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**Linkages between implementation of the Platform for Action and achievement of the MDGs**

Moving the agenda forward: championing implementation  
of the Beijing Platform for Action for the achievement of the MDGs\*

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## **Lessons learned from the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action**

### **Women's empowerment requires a coherent and multisectoral approach**

- “Progress remained uneven and inadequate in all critical areas of concern of the Platform for Action” (UNDAW, 2009: 5)
- The conceptual shift in the approach to poverty as a multidimensional phenomenon has not been matched with a similar approach to women's empowerment.
- Poverty reduction strategies have focused on efforts to reduce poverty in general, without any specific efforts to address the gender dimensions of poverty, and to monitor their gendered impacts (UN,

Recommendations for action

*Beijing areas: 3,5*

- **intensification of campaigns and actions on violence against women**

*Beijing areas: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9,11*

- **address past policy neglect in relation to the agricultural sector, particularly the subsistence subsector where women are concentrated** by focusing on on smallholder farms and subsistence agriculture, and be based on the principles of food sovereignty
- **A paradigmatic shift towards a gender-responsive and people-centered macroeconomic framework, which requires at least three types of macroeconomic reforms:**
- **tax reforms** in order to promote progressive and pro-poor taxation,
- **financial reforms** in order to reverse the trend that has widened the gap between the haves and the have nots; undercut jobs and growth; and, privatized profits while socializing risks;
- **trade reforms**