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REALIZING GENDER EQUALITY
AND THE EMPOWERMENT
OF ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

NGO CSW64
FORUM
2020 HANDBOOK
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“Research proves what advocates have known for decades. Effective strategies to reduce GBV must include Empowerment Self Defense.” — Rachel

“ESD is more than violence prevention. It’s a global community that supports you to do what’s good for you.” — Nina

Opening Day Details

El Halev opens the first day of the 64th CSW NGO Parallel events with:

EMPOWERMENT SELF-DEFENSE: VIOLENCE PREVENTION STRATEGIES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

March 9th | 12:30 pm | 4 W 43rd Street “Blue Room”
The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO CSW/NY), advocates with Member States for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the globe in support of the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and UN Women. We lobby for the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, UN Security Resolution 1325, the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

NGO CSW/NY represents more than 550 member organizations and individuals including Young Professionals concerned about the status of women and girls. We monitor and participate in events at UN headquarters in New York. We are untiring in our pursuit of gender equality and empowerment across the globe.

We facilitate, during the Commission on the Status of Women, the largest gathering of civil society at the UN in support of women by hosting 10,000 women from around the world, coordinating and scheduling their over 500 parallel events. Consultation Day, a seven-hour event held the Sunday before the beginning of the CSW, prepares participants for the two-week NGO Forum, when activists gather to discuss issues pertaining to women and girls, to network, share strategies/best practices and to lobby governments. We also conduct advocacy trainings, prepare an orientation, offer spaces to exchange and collaborate, and host regional caucus discussions.

Through its list serve of over 13,000 people, NGO CSW/NY keeps women worldwide apprised of gender-based issues. Monthly meetings in NYC streamed over Facebook Live, feature UN, government and civil society speakers. NGO CSW/NY promotes a gender perspective at the UN and other international meetings, publishes reports analyzing UN processes and meetings through a gender lens, and facilitates an internship program.
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Welcome to CSW64! 2020 is the year to make a change and kick off a decade of action, with no turning back to business as usual. We have many benchmarks to acknowledge and reflect on, the most important being the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the theme for CSW64.

We know the Fourth Women’s World Conference marked a turning point in feminist activism when so many were influenced to push for change. The 12 critical areas of the Platform, agreed on by 189 countries, were so pivotal that the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) adopted a work program for the following five years based on them. Since then, the 12 critical areas are part of their annual theme and five year reviews. CSW has been working with this document for the last 25 years in some form or another. The achievements have been many, especially how it has galvanized civil society and certain coalitions that find their roots in the outcomes from 25 years ago.

Yet, here we are waking up every day to face some pushbacks from the usual suspects and even more from countries that should feel the safest for half the world’s population. The few of this world still controls where most of the money is spent. Gender equality is not just for women and girls, it is for the benefit of all! We must and will defend all of our rights — against patriarchy and militarism, and for climate justice and more!
So what do we do? Do we just keep meeting and negotiating new documents? Do we keep advocating for better implementation and accountability? Do we keep spreading information, so every woman and girl in this world learns about their rights? Of course we will! We will keep doing all that plus help each other come up with new ways to bring about results. That is why we at NGO CSW/NY along with our sister regional NGO CSWs are honored to be a convening partner with UN Women to take on the Generation Equality Forums. We are proud of the initiative and leadership UN Women took, along with their partners France and Mexico, to bring as many voices as possible together including youth to resist pushback and claim what is rightfully ours.

Every single human must have access to the same rights, no matter what gender they identify with or where they come from. No human anywhere is better than another. Yet we see a small percentage make decisions that affect the majority in ways that are simply not rights-based.

As convener of the Civil Society Advisory Group for Generation Equality and Chair of NGO CSW/NY, along with every single one of you, let’s fight back and roar our voices above the small percentage of the privileged who dares to speak on our behalf. Let’s organize, vote, and listen to each other and include all those who are marginalized and fight back with joyful disruption.

Join us as we celebrate our achievements and take our setbacks seriously. The future is ours to shape!

Thank you,

Houry Geudelekian
Chair NGO CSW/NY
The focus of the session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Program Emcees**

*Azadeh Khalili*, International Alliance of Women | *Saphira Rameshfar*, Baha’i International Community

**Global Music Performance by DJ Bembona beginning at 8:30am and throughout the day**

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| 11:15am – 12:15pm | **Breaking Silos – The Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan**  
Co-drivers: Soon-Young Yoon, International Alliance of Women, Melissa Upreti and Krishanti Dharmaraj, Center for Women’s Global Leadership  
**Inclusive Development, Shared Prosperity and Decent Work**  
Radhika Balakrishnan, Professor of Women’s Studies, Rutgers University  
**Poverty Eradication, Social Protection and Social Services**  
Ana Falu, AFM/Red Mujer and LAC Habitat  
**Freedom from Violence, Stigma and Stereotypes**  
Bandana Rana, Vice-Chair CEDAW committee  
**Participation, Accountability and Gender-responsive Institutions**  
Xenia Kellner, Co-founder Young Feminists Europe  
**Peaceful and Inclusive Societies**  
Mavic Cabrera-Balleza, Founder and CEO, Network of Women Peacebuilders  
**Environmental Conservation, Protection and Rehabilitation**  
Emilia Reyes, Program Director of Policies and Budgets for Equality and Sustainable Development at Equidad de Genero and Bridget Burns, Director, Women’s Environment and Development Organization |
| 12:20pm – 1:30pm | **Lunch** (independently)                                                                                                                  |
| 1:45pm – 2:05pm | **Five Woman of Distinction Awardees of 2020**  
Passy Mubalama, DRC, Women in Politics, GBV Activist  
Dwi Ariyani, Indonesia, Disability Rights Activist  
Anjum Sultana, Canada, Intersectional Feminist, Researcher in Health, Writer  
Tarcila Rivera Zea, Peru, Indigenous Rights Activist  
Dayna Ash, Lebanon, Artist, Poet, LGBTQ Activist |
| 2:10pm – 2:30pm | **Audience Story Telling Time**  
Each member will share their story with their neighbor for five minutes                                                                 |
| 2:30pm – 3:30pm | **Creative Disruptors: Storytelling for Change**  
Sponsored by Women for Women International & Breakthrough  
**Moderators:**  
Marie Clarke, VP of Programs, Women for Women International & Priya Kvam, Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships & Initiatives, Breakthrough  
Kara Jackson, U.S. Youth Poet Laureate, 2019  
Josue De Luna Navarro, New Mexico Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies  
Zein El-Amine, Lebanese Poet, Writer and Activist, Resident of the Ella Jo Baker Intentional Community Cooperative in DC  
Aija Mayrock, Writer & Poet |
| 3:35pm – 3:40pm | **Mallika Dutt closes the circle**                                                                                                         |
| 3:40pm – 4:00pm | **Dance Party**  
Local Harlem drummers will escort us out to the streets of Harlem                                                                        |

*Interpretation table provided by the NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigration*
Commemorates the 25th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action
by joining NGO CSW/NY
in honoring the following leaders working for:

GENDER EQUALITY
HUMAN RIGHTS
WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT

Dwi Ariyani
Indonesia

Passy Mubalama
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Dayna Ash
Lebanon

Anjum Sultana
Canada

Tarcila Rivera Zea
Perú

womenhavewings.org
Dear Participants,

Welcome to NGO CSW64 Forum. Beijing+25 is a significant milestone in the fight for women’s rights and gender equality. We have a dynamic program for you. We are hosting more than 500 events, conversation circles and caucuses.

