



Today, this platform remains the most comprehensive global policy



framework for the realization of gender equality. However, progress in its

implementation has been uneven among areas and regions. Women remain vulnerable and often disadvantaged in many societies, especially those living in least developed rural areas whose roles are of great significance to social, political and economic development. There are several problems affecting women, such as poverty, violence and discrimination. Many women and girls are subjected to trafficking and exploitation on the daily basis, which undermine their dignity and fundamental rights.

In order to address these issues, it requires the full and effective



across all Government agencies and local authorities in order to ensure that gender issue be mainstreamed into all sectors.

Mr. Chairman