Report on schedule to the Committee on CEDAW	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Publicise information on national, regional and international mechanisms for seeking redress of HR abuse	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Embody the principle of the equality of men and women in country legislation and strengthen development of programmes to protect the human rights of women	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The country 's constitution has an equality clause and there is a process of law review to ensure that laws are in line with CEDAW.	
Translate to user friendly language information relating to the equal status of women including relevant protocols	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CEDAW and the SADC Declaration on Gender and Development has been simplified and translated to SiSwati.	
Ratified and domesticated International and African Conventions and Protocols that guarantee the human rights of women			

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.9.2 For the critical area of Concern "Human rights of women", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to protect human rights of women in decision-making. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded "yes" to any of the questions above, please elaborate: _____

The National Implementation Plan has targets and benchmarks to mark success or failure in implementation. The National Statistics Office collects and collates sex disaggregated data; and there has been ongoing workshops for all targets groups on Gender, the constitution and Human Rights.

Section 10: Women in media

a) Measures taken by government for human rights of women

2.10.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure effective participation of women in media (*Tick the box for which the answer is ‘Yes’ or leave box unchecked if answer is ‘No’*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Measures that support research on women and media and ensure women’s access to and participation in media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote gender-aware media policies and gender balance in appointments at all levels of the media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage and recognise women’s media networks	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Encourage the participation of women in the development of professional guidelines and codes of conduct for media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Promote gender sensitive research and implementation of a strategy of information, education and communication and support research on women and the media	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enforcement of provisions of the World Summit on the Information Society			

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.10.2 For the critical area of Concern “*Women in media*”, please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to promote equal participation of women in media (*Tick the appropriate response*)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Institutional mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> √	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> √

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

_There is a Committee for women in the media, responsible for looking into the working conditions and welfare of women in the media. There has been ongoing training for both male and female journalists on Gender and Human Rights.

Section 11: Women and the environment

a) Measures taken by government on women and the environment

2.11.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure beneficial participation of women in the environment. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Measures integrating gender in the design and implementation of environmental sound resource management, especially in rural areas	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Measures to engender MDG 7, empower women as producers and consumers to ensure effective environmental actions	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Provide technical assistance to women in sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, small enterprises, trade and industry	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Ministry of Agriculture, Trade and Industry and the Women in Development section have programmes that are specifically in all areas of life.	
Evaluate policies and programmes in terms of environmental impact and women's equal access to and use of natural resources	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

b) Addressing Cross Cutting and Emerging Issues for BPFA

2.11.2 For the critical area of Concern "Women and the environment", please indicate if any of these issues were address in efforts to promote equal participation and benefit in the environment. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have responded “yes” to any of the questions above, please elaborate:

Section 12: The girl child

a) Measures taken by government on the girl child

2.12.1 Indicate actions taken by your government to ensure beneficial participation of women in the environment. (Tick the box for which the answer is 'Yes' or leave box unchecked if answer is 'No')

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	If Yes Indicate Specific Actions Undertaken at Country Level	Give Brief Description of Concrete Results Achieved and when (year)
Eliminate injustice and obstacles related to inheritance by girl children	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Enact and enforce legislation protecting girls from all forms of VAW and ensure marriage is by young women's consent	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Implement policies, plans and programmes for the survival, protection, development and advancement of the girl child	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The national Gender Policy has got some strategies that seek to promote the girl child and there are some NGOs that have programmes that seek to empower the girl child.	
Ongoing research on the situation of the girls and realignment of policies and programmes	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
Develop and adopt curricula, teaching materials and textbooks to improve the self image, lives and work opportunities of girls	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The National Curriculum Centre has reviewed all text books to make them gender responsive.	
Facilitate the equal provision of appropriate services and devices to girls with disabilities	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		

2.12.2 For the critical area of Concern "The girl child", please indicate if any of these issues were addressed in efforts to promote the rights of the girl child. (Tick the appropriate response)

Specific Measures/Actions Taken in the Following Areas	Response	Response
Effective policy development and implementation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluation tools and mechanisms in place	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Availability of sex disaggregated data	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Involvement of men and boys	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Capacity Building	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √
Gender and ICTs	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √
Food security issues	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √
Financing gender equality	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> √

b) Ratification or domestication of relevant global protocols

2.12.2 Has your country ratified and domesticated the Convention on the Rights of the child?

Ratified

Yes √

Domesticated

Yes √

If you have responded “yes” to the question above, please elaborate:

Swaziland ratified and prepared the first CRC Report in 2005. There are ongoing processes to domesticate CRC.

PART 3: Review on key Achievement, Challenges and Lessons Learnt

Overall, what do you view as your key achievement, challenges and lessons learnt in your efforts to implement the BPFA at country level. For each of the three items highlight 4 priority.

Key Achievement in implementing the BPFA

1. The setting up of the Gender Unit within government as an institutional mechanism to implement the BPFA

2. The setting up of gender focal points within government to mainstream gender into their sectoral policies and programmes.

3. The awareness raising on gender and human rights throughout the populace.

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Key Challenges in implementing the BPFA

1. Lack of human resources (material, human and financial).

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3.

4.

Key Lessons Learnt in Implementing the BPFA

1. Working on the issues of gender requires patience because people's attitudes and ways of life cannot be changed overnight. Also there is a lot of resistance to change from all quarters.

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Final Note:

Are there any relevant issues that were not covered in the questionnaire? If yes, what are your views, comments and observations on these issues?

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!