We would like to warmly thank the committee chairs and all the members of the NGO CSW/NY Planning Committee for their hard work over the last months to plan such a brilliant Forum. We have organized a Forum where you will be able to connect with one another, exchange best practices, engage in issues impacting women and girls and strengthen our global sisterhood.

Thank you for coming from every corner of the world to attend the NGO CSW64 Forum and for bringing your life experiences and expertise to our global gathering. You have the vision, the knowledge and each other to help create the conditions for an intergenerational diverse feminist future.

Each one of you is truly a treasure, and together, our connection and solidarity are our greatest assets.

In sisterhood,

Co-Chairs, NGO CSW Planning Committee

Azadeh (Azi) Khalili
International Alliance of Women

Saphira Rameshfar
Baha’i International Community
Filhos de Buda:
HUMANISTIC BUDDHISM in South America

14 Mar 2020 12:30 PM
UN Church Center, 2nd FL
777 United Nations Plaza, New York
BEIJING AND BEYOND
For 100 years, our members have supported each other and millions of women and girls worldwide. As we mark Beijing+25, we remain committed to gender equality.

Find out more about our work at www.zonta.org
Design a Business Plan that calls forth the Future of Feminine Leadership
BEIJING+25:
How the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing Became the Gold Standard for Policies to Achieve Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment

Monica Weglarz
Women’s Federation for World Peace, International

Susan O’Malley, PhD
International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)

On 8 February 1946 at the inaugural meeting of the General Assembly Eleanor Roosevelt called on “women who are conscious of their opportunities to come forward and share in the work of peace and reconstruction as they did in the war and resistance.” Consequently, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) that would commit to the advancement of women through a focus on gender-specific issues was established in June 1946 by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The Commission makes recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women’s rights.

The CSW consists of 45 Member States elected by ECOSOC for a period of four years. Members, who are appointed by governments, are elected on the basis of equitable geographic distribution: 13 from African states, 11 from Asian states, nine from Latin America and Caribbean states, eight from Western European and other states, and four from Eastern European states.

There have been four World Conferences on Women. The first was held in Mexico City in 1975 coinciding with the International Women’s Year. The goals of the Conference were full gender equality and the elimination of gender discrimination; the integration and full participation of women in development; and an increased contribution of women in the strengthening of world peace. A World Plan of Action was adopted to accomplish the three goals.

In 1980 the Second World Conference on Women was held in Copenhagen to review the world’s implementation of the World Plan and to discuss barriers to its success such as insufficient political will, a shortage of women in decision-making positions and overall lack of necessary financial resources. The Third World Conference on Women was held in Nairobi in 1985 to assess the achievements of the past ten
years. Data gathered by the United Nations revealed that improvements in the status of women and efforts to reduce discrimination had benefitted only a small minority of women; improvements in the situation of women in the Global South had been marginal. The Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies to the year 2000 was passed declaring all issues to be women’s issues. Women’s participation in decision making was not only a right but a social necessity.

In 1995 in Beijing the Fourth World Conference recognized that women’s rights are human rights based on the Vienna Conference of Human Rights. Member states unanimously passed the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPFA) that provided an agenda for women’s empowerment. Twelve critical areas of concern were determined that must be implemented to further women’s equality. These are women and poverty, the education and training of women, women and health, violence against women, women and armed conflict, women and the economy, women in power and decision-making, the institutional mechanism for the advancement of women, the human rights of women, women and the media, women and the environment, and the girl-child.

Following the Beijing Conference, the General Assembly mandated the Commission to integrate into its programme a follow-up process to the Conference, regularly reviewing the critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action and developing its catalytic role in the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in United Nations activities.

This year, in preparation for Beijing+25 there have been national and Civil Society led reviews on the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action available on the websites of UN Women and NGO CSW/NY, five regional 25-year reviews, the Secretary General’s Report and a Political Declaration and a Platform of Work. CSW64 will convene for two weeks in March 2020 with over 550 NGO Parallel Events and many UN Side Events sponsored by the Commission, UN Women and Member States. NGO CSW/NY is also supporting the global campaign around Generation Equality convened by UN Women in partnership with France and Mexico to bring about measurable change in the next five years on six action coalitions. There will be meetings in Mexico City in May, and Paris in July, culminating with specific promises by Member States at the UN General Assembly in September. These urgent recommendations with action coalitions will include Member States, the private sector and NGOs for successful implementation. Progress will be assessed at CSW65.

For more information on the Generation Equality campaign, visit www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/beijing-plus-25
Stepping Up.

September, 1995: Beijing.
More than 30,000 activists fed up with the status quo gathered together to recognize and shine a light on the issues and inequities for women and girls around the globe. They met, they shared, they laughed and they cried as they bore witness to the diverse and unique challenges facing our sisters in communities worldwide.

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THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MUST APOLOGIZE & COMPENSATE DIRECTLY TO THE EACH ‘COMFORT WOMEN’
For 12 days, they networked, strategized and lobbied and made their voices heard by representatives of the 189 governments participating in the Fourth World Conference on Women. By the end of the conference, the most progressive blueprint to date for advancing women’s rights was produced:

The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Women
Sisterhood Inclusion Note: There are so many pivotal moments in history for women, we could never fully even hope to acknowledge all the fundamental achievements made every year by women around the world, i.e., the publicly known or those in the media spotlight, and especially those feats made behind the scenes or
MARCH 2020

CSW64 and NGO CSW64 FORUM

A call to action for accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere. 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995). 5-year milestone towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

OCTOBER 2009

Elinor Ostrom becomes the first woman to win the Nobel Prize in Economics

JULY 2010

Creation of UN Women

OCTOBER 2011

Tawakkol Karman, Leymah Gbowee, & Ellen Johnson Sirleaf win the Nobel Peace Prize

OCTOBER 11, 2012

First International Day of the Girl

DECEMBER 2012

UN General Assembly adopted a Resolution to Ban FGM worldwide.

OCTOBER 2014

Malala Yousafzai becomes the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize

2015

Launch of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), includes goals for gender equality, ending violence against women, and ensuring equal participation.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Greta Thunberg sparks a global movement for #ClimateAction

AUGUST 2019

Saudi Arabia grants women the right to travel without permission from male guardian

JUNE 2019

Zuzana Caputova becomes the first female president of Slovakia

JANUARY 2019

Deb Haaland and Sharice Davids become the first Native American women to serve in Congress

JANUARY 21, 2017

Women’s March: largest single day protest in US history ignites a collective activism worldwide

SEPTEMBER 2016

Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is launched

NOVEMBER 2016

Hillary Clinton, the first woman presidential candidate for a major party in the U.S. wins the popular vote.

