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*Exploring the Route from Nairobi to Beijing +20: Feminist Activist Reflections on Rights Advocacy*

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The global women's movements have made transformational contributions in gender equality and women's empowerment, and contributed to the development of women's human rights.

The NGO Forum of the Beijing Conference was the largest gathering of women from around the world. Never before, or since, have 40,000 women gathered together from across the world to debate and discuss issues of women's rights. In almost every country today, there are institutional mechanisms and legal frameworks that set out to shape laws, policies and programmes aiming to advance women's equal status and protect women's rights. Some feminist scholars note that there has been “an amazing list of gains in international legal and institutional commitments to ending women’s inequality”. Other studies have shown that the single most important factor required to make a policy difference for gender equality is the existence of autonomous and resourced independent women’s organizations.

What do we think about these transformational contributions?

My research is based on reflections of my own experience in the international women's rights movement and poses a series of questions to find out what are the reflections and evaluations of current international feminist activists? What do activists see as the effective change from the ‘enormous gains’?

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