

## **GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS**

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### **ABSTRACT**

It has been now more than 35 years since the United Nations commemorated its efforts to promote gender equality. The first conference on women (WCW) was held in Mexico in 1975, this conference marked the start of the “UN decade for women”. “The fourth world conference on women held in Beijing in 1995 adopted a declaration and a platform for action, which marked the transition from the concept of the advancement of women to that of promoting equality between the sexes, something which requires the participation of both Women and Men and of society as a whole .

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