OCTOBER 2019

First all-woman spacewalk

Esther Duflo wins Nobel Prize in Economics, becoming the second (and youngest) woman to win the award

Alaa Salah, a change leader in Sudan, addressed the UN Security Council, calling for women’s meaningful participation

MAY 2019

Tengku Maimun Tuan Mat becomes the first female Chief Justice of Malaysia

JUNE 2018

Women in Saudi Arabia are issued driver’s licenses

Spain has a majority-female cabinet, 11 of 17 members.

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You have an inspiring story to share!

Women & girls everywhere have inspiring stories to share, their own stories in their own words. SayItForward.org celebrates the strength, determination and triumphs of women & girls on their path to empowerment.

We invite you to visit SayItForward.org, read a few stories, and consider sharing one of yours.
RELENTLESS RESILIENCE

ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE THROUGH GRASSROOTS EXCELLENCE

CSW64 PARALLEL EVENT

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IS AFFECTING GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT. GRASSROOTS GROUPS HAVE KNOWN THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

JOIN AURA FREEDOM AS WE SHARE GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM AND PRACTICES THAT ARE PREVENTING VIOLENCE, BUILDING RESILIENCY AND ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS IN SPITE OF GAPS AND INDIFFERENCE, AS PRESENTED IN AURA FREEDOM’S BEIJING+25 CANADIAN PARALLEL REPORT.

DISCUSS RESILIENCE STRATEGIES. CONNECT. REJUVENATE. BRING A FRIEND.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2020 @ 6:15 pm
CHURCH CENTRE OF THE UNITED NATIONS - DREW ROOM
NEW YORK CITY
64TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, NGO FORUM

aurafreedom.org
Creating Worldwide Women’s Safety
THE WOMEN’S HELPLINES PROJECT

Feel safe, Lila helps

GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN’S SHELTERS
WOMEN’S HELPLINES PROJECT
Join us in creating a global website of accurate, safe and vetted helpline information from every country in the world.

LEARN MORE:
DATE: 10 March
TIME: 2:30-4pm
VENUE: 4 W 43rd Street
ROOM: Social Hall

www.gnws.org
I am very honored to chair the Commission on the Status of Women in 2020, when the global community will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action — the most progressive blueprint for advancing women’s rights. From 9–20 March, the Commission will undertake a review and appraisal of its implementation and the implementation of the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a gender perspective.

In preparation for Beijing+25 review and appraisal, 166 Member States undertook comprehensive national-level reviews of the progress made and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. At the regional level, the five United Nations regional commissions undertook reviews to assess progress, and to identify remaining gaps and priority areas for action to accelerate the implementation of the Platform for Action in their regions. The outcomes of intergovernmental processes at the regional level are expected to feed into the Commission’s sixty-fourth session.

Significant mobilization of civil society and youth has taken place as part of regional preparations. The regional meetings were preceded by regional civil society and multi-stakeholder consultations, as well as by several regional youth meetings. This was important for civil society to seize the opportunity to organize among themselves, and to engage governments and other stakeholders in dialogue and advocacy for the accelerated implementation of gender equality commitments.
By joining forces, Member States, civil society and other stakeholders can together overcome challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

2020 is a pivotal year for gender equality advocates and for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls everywhere. It is the beginning of the decade of action and achievement of the SDGs and marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the twentieth anniversary of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security.

As Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, I look forward not only to a celebratory discussion of progress and gains, but also to an eventful session that will give impetus to new and decisive action by Governments and other stakeholders to tackle the barriers that hold back women and girls, that prevent women and girls from the full enjoyment of all their human rights, and deprive families, societies and nations of the skills and capacities of half their populations.

H.E. Ambassador Mher Margaryan
CSW64 Chair
The gathering of Civil Society during the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to review the 25-year implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action takes place at a time when the world has reached a point of emergency. Multiple and systemic crises — economic, environmental, social and political — are wreaking havoc on the planet, communities and people, pushing the most marginalized groups of women and girls further behind.

The comprehensive Beijing+25 review processes undertaken in 2019 tell us that we have made progress towards gender equality — but not enough. In some areas, progress has stalled and even reversed, and the limited gains have not benefitted all women equally. Civil society activists, including women human rights defenders, are facing reprisals and attacks in all parts of the world.

At the same time, women across the globe are at the forefront of economic, social and environmental justice movements that call for systemic change, with young feminists often taking a leading role. These movements see women’s and girls’ rights as essential to ending other forms of discrimination, exclusion and injustice. In this context, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action with its vision of systemic change holds renewed relevance, together with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Our feminist vision for the future sees a shift in the power dynamics in our economic, social and political systems, not the inclusion of women in broken systems that perpetuate the status quo. As well as increasing women’s economic participation through decent work, we want to see economic policy re-designed, with the care and provisioning of humanity and the environment as key priorities. As well
as increasing women’s participation in peace negotiations, we need to challenge the culture of militarism and violent masculinity and to reduce military spending. In addition to increasing women’s participation in natural resource management, we must focus environmental policy on transforming patterns of consumption and production.

Autonomous feminist organizations remain the most critical actors for advancing gender equality and need our support in order to continue to demand accountability from governments and other actors. Realizing the vision of Beijing also requires new alliances, such as with women’s movements and other social, environmental, labour and human rights movements, including men and boys pursuing a feminist agenda. As the influence of the corporate sector grows, private actors must go beyond declarations of support to real accountability for women’s and girls’ human rights.

We are living in a world with the largest number of young people ever. It is vital that this commission seizes the opportunity to amplify and sustain young voices, in order to build solidarity in an intersectional and intergenerational feminist movement. This imperative is at the core of UN Women’s Generation Equality campaign and the Generation Equality Forum in 2020, which will kick-off in May in Mexico City and culminate in Paris in July.

Now is the time to launch urgent action, build momentum towards the Generation Equality Forum and beyond, and for civil society to take the lead in shaping the feminist agenda. We must seize this opportunity to demand irreversible progress and greater accountability for concrete results for every woman and every girl.

“The comprehensive Beijing+25 review processes undertaken in 2019 tell us that we have made progress towards gender equality — but not enough.”
2020 presents us with a generational moment to make transformative progress for gender equality. It is an opportunity to re-ignite and re-energize our ambitions as we mark twenty-five years since the adoption of the landmark Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, and the relentless activism and committed leadership of civil society in leading us to this milestone. Civil society and women’s rights organizations were at the forefront of shaping the visionary agenda in Beijing and have continued to blaze the way forward in its implementation over the past two and a half decades. This critical anniversary is a moment to reflect on the achievements towards gender equality, and to celebrate the energy that feminist activists bring to the women’s rights, human rights and social justice agenda, in their unwavering demand for meaningful, irreversible change.

