

Policy Report on **Gender** and Development 10 YEARS AFTER BEIJING

Women

FORTHCOMING
UNRISD
BOOK

In contribution to the "Beijing Plus Ten" assessment of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), UNRISD will publish a flagship report on gender and development. The research-based policy report will examine—in the four broad areas outlined below—some of the critical policy issues highlighted in the Beijing Platform for Action. The UNRISD report will be launched at the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in New York in March 2005.

THE CHANGING POLITICAL ECONOMY OF DEVELOPMENT

This section will take stock of what is known to date regarding the gender implications and impacts of different economic policy regimes and specific policy components, and, on that basis, will draw some lessons for policy formulation. It will trace and explain the substantial changes in the nature of "development policy", from a Keynesian-type managed approach to one focusing on structural adjustment and then to a more full-blown neoliberal approach, and evaluate the results of the changing policy regimes and development strategies from a gender perspective.

LIVELIHOODS, ENTITLEMENTS AND SOCIAL POLICY

This section will provide an analysis of how and why the liberalization agenda has taken root in different regions and how its different elements have evolved since the early 1980s. To provide a grounded analysis of how liberalization policies are shaping people's well-being and security in gender differentiated ways, it will focus on the changing nature of labour markets as well as men's and women's access to critical assets, welfare services (especially health and education, care), state transfers (pensions, family allowances), and remittances from migrants.

GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRATIZATION AND CIVIL SOCIETY

One of the distinct and positive features of the last two decades has been women's greater political visibility—as individuals and as a social group—in both formal political institutions and in civil society. This section of the report will examine some of the complex issues raised with respect to women's political mobilization (and their capacity to politicize issues of concern to them), their representation in political institutions, and their effectiveness in triggering better responsiveness and accountability from decision makers at different levels.

ARMED CONFLICT, VIOLENCE AND SOCIAL CHANGE

This section of the report will reflect on issues of violence and insecurity in the context of militarism and war from a gender perspective. It will examine in particular the extent to which women have been able to articulate and promote their interests in post-conflict processes of reconstruction, governance reform and justice, and how abuses of women's rights in the context of armed conflict have provided a platform for women's rights advocates and their allies to bring about international legal and institutional changes.

This forthcoming publication is being prepared by the UNRISD project of the same name, "Policy Report on Gender and Development: 10 Years after Beijing". • For information on the project: visit www.unrisd.org/research/gender/report, or contact Caroline Danloy, Associate Information Officer, danloy@unrisd.org. • For review copies of the publication (available by mid-February 2005): contact Sylvie S. Liu, Dissemination Assistant, slu@unrisd.org.

• To contact the Institute: UNRISD, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; phone 41 (0)22 9173020; fax 41 (0)22 9170650; info@unrisd.org; www.unrisd.org.

UNRISD
UNITED NATIONS
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

