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<b>1. What type of government does your country have?</b>		
<b>2. What types of views influence your country?</b> (eg. political, religious, other...)		
<b>3. What are the main issues in your country?</b> (eg. conflict, economy, HIV...)		
<b>4. What are the major recent events in your country's history?</b> (Why are they important?)		
<b>5. Which ethnicities, religions and languages are found in your country?</b>		
<b>6. Where is your country and who are its allies</b> (partners) <b>in the region?</b>		
<b>7. Which countries border with our country?</b> Is your country allied with them?		
<b>8. Is your country in conflict with any other countries?</b> Why?		
<b>9. What is the economy like in your country?</b> (GDP/GNI - production/income in \$)		
<b>10. Is your country a member of organisations like the UN?</b> (eg. NATO)		

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<b>11. Do men and women have the same <i>political rights</i> ?</b> (eg. voting in elections)		
<b>12. Do men and women have the same <i>legal rights</i>?</b> (eg. land ownership)		
<b>13. What is the rate of <i>maternal mortality</i> in your country?</b>		
<b>14. Do women have (free) access to medical care?</b> (what is the ratio of doctors to women?)		
<b>15. Do women have access to <i>reproductive rights</i>?</b> (abortion, contraception)		
<b>16. What percentage of women take part in employment?</b> What types of employment?		
<b>17. Do girls and boys have the same access to, quality of, education?</b>		
<b>18. Does your country have laws that protect women?</b> (eg. anti-discrimination laws)		
<b>19. Which UN resolutions has your country ratified?</b> (eg. CEDAW)		
<b>20. Which arguments do you most want to raise in committee debate?</b>		

This is just an overview of some of issues it will be important to know about women, development and your country. This list is not exhaustive. Now you should really focus on researching specifically to develop your position paper on your committee topic. Good luck!