At the same time, the Beijing Platform for Action could not have foreseen the democratic reversals of recent years, including the explicit attacks on women’s rights and their defendants. Opposition to gender equality is certainly not new, but 25 years after Beijing, feminists face a very different political context to the optimism and spirit of global cooperation that followed the end of the Cold War. In these recent years we have seen a growing backlash against gender equality, propelled by a strengthening network of conservative actors who mobilize against the comprehensive, interconnected and substantive women’s rights agenda in national and international fora. Their anti-rights advocacy has led to weakening of legislative frameworks of violence against women, supporting traditional work and family norms, eroding inclusive public education systems, gender responsive health care, women and girls sexual and reproductive health and rights and much more.
The upcoming Generation Equality Forum, convened by UN Women, co-hosted by Mexico and France, and in close partnership with civil society, gives us an opportunity to “push back against the push back.” Through its feminist, democratic and multi-stakeholder approach, it is a moment for allies for gender equality to respond comprehensively to the backlash against gender equality. The outcomes of this inter-generational and intersectional Forum will be: a feminist agenda for gender equality, set by the women and girls and young peoples of the world; and the setting up of Action Coalitions – an urgent, action implementation agenda, jointly developed by a group of committed stakeholders.

CSW64 will be a crucial activation moment for the Generation Equality Forum. The discussions that will take place at CSW64 will help shape the feminist agenda setting of the Forum. Meaningful involvement of civil society is central to the Forum’s logic, which seeks to realize and celebrate the power of activism, feminist solidarity and youth leadership to achieve transformative change. UN Women will support NGO CSW to facilitate a rich set of discussions that build and sustain essential solidarities, and the Forum will in turn foster such conversations, and concrete commitments, charting a clear course towards the sustainable and equitable world we must achieve.

It is critical to the achievement of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals that the voices and demands of civil society remain at the heart of all that UN Women does. Our partnership with NGO CSW is both invaluable and vital as we work together, urgently, to make the CSW64 and the year 2020 count, to define and realize our common aspirations to achieve gender equality in our lifetime.
CSW64 Bureau and Constituents

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is a global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Commission was established by an ECOSOC resolution in 1946 with a mandate to prepare recommendations on promoting women’s rights in the political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women’s rights.

The Bureau of the Commission plays a crucial role in facilitating the preparation for, and in ensuring the successful outcome of the annual sessions of the Commission. Bureau members serve for two years.

The members of the Bureau for the 64th session (2020) of the Commission on the Status of Women are:

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan (Armenia), Chair
- Ms. Zahraa Nassrullah (Iraq), Vice-Chair
- Ms. Jo Feldman (Australia), Vice-Chair
- Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi (Algeria), Vice-Chair
- Ms. Devita Abraham (Trinidad and Tobago), Vice-Chair
The CSW is constituted of 45 members elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of four years. Members, who are appointed by governments, are elected on the following basis: 13 from African states, 11 from Asian States, nine from Latin American and Caribbean states, eight from Western European and other states, and four from Eastern Europe states.

**Term expires 2020**
Brazil, Eritrea, Guatemala, Kuwait, Nigeria, Norway, Qatar, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom

**Term expires 2021**
Bahrain, Canada, Chile, China, Estonia, Ireland, Israel, Namibia, Niger, Peru, Tunisia

**Term expires 2022**
Algeria, Comoros, Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Haiti, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Nicaragua, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Turkmenistan

**Term expires 2023**
Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, Germany, Malaysia, South Africa, Togo, United States
# United Nations Glossary of Terms

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A Breakfast Meeting Featuring

Aliki Kosyfologou
Oksana Dutchak
Ursula Barry
Cinzia Arruzza
Barbara Adams

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
at 9:30am
Instituto Cervantes
211 E 49th St, New York, NY 10017

This event is open to the public (no UN Pass required) and wheelchair accessible. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30am, the event starts at 10am. More information at rosalux-nyc.org
The meaning of life is to add meaning to other lives.

We know that girls who go to school are the shining stars of tomorrow. We continue to develop inspiring projects to empower girls. We’ve touched countless lives since we were established, founding schools, girls’ dormitories, educational institutions, sports facilities and scholarships.

At the Aydin Doğan Foundation, we are proud and excited to be a part of CSW64 with our panel, supporting the realization of all women’s and girls’ human rights. We’re looking forward to seeing you at our panel.

Panel title: Reaching #GenerationEquality: Empowered Girls, Empowered Futures
Date and Time: 11 March 2020, 12:30 pm Venue: 4 W 43rd Str., New York, NY 10036

#GenerationEquality
FUNDAMENTAL VOICES FROM BEIJING
Twenty-five years ago, government representatives, policy makers, journalists, advocates, and activists from around the world came together at the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. There were some people around the world and within the U.S. government who didn’t think I should go; but as First Lady of the United States, I wanted to speak honestly and forcefully about the importance of championing the rights of women and girls around the world. It would wind up being one of the most unforgettable moments of my life.

In the speech I gave there, I said that “human rights are women’s rights, and women’s rights are human rights, once and for all.” Those words were more than a statement of principles; they were a call to action. The 189 countries represented in Beijing agreed on a platform for the participation of women and girls in the political, economic, social, civic, and cultural lives of their societies and the world.

The message of that speech reverberated far beyond the conference. Even now, women introduce themselves to me and say, “I was in Beijing.” I’ve met women — and men — who weren’t yet born in 1995, but discovered the speech online. Across the generations, people heard the call, and dedicated their lives to the great unfinished business of the 21st century: expanding the rights, opportunities, and full participation of women and girls.

There have been times when it seemed like the great unfinished business of the 21st century is even more unfinished than we thought. But through all the setbacks and struggles, we have seen over and over again that women are agents of change, makers of peace, and drivers of progress.
If Beijing was about claiming rights for women, the decades since have been about changing laws, constitutions, conventions, and attitudes. The number of countries prohibiting violence against women rose from three in 1995 to more than 100 today, the global maternal mortality rate has dropped by half, and we’ve virtually closed the gender gap in primary education. Along the way, we’ve seen that helping women and families succeed isn’t just the right thing to do — it’s the smart thing to do.

Despite those strides, we still have work to do, around the world and in the U.S. We have a long way to go to ensure access to education, health care — including sexual and reproductive health and rights — housing, and more. Too many women face discrimination at work, and lack the resources to challenge violations of their rights. And we are far from parity in political representation.

Women who live at the intersection of multiple identities face intersecting challenges — like the twin scourges of racism and gender-based violence. That’s why I’m particularly heartened by efforts to include women and girls of African descent in the International Decade for People of African Descent as well as the Sustainable Development Goals. We must place a particular focus on closing the gaps that remain, and collecting data to monitor our progress along the way.

Twenty-five years after Beijing, I’m inspired by a whole new generation of women who are organizing for economic and racial justice, speaking out for the human rights of immigrants and refugees, holding democracies accountable, and running for office in record numbers. With their energy and resilience, and all of our optimism and persistence, we can build the future we envisioned more than two decades ago.

