

Zonta influences on UN - dynamic processes Beijing+25



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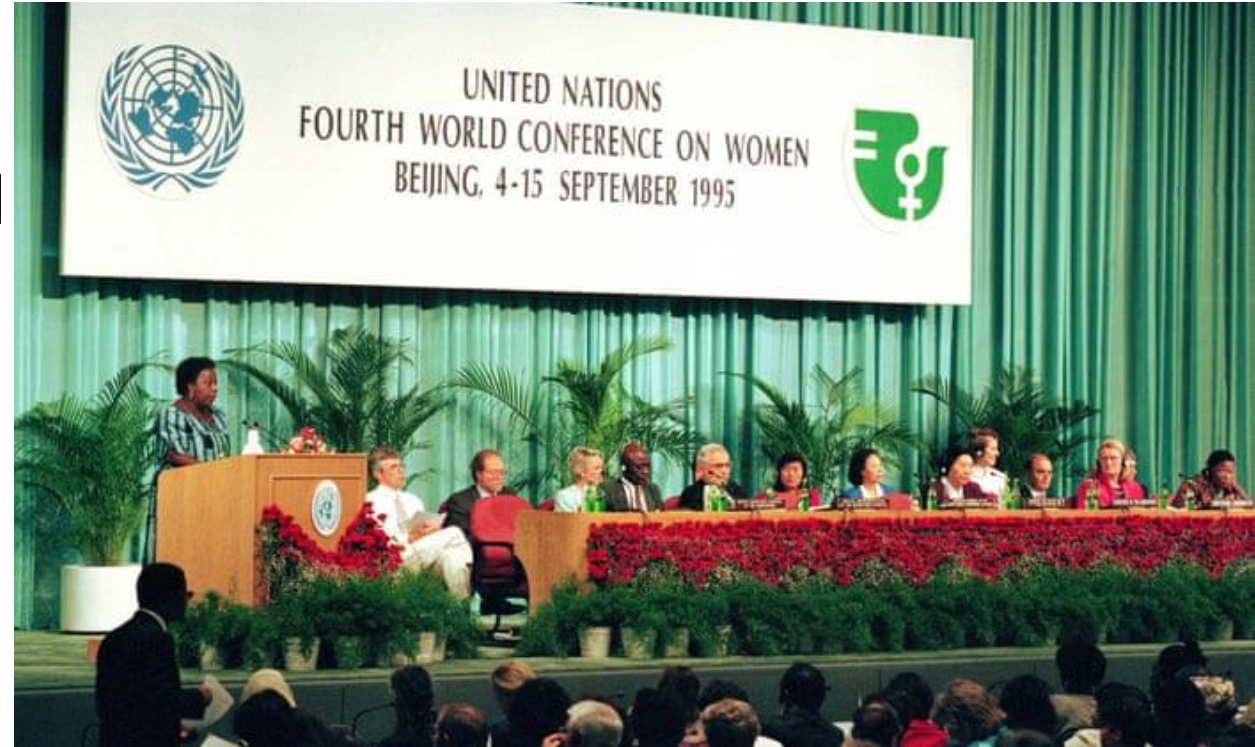
«Women rights are human rights»

1995:

Global optimism, cooperation after Cold War and Apartheid; new democracies > commitments to gender equality.

2020:

Pessimism, no country has got gender equality, deep regression and anti-gender-movements. But also victories.



Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA)

1995

12 areas of focus:

- Women and poverty
- Education
- Health
- Violence against women
- Women and armed conflicts
- Economy
- Power and decision making
- Institutional mechanisms for advancement
- Human rights of women
- Media
- Environment
- The girl child



