

ACCRA AGENDA FOR ACTION

This is a moment of opportunity

1. We are committed to eradicating poverty ...
2. There has been progress. ... However, 1.4 billion people - **most of them women and girls** - still live in extreme poverty, ...

Delivering and Accounting for Development Results

22. We will be judged by the **impacts** that our collective efforts have **on the lives of poor people**. ...

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Delivering and Accounting for Development Results

We will focus on delivering results

23. We will improve our management for results by taking the following actions:

- a) **Developing countries will strengthen the quality of policy design, implementation and assessment by improving information systems, including, as appropriate, disaggregating data by sex, region and socioeconomic status.**

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10. We recognize that a dynamic, inclusive well-functioning and socially responsible private sector is a valuable instrument for generating economic growth and reducing poverty. In order to foster private-sector development, **we shall endeavour to promote an enabling environment that facilitates entrepreneurship and doing business by all, including women**, the poor and the vulnerable. The international community, national Governments and regional economic groups should continue to support these efforts.

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19. **Gender equality and women's empowerment are essential to achieve equitable and effective development and to foster a vibrant economy.** We reaffirm our commitment to eliminate gender-based discrimination in all its forms, including in the labour and financial markets, as well as, inter alia, in the ownership of assets and property rights. **We will promote women's rights, including their economic empowerment, and effectively mainstream gender in law reforms, business support services and economic programmes, and give women full and equal access to economic resources.** We will further promote and reinforce capacity-building of State and other stakeholders in gender-responsive public management, including, but not limited to, gender budgeting.

The business case

A study carried out by ESCAP reveals that the gross national product in the entire Asian-Pacific region could be increased by some 45 billion US dollars per year if the proportion of women working in the formal and paid labour market in the region's seven largest developing countries alone was to rise by 10 per cent.