Onward,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
The UN Fourth World Conference on Women was the largest conference ever held by the United Nations. It brought together representatives of 189 Governments, over 3,000 Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and 4,000 representatives of the mass media. Fifty thousand women and men attended the Conference and the NGO Forum. During the preparation the following issues emerged:

- Women are not a problem to society; in fact, through their contributions to society they are a solution to the problems.
- Women’s human rights are invariably disregarded and violated in most societies.
- Women are not homogeneous. They come from diverse sociocultural, political and different levels of economic development. Despite this, there are common concerns which women share worldwide.
- It was clearly demonstrated that women’s concerns cut across all issues of society. Therefore, women’s issues should be addressed as the concerns of society rather than women’s issues.
- Problems affecting women are a result of gender inequality which are further aggravated by global political and economic factors. The conference adapted a Platform for Action.

The Beijing Declaration is a strong international commitment made by Governments 25 years ago to take necessary action on issues of poverty, education and health of women, economic empowerment, political participation and decision making at all levels, effects of armed conflict, women’s human rights, environment, resource allocation and mobilization, strengthening and reestablishment of institutions for the advancement of women, and the problems of the girl child.
It was resolved that the Beijing Conference was a conference of commitment, action and accountability of Governments, NGOs, and institutions of both public and private sectors. Through strong political will, it was possible to push and implement various programs which transformed our society and improved the status of women. Universal primary education, mass literacy program, primary health care particularly the maternal and childcare services, universal immunisation program, provision of clean and safe water close to homes, among others, are a case in point. Deliberate efforts were made, resources were mobilized and allocated as a matter of priority to reduce the inequalities among the people but particularly between women and men.

The implementation of the Platform for Action in each country has very much depended on political will. At the same time, NGOs have a very crucial role to play. The NGOs have demonstrated a capacity to organize and advocate for the advancement of women. This should be considered as an added advantage to the efforts of Governments. The private sector should not count itself unconcerned because it also benefits from the economic contribution of women.

No Country can exit from poverty and reach a sustainable level of development with:

- a. Women carrying water on their heads;
- b. Women walking long distances to look for firewood;
- c. High maternal deaths;
- d. Women working on land which they do not own;
- e. The absence of women in political and economic decision making;
- f. Women having limited access to market their goods;
- g. Laws which discriminate against women;
- h. Women perpetually facing violence, assaults and ridicule in the society.

Action, commitment and accountability must continue to be the guiding principles. What I said 25 years ago still resonates today: “A revolution has begun, there is no going back. It is too just too long overdue. Women had fought alongside men to abolish slavery, colonialism, apartheid. It is now the turn of men to help the women in the struggle for their equality.”

“A revolution has begun, there is no going back. It is too just too long overdue...
Beijing+25 is about celebrating and expanding on the rise of women and feminist perspectives across the globe over the past half century. It is not just about the progressive Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) agreed upon by 192 governments at the Fourth UN World Conference on Women — though that was a great achievement. It is most of all about the emergence, strength, and strategies of women’s movements that organized globally and locally to demand and craft such a document; we need to bring the spirit and lessons of Beijing forward to address the many challenges the world faces in 2020.

The Fourth World Conference on Women was the largest UN World Conference with thousands at the inter-governmental event in Beijing and another 30,000+ at the NGO Forum in Huairou — putting women’s rights as human rights on the world agenda with their bodies as well as their words. Beijing+25 is women organising, including multiple regional and national events beforehand, that produced this milestone moment. But it did not come out of nowhere. Women’s movements emerged everywhere during the 1960’s-90’s, and in Beijing, we built on two decades of women’s engagement and learning to work across differences outside of the UN as well as within the UN context at the International Women’s Year Conference in Mexico City in 1975, the Second World Conference in Copenhagen in 1980, and the Third held in Nairobi in 1985.
By Nairobi, feminism became visible as a global phenomena and we saw that progress required listening and learning from our differences in order to make strategies that would be “intersectional,” and thus applicable to all women. We saw that “Equality, Development, and Peace” — the conferences’ themes were not separate but interlocking issues and that all issues are “women’s issues” that need feminist analysis and action. Feminists struggled to find avenues to collaborate across geographical and other divisions. In response, they built regional and global networks to bring women together to “en-gender” other UN conferences and events, injecting feminist approaches to development, the environment, human rights, security, etc. and learning the ropes of working at the UN.

The Beijing conference was the culmination of multiple efforts to establish women’s rights as critical and to put issues as seen through women’s eyes squarely on the global agenda: violence against women, reproductive health and rights, lesbian and other sexual rights, the feminization of poverty and unpaid care work, etc. The BPFA was a high point in rhetorical government commitment to women’s rights, and many policy and legislative changes resulted from it. Yet, it also revealed the depth and complexity of the problems, often more then ending discrimination and abuse, and rarely has been met with the resources or political will needed for implementation.

As a highly visible moment of women’s potential global power, the Beijing conference also spurred on greater backlash from those opposed to women’s rights. Much feminist energy in the reviews of the BPFA in the 2000’s was therefore focused on defending these
gains rather than expanding them. Progress has been made in some areas such as attention to gender based violence, especially in conflict, and diverse constituencies, such as indigenous women and disability rights activists, have become more vocal in global debates. Yet, while many women’s lives have improved, the gap between those who have benefitted and those left behind has grown. Further, patriarchal conservative forces have gained power in many governments and their resistance to institutional commitments to women, and indeed to human rights and the UN in general, has intensified.

Nevertheless, women must and do persist. Over the past five years, social justice movements have multiplied, often spontaneously, and there is greater awareness that progressive forces must work together to address the crises we face. From indigenous women acting against extraction of natural resources to girls striking over climate justice and gun violence to mass demonstrations denouncing violence against women like Ni Una Menos and Me Too, women are often leading resistance to the threats to our environment and to democracy. Women are also envisioning solutions like the “Green New Deal” in the US and economic collectives in many places.

Beijing+25 must be a moment when women bring this spirit of collaboration and crossing lines of difference from Beijing together with current forces of resistance and new visions for transformation, around climate justice, violence against women, reproductive rights, growing inequalities etc. Real implementation of the BPFA depends on working with the social movements of today in seeking to defeat right wing nationalism and strengthen multi-lateral forces both in and out of government. We must use this as an opportunity to uphold the ideals of Equality, Development, Peace and Human Rights as articulated by the UN and throughout the UN World Conferences on Women, and re-imagine them for the realities in our time in the 2020’s.
Coding Gender Equality:

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Alliance for Inclusive Algorithms

Inclusive algorithms ≪A+≫ are needed for a free, feminist and inclusive digital future.

Newly strategic and innovative thinking are needed to achieve gender equality & to strengthen democracy in the new systems we create.

New norms are needed for no one to be left behind.

Join us, be inspired, and help make a free, feminist and inclusive future a reality.

> Thursday, 12 March 2020
> 12:30 – 2:00 pm
> Salvation Army Auditorium
  221 East 52nd Street
  (bt 2nd & 3rd Avenues)
Sociedade Filantrópica
Maria de Nazaré
Organization in special consultative status with the ECOSOC since 2018

Femininity and Critical Global Issues

The Salvation Army
International Social Justice Commission
221 E 52nd Street
New York, NY

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:15 pm
In 2020 as we commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing+25, we have decided to honor five women, one from each region: Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America Caribbean, North America/ Europe and Middle East/North Africa.

