The World Assembly for Women: WAW! 2016 took place in Tokyo on December 13 and 14 with the participation from 27 countries including Japan and 11 international organization.

Public forum (December 13)

- **Opening speech by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe**
  This year's theme: **WAW! for Action**
  Promised to steadily implement over US$ three billion in total assistance for women in developing countries by 2018.

- **Keynote speech by Ms. Marne Levine, COO of Instagram**
  Proposals on work-life management and efforts to promote women in society through advancement of technology.

- **Panel discussions**
  1. **Building Peace in Society by Women**
  2. **Sports and Women**

- **Remarks from representatives including Ms. Phumzile Mlanmbo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women.**

- **Video Messages from Ms. Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Foreign Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Ms. Homare Sawa, a former captain of Japan's national women’s soccer team**
On the second day, five high-level round tables and two special sessions were held. “WAW! To Do 2016” will be sent out as outcome document based on proposals from each round tables and sessions.

**High-Level round tables**
1. Developing Capacity of Women and Promoting Their Active Roles in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
2. Promoting Women's Leadership
3. Work-Life Management 2.0
4. Women's Well-being -Especially Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights-
5. Participation and Empowerment of Women in Peace and Security

**Special Sessions**
1. Gender Equality from Youth Perspective -Current Situation and Challenges-
2. Innovation from Local Communities: Toward Society where Women "Truly" Shine