The Expert Group on Women in Development of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD has contributed to preparatory work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) for the Beijing World Conference on Women, 1995, through a Seminar held at the United Nations headquarters from 8th-11th March. The seminar was entitled "Achievements and Obstacles in issues concerning Women in Development: To Beijing and Beyond."

In discussing a CSW draft "platform for action" for the 1995 World Conference, the expert group and seminar participants from multilateral agencies and developing countries identified the following key objectives:

- share power equally
- release women’s economic potential and overcome poverty
- further human rights for women
- educate women for sustainable development
- improve women’s health, seen as essential for the world’s future.

These objectives were based on a review of the experience of DAC Members over the last decade in addressing women in development issues. The seminar was held as a key step in the elaboration of DAC Members’ future policies towards women in development issues, as well as in their preparations for the 1995 World Conference on Women.