Passy Mubalama
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ms. Passy Mubalama is a Pro-democracy and women’s rights activist with experience in promoting women rights, democracy, human rights in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). She is Founder and Executive director of Action and Development Initiative for the Protection of Women and Children affected by conflict (AIDPROFEN), a nonprofit organization that promotes women’s rights, women political participation in the eastern region of DRC. Passy has created a women movement in the DRC where women and girls are advocating for their own basic rights, making their voices heard in a conflict zone in the DRC.

Dwi Ariyani
Indonesia

Dwi Aryani serves as the Program Officer for the Disability Rights Fund and Disability Rights Advocacy Fund in Indonesia, where she has been working for over a decade to build an inclusive, gender-transformative movement. Her recent victories include supporting grantees led by women with disabilities to push legislative reform and build constructive dialogue with feminist organizations. Dwi also has personal experience fighting for justice — she won a landmark discrimination case in 2017 against an airline that refused to carry her as a wheelchair user traveling alone. Nearly 50,000 petition signatures and a lengthy court case later, Dwi won the battle.
Anjum Sultana is the National Director of Public Policy & Strategic Communications at YWCA Canada, the nation’s oldest gender equality organization. Anjum is the Founder of Millennial Womxn in Policy, a grassroots organization with over 2500 members, focused on the advancement of women and gender diverse people in public policy. Anjum represented Canada at 2019 Youth G7 Summit in France through Young Diplomats of Canada. Anjum serves as a board member for the Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Toronto Environmental Alliance and Regent Park Community Health Centre. Anjum holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of Toronto.

Tarcila Rivera Zea is one of the most recognized indigenous activists in Peru and the world. She has served as member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the 2017-2019 period and has received several awards from Ford Foundation, Sacred Fire Foundation, among others. For more than 30 years she has been defending indigenous rights through her organization CHIRAPAQ, and her involvement in other networks and institutions. She is the founder of CHIRAPAQ, Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru, an association that promotes the affirmation of cultural identity and the formation of indigenous women and young indigenous leaders. Mrs. Rivera Zea is also founder of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA) and the International Indigenous Women’s Forum (FIMI), networks that foster leadership and political participation of indigenous women around the globe.

Dayna Ash is a cultural and social activist, playwright, performance poet and the Founder & Executive Director of the non-profit organization Haven for Artists — an all-inclusive women-led arts organization dedicated to fostering a community of artists and activists in the MENA region by utilizing the arts to advocate for Gender equality and LGBTQIA+ rights-based in Beirut, Lebanon.
REALIZING WOMEN’s rights
for an equal future.

The Generation Equality Forum
is a multi-stakeholder gathering
convened by UN Women, co-chaired
by France and Mexico, and in
partnership with global Civil Society,
represented by the Advisory Group
to the Core Group.

The Advisory Group to the Core
Group (Advisory Group) serves as
the representative of civil society’s
priorities for the Generation Equality
Forum by guaranteeing coequal
participation of civil society with
the other members of the Core
Group. It was created to ensure
that diverse women’s rights and
feminist organizations can engage
meaningfully in the Generation
Equality process. The Advisory
Group was chosen through a civil
society-led process by a selection
committee of 5 volunteers from
the Advisory Working Group. They
selected 21 members from 136
applicants representing diverse
genders, generations, regions
and backgrounds.
Through our role of global civil society convener, NGO CSW/NY formed the Advisory Working Group (not to be confused with the Advisory Group). The Working Group consists of over 400 members of global civil society who will be instrumental in ensuring that all voices are heard and represented in the Generation Equality Forum. This group consults the Advisory Group to the Core Group to make sure they are representing the needs and mandates of global civil society. The Working Group is completely open for all to join and meets every two weeks via Zoom to hear updates from UN Women, the Advisory Group to the Core Group, and Beijing+25 regional processes. Advisory Working Group members are also encouraged to provide their own input into these processes so that their voices can be brought to the Generation Equality Forums in Mexico and Paris.

As convener of the global Advisory Working Group, NGO CSW/NY is also happy to help facilitate the work of Melissa Upreti and Soon-Young Yoon with Krishanti Dhamaraj who are the drivers of the Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan (FWMAP). This process is rooted in a rights-based approach as well as in global consensus documents, such as international treaties, human rights mechanisms, and international commitments. The FWMAP’s objective is to facilitate consultations with global civil society to determine the priorities and recommendations of those feminist and women’s movement activists on the ground. Through these consultations, the drivers hope to break silos and create new, innovative alliances between different constituencies and themes within the global feminist and women’s movement. Through building a creative, action-oriented, brave and safe space, the Action Plan can help transform norms and power structures without reinventing the wheel.

By working together as global civil society, we hope to progress towards gender equality by linking across silos of activism to create a common framework and build the power of women’s rights movements. We are not looking to abandon our own thematic and issue-based work, but we must look for points of convergence to join forces around common goals.

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**Venue Addresses**

- **ACC** Armenian Convention Center: 35th Street and 2nd Avenue (630 2nd Avenue)
- **CCUN** Church Center for the United Nations: 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY
- **LF** Lycée Français: 505 East 75 Street
- **UN** 46th Street and 1st Avenue: UN Visitor’s Entrance, New York, NY

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CSW 64

10 March 6:30 - 8:30 PM

At The New Yorker Hotel
JOYFUL DISRUPTION!
A RALLY FOR THE 64TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

FRIDAY, 13 MARCH
12 PM - 2PM

DAG HAMMARSKJÖLD PLAZA
47TH ST. AND 1ST AVE

#NGOCSW64Forum
#JoyfulDisruption
#CSW64
#GenerationEquality
The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO) thanks its members and Substantive Committees for working towards creating a just, peaceable and sustainable world where gender equality, equity and justice are real and visible.

CoNGO congratulates and thanks the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/New York for bringing together one of the largest civil society gatherings of women worldwide on the occasion of the annual session in New York of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

We invite you to join CoNGO’s Parallel Event at CSW64
Friday, March 13, 2020, 4:30 to 6:00pm
Church Center for the UN, 8th Floor
“NGO Committees on the Status of Women and Advocacy: Past, Present, Future”

Join CoNGO at ngocongo.org
Read the CoNGO Declaration on the Occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations

“The challenges facing humankind and the planet require urgent attention...Gender equality has not been achieved anywhere in the world; It is part of CoNGO’s mission to ensure civil society access to the United Nations and improve collaboration, to push for change and facilitate the achievement of the goals agreed upon by the United Nations and Member States.” (Paragraphs 7, 22 and 23, CoNGO Declaration on UN75)
Artisan Fair

Annual Special Event!