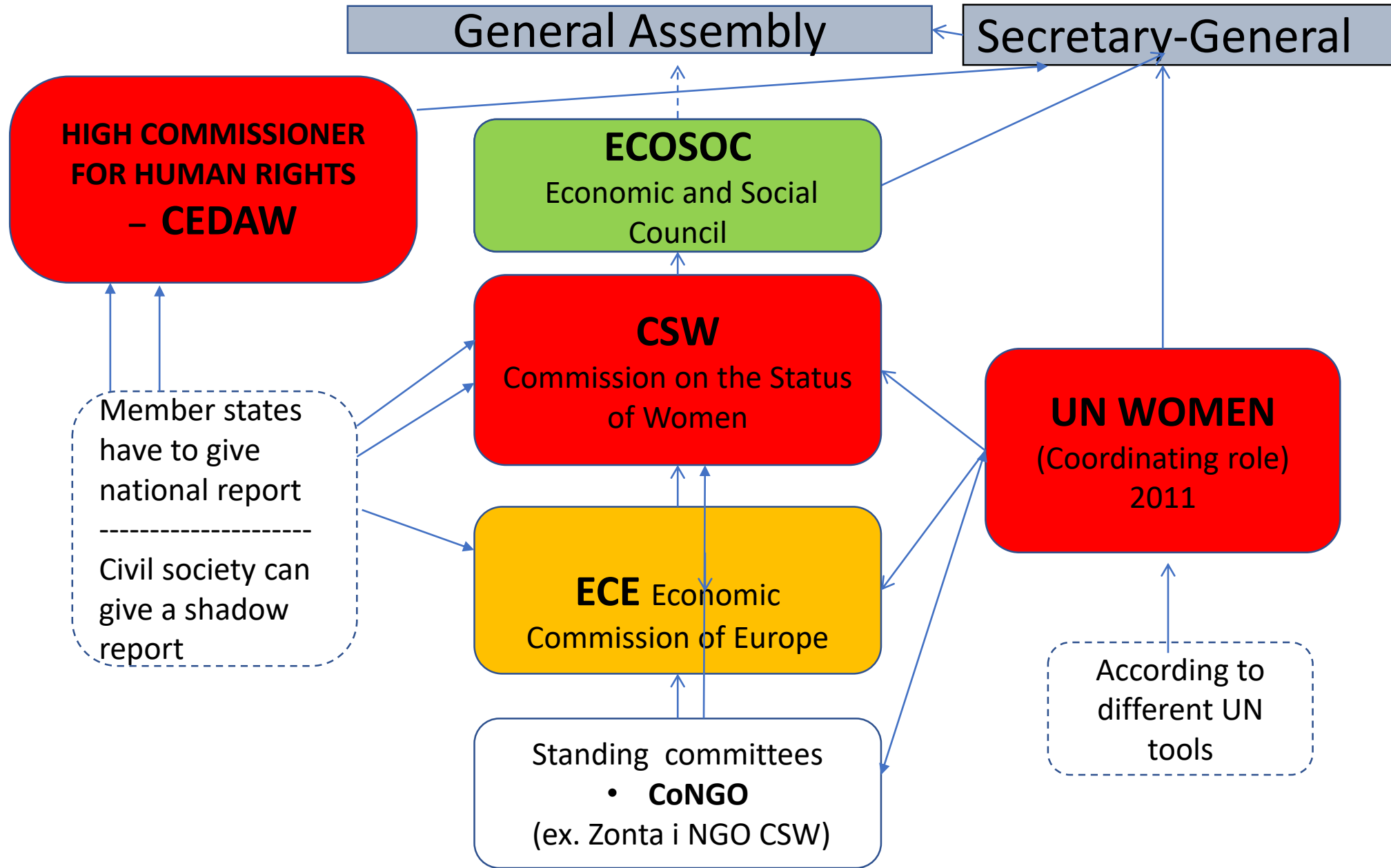
Tools in the process of Beijing +25

1. Beijing Platform for Action 1995
2. Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030, No 5: equality and empowering women and girls

UN bodies want contributions from civil society



UN bodies for Women issues



The circles of Zonta Influences on UN

- The civil society gives **input** to government's report beforehand
Zonta Denmark to Kvinderådet
Zonta Norway to FOKUS
- The government **reports** to CSW (and ECE in Europe)
- Civil society gives national **shadow reports** directly to CSW
- Zonta International gives **statements** to CSW

«**Agreed Conclusion**» by member states at CSW63, a happy day!



In 2020



- **CSW64 March:** review current challenges for implementation of BPfA and step forward to full realization of the 2030 Agenda for SDG.
- **Global Women’s Forum June:** Create outcome, a **Roadmap**, so that change can be immediately and visible from 2020 -2025 > 2030.
- **The Roadmap** makes a transnational discourse of gender equality and solidarity, and mobilize against the erosion of democratic voice and space.
- **General Assembly September:** a high-level event on Beijing+25

What can Zonta clubs do?



- Share knowledge about women and girls vulnerable situation
- Be aware of the gender backlash worldwide
- Inform the public at local and national level
- Cooperate with like minded organizations to strengthen women rights
- Give financial support to Zonta International projects

