FEDO holds the pride of internationalizing the issues of Dalit women through discussion and advocacy at the various international forum. With its presence at the various international forums, FEDO has been able to make the international community to understand the present human rights situation of Nepalese Dalit women and influence them to adequate concluding observation to the government of Nepal for upholding the rights of Dalit women to live with equality, freedom and human dignity by creating an environment where no caste and gender discrimination prevails. In this connection, FEDO organized one an half day nation-level consultative meeting on ‘Dalit Women and Critical Areas of Concern as outlined in the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA+25) for Women.’

The event was organised as a part of input generation for the drafting process of the lobby document to be prepared by FEDO on ‘Dalit Women and Critical Areas of Concern as outlined by the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA+25) for Women which will be presented at the CSO Forum. FEDO is on plan to organise province-level consultation meetings on same topic in future.

The event was inaugurated at the Central Office of FEDO amid the presence of the Parliamentarians : Neera Jairu, Parbati Bishankhe, Laxmi Pariyar, Aasha BK and Bimala B.K as the guests.
Addressing the inauguration ceremony, the guests exchanged their views on human rights concerns of Dalit women in relation with the 12 areas of the critical concern as outlined by the BPfA+25. They also stressed on the need of exerting pressure on the government to devise ways to address the various issues of the Dalit women such as caste and gender-based discrimination, lack of access to education, health, sanitation, employment opportunities, poor representation in political and civil sphere among others. Likewise, they also expressed their commitment to make continuous effort to address the issues of the Dalit women.

After the inaugural ceremony, the event was divided into various sessions where the participants at the consultation meeting, took stock of all aspects of Critical Areas of Concern as outlined in the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA+25) for Women from Dalit women perspectives reflecting the severe and the multiple forms of discrimination faced by women from Dalit in their day-to-day life. The participants also discussed the various ways of improving the status of Dalits in 12 different areas of concern as outlined in the BPfA+25 and the role of the government and the concerned stakeholders in this regard. The importance of raising the issues of Dalit women at the various international forums was also highlighted in the meeting. The other focus of the consultative meeting was on the government commitment to be abide by BPfA+25 and its implementation.

The meeting found out that the status of Dalit women in each of the critical areas outlined in the BPfA+25 is very poor when compared with the non-Dalits women. Likewise, the meeting identified child-marriage, practices of dowry, polygamy, poverty, lack of equal access to education, health and sanitation, employment opportunities among others as a barrier to the progress of Dalit women.
The event witnessed the participation of approximately 60 key stakeholders providing wider analysis, new insights to the topic by sharing their knowledge, experience and expertise.

The consultation enriched by the fact that a large number of participants were Dalit women, who possessed insights drawn from their own life experience. The event was held on September.

It was also concluded that dignified life has become a far-fetched reality to Dalit women as they encountered with discrimination and violence in their life on a regular basis.

The meeting made recommendation on how the status of Dalit women in relation with the 12 areas of the critical concern as outlined in the BPfA+25 can be improved and how government can take steps for the fulfillment of its commitment to be abide by BPfA+25 and its implementation.