DURING

2020 NGO CSW64 Forum

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020
Time: 10AM – 5PM
Venue: Armenian, Convention Center – Auditorium
630 Second Avenue | New York, NY 10016

Contact: www.ngocsw.org
info@ngocsw.org

Over 80 Artisans from 45 Countries!
Come and Shop Authentic Handmade Home, Fashion, and Jewelry Accessories

More Details:

• Open to the public!
• All proceeds go directly to the artisans and their NGOs
• All artisans support NGOs with women-focused initiatives
• Many artisans accept cash only
CALLING ALL FEMINISTS

“Breaking Silos—Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan (fwMAP) for Beijing +25”
(Beijing+25 from the Bottom Up)

March 9, 10 and 11

Armenian Convention Center Auditorium
630 2nd Avenue on corner of 34th St.
New York, New York

Monday 9 March
11:00 - 12:30 p Inclusive development, shared prosperity and decent work
4:00 - 5:30 p Poverty eradication, social protection and social services

Tuesday 10 March
11:00-12:30 p Freedom from violence stigma and stereotypes
4:00 - 5:30 p Participation accountability and gender-responsive institutions

Wednesday 11 March
11:00 - 12:30 p Peaceful and Inclusive societies
4:00 - 5:30 p Environmental conservation, protection and rehabilitation

For more information: fwMAP2020@gmail.com
MONDAY 09/03

10am: Morning Coffee & Tea
Yoga with Exhale to Inhale

11am: Breaking Silos: Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan (fwMAP): Inclusive development, shared prosperity & decent work

1 pm: “Brown Bag lunch”
Facilitated session for “Transformation through Inter-Connectedness”

3 pm: Afternoon tea & coffee
Yoga with Exhale to Inhale

4 pm: Breaking Silos: fwMAP: “Poverty eradication, social protection & social services”

TUESDAY 10/03

10 am: Morning Coffee & Tea
Yoga with Exhale to Inhale

11 am: Breaking Silos: fwMAP: Freedom from Violence stigma and stereotypes

1 pm: “Brown Bag Lunch”
Log On. Rise Up Workshop by World Pulse

3 pm: Afternoon Tea & Coffee (Provided by World Pulse)
Yoga with Exhale to Inhale

4 pm: Breaking Silos: fwMAP: Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions

WEDNESDAY 11/03

10 am: Morning Coffee & Tea
Yoga with Exhale to Inhale

11 am: Breaking Silos: fwMAP: Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

1 pm: “Brown Bag Lunch”
Intergenerational conversation by Working Group on Girls, Grey Panthers, Loretto Community

3 pm: Afternoon Tea & Coffee (Provided by Loretto Community)

4 pm: fwMAP: Participation, accountability and gender-responsive institutions
Women’s Learning Partnership presents

Beyond Beijing:

Local Strategies & International Advocacy

March 13 | 10:30 AM | Salvation Army Auditorium
221 E 52nd Street New York, NY 10022

Film, Panel & Poetry
25 years after the Fourth World Conference on Women, WLP partners are bringing holistic and sustainable solutions from the local level to the global.

Moderator
Musimbi Kanyoro | WLP Board Chair & former CEO of Global Fund for Women

Speakers
Karima Bennoune | UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights
Sarah Costa | Executive Director of Women’s Refugee Commission
Azza Karam | Senior Advisor on Social and Cultural Development at UNFPA

Lifelines: The Poetry of Human Rights
Abena Busia | Ghana’s Ambassador to Brazil & Poet

learningpartnership.org/csw64

WLP is a partnership of 20 autonomous women’s rights organizations in the Global South that promote women’s leadership and human rights.

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GETTING AROUND NYC
NAVIGATING THROUGH NEW YORK CITY

NYC was built on a grid system, the city has numbered streets intersected by avenues with the east most side being 1st avenue where the United Nations Headquarters is located. While using the public transportation system, make sure that you take the appropriate Uptown (often, Bronx/Queens) or Downtown (often, Brooklyn) train/bus. Be especially mindful of the bus stops which switch avenues based on the direction of traffic. Make sure the traffic is moving in the correct direction at your bus stop (one way traffic moving Uptown or Downtown). If not, then simply switch avenues and walk towards the avenue with the correct traffic direction.

TIP
Buy a weekly pass for $33 for unlimited access to both subways and buses in the city. One ride costs $2.75.

Consultation Day : March 8, 2020
Apollo Theater : 253 W. 125th St.
Subway: Trains A, C, B, D to 125th Street Station; or Trains 2 or 3 to 125th Street Station

Reception : March 12, 2019
The New Yorker, A Wyndham Hotel : 481 8th Avenue
Subway: Trains 1, 2 or 3 or A, C or E to 34th Street Penn Station
Bus: M34-SBS* to 34th Street and 8 Ave.; M34A-SBS* to 34th Street Penn Station stop.

*SBS: Select Bus Service
*M4: Downtown M4 makes a stop at 5th Ave./43rd Street and the Uptown M4 makes a stop at Madison Ave./West 43rd Street.
Parallel Events Locations and Additional Locations

**Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN)**
- 777 United Nations Plaza (44th and 1st Avenue)
- **Subway:** Trains 4, 5, 6 or 7 or S to Grand Central and 10 minutes walk. Take the exit 42nd, 43rd, and Lexington Ave. walk towards 44th Street and take a right. Walk towards the UN flags towards the end of the street and your destination is the corner building on your right.
- **Bus:** M42 or X21 to East 42 Street/1 Ave. stop.

**The Salvation Army (SA)**
- 221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
- **Subway:** Right off of trains E or M to Lexington Ave./53rd Street or 6 train to 51st Street stop.
- **Bus:** M101 or M102 or M103 to 3 Ave./East 52 Street stop.

**The Armenian Convention Center (ACC)**
- 630 2nd Avenue (35th Street and 2nd Avenue)
- Take the exit on Park Ave. and walk east (right) towards 2nd Ave. and turn left on 2nd Ave.
- **Subway:** Local or express 6 train to 33rd Street Stop and 4 minutes walk
- **Bus:** BM5 or M15 or M34 or M34A to East 34th Street and 2nd Ave. stop.

**4W43 Building (4W43)**
- 4 West 43rd Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues)
- **Subway:** Trains B, D, F, M or 7 to 42nd Street Bryant Park and 5 mins walk; 4, 5, 6 or 7 or S to Grand Central and 7 minutes walk.
- **Bus:** M42 to 5 Ave./West 42nd Street; Q32 or M1 or M2 or M3 or M4* to Madison Ave. and West 43rd Street stop.

**Additional**

**Ford Foundation Center for Justice**
- 320 East 43rd Street (between 1st and 2nd Avenues)
- **Subway:** Trains 4, 5, 6 or 7 or S to Grand Central and 8 minutes walk.
- **Bus:** M15 or M15-SBS* to 42nd and 1st Ave.; M101 or M102 or M103 to 42nd and 3rd Ave. stop.
Pro Mujer is a leading mission-driven organization dedicated to working hand in hand with women in Latin America to break the barriers that limit their potential. We continue creating opportunities through a suite of financial, health and skill-building services. We know that when we invest in women, we invest in an entire community.

On to the new decade: Pro Mujer is building a large-scale and sustainable platform that provides relevant and transformative products and services to women throughout their life cycle. Through a network of best-in-class providers, fintech and tech companies, this one-stop shop provides solutions for women to thrive.

“We have reached a significant milestone for women and feminism in Latin America. This year, without a doubt, presents a critical opportunity to reflect on our past, unite, and renew our commitment to gender equality. It’s time to take collective action, and we invite you to join us.”

Maria Cavalcanti, President and CEO of Pro Mujer

promujer.org
WARNING
THE PATRIARCHY DOESN’T WANT YOU TO READ THIS.

Violence against women is a human rights violation, a public health emergency, and an economic crisis.

The Safer Sooner Report is the culmination of six years of research and dialogue among 128 Countries, 1700 Leaders, and 843 Organizations.

United in Purpose: A Treaty to End and Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls Worldwide. Together, we can make the world safer sooner.

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Restoring Human Dignity
Overcoming Trauma

The NGO Commission
on the Status of Women,
NY CSW64 Parallel Event

Speakers
• REV. NICOLE SAKURAI
  President: El Cantare Foundation
  Women’s Holistic Empowerment for Healing from PTSD and Stress Disorder.

• DR. EISAKU OYAMA MD
  Neurology, Psychiatry
  Manhattan Psychiatric Center

• MRS. AKIKO LAMM
  Guest Testimony

All are welcome,
RSVP call 1-808-635-7127
or elcantarefoundation.org
email: elcantarefoundation.org

Human Dignity in Overcoming Trauma – Social Protection

Thursday, March 12, 2020
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Trauma is a serious health issue for many women and can block natural potential. We help support women who have been affected by traumatic events such as abuse of power, betrayal, loss of control, helplessness, pain, confusion, loss, acts of terrorism, war, natural disaster, sexual assault and/or any experience which may affect women deeply and profoundly alter their abilities to be empowered.

4 W 43rd STREET • AQUA ROOM
4 W 43rd St. • 4W43 Building
New York, NY 10036
Closing the Imagination Gap: Children's Media in Africa

Using free resources to empower girls

CareerGirls.org is a free career exploration and readiness website that showcases video of diverse and accomplished women role models from around the world to help girls learn how to create a career and life of their dreams.

Whiz Kids Workshop believes that mass media can be the most cost-effective and immediate way to make an impact on large educational gaps in the developing world, particularly at the preschool level. Whiz Kids Workshop is best known for the award winning, early-childhood educational television program “Tsehai Loves Learning.”

March 10, 2020
10:30am - Noon
4 West 43rd St. Social Hall
New York, NY, 10036

PANELISTS INCLUDE:
Linda Calhoun, Founder and Executive Producer, Career Girls,
Dr. Beverly Thompson, Ph.D., Computer Scientist and Career Girls Board Member
and Brukty Tigabu, Founder, Whiz Kids Workshop
TAIWAN

GENDER EQUALITY WEEK

TAIWAN MAIN STAGE

MARCH 12, 2020   17:30 - 21:00
TECO: 1 E 42ND ST, NEW YORK

TO VOTE AND TO BE ELECTED:
LBT POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN TAIWAN AND US

MARCH 15, 2020   15:00 - 17:30
LGBT CENTER: 208 W 13TH ST, NEW YORK

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Jourdan Williams
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Principal Investigator, Ex-Officio:
Soon-Young Yoon, PhD
International Alliance of Women (IAW)
Planning Committee Chairs for NGO CSW64 Forum

NGO CSW/NY Planning Committee
Saphira Rameshfar and Azadeh Khalili

Consultation Day Program
Houry Geudelekian, Azadeh Khalili, and Mary Luke

Artisan Fair
Rosa Lizarde and Bishnu Maya Pariyar

Beijing Platform for Action Study Group
Jourdan Williams, Susan O’Malley, and Winifred Doherty

Conversation Circles Space
Ivy Koek and Terry Ince

Handbook
Yvonne O’Neal and Alexa Ward

Media
Pamela Morgan and Sheila Katzman

Orientation
Pamela Morgan and Mary Ann Tarantula

Rally
Saeeda Rizvi and Joy Theriot

Reception
Saphira Rameshfar and Madeleine Brecher

Woman of Distinction Award
Margaretha Jones and Mary Luke
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Ester Hymer | 1972-1982
International Federation of Business and Professional (IFBPW)

Kay Fraleigh | 1982-1991
International Alliance of Women (IAW)

Mary Power | 1991-1995
Baha’i International Community

Sudha Acharya | 1995-1999
All Indian Women’s Conference (AIWC)

Eleanor Brown | 1999 June-August
International Federation of Women’s Lawyers (IFWL)

Leslie Wright | 1999-2003
World Association of Girl Guides (WAGGS), Zonta International

Bani Dugal | 2003-2005
Baha’i International Community

Jackie Shapiro | 2005-2007
Zonta International

Vivian Pender | 2007-2011
International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA)

Soon-Young Yoon | 2011-2015
International Alliance of Women (IAW)

Susan O’Malley | 2015-2019
International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW)
NGO CSWs 2020

Africa
Memory Kachambwa, FEMNET
Kafui Kuwonu, Women In Law & Development in Africa (WiLDAF)

Arab/MENA
Lina Abou Habib, Women's Learning Partnership
Samira Bikarden, Association Democratique des Femmes Maroc

Asia/Pacific
Carole Shaw, Asia Pacific Women’s Watch (APWW)
Bandana Rana, SAATHI

Geneva
Stacy Dry Lara, Graduate Women International
Carolyn Handschin, WFWP

Latin America/Caribbean
Mabel Bianco, Foundation for Studies and Research on Women (FEIM)
Lana Finikin, Sistren Theatre Collective

New York
Houry Geudelekian, Unchained At Last
Ivy Koek, Soka Gakkai International,

Vienna
Laurie Richardson, FAWCO
Christine Peer, Soroptimist International
Leonie Baranes, Women’s International Zionist Organization

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• Victoria Edmonds and The Salvation Army Team for meeting space and assistance
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• Soon-Young Yoon for her unique and unwavering dedication over many years, and her heroic efforts to bring fwMAP to reality
• Non-Violence International for providing volunteers to help our parallel events run smoothly
• Martina Edmonds, M.D. our medical emergency volunteer for Consultation Day
• Hon. Jackie Weatherspoon for her networking extraordinaire
...and the many supporters who have generously given their time and donations to NGO CSW64 Forum.

We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts!
UN CSW64 NGO CSW Parallel Event

Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs through the Sustainable Development Goals

Monday, 9th March, 8.30am-10.30am
Venue: Salvation Army Auditorium, 221 East 52nd St. New York

VIP Guest of Honour - Dr Gertrude Mongella
Chair, United Nations 4th World Conference Women, Beijing 1995, sharing experiences & insights on Beijing+25 & achievements BPW Tanzania.

Celeste Mergens, Days for Girls International
empowering women & girls worldwide through sustainable menstrual care & health education

Önder Şenol, DeFacto, Turkey
DeFacto approach towards women’s empowerment: dreams made of fabric project

Susan Jones, BPW International
developing professional, leadership & business potential of women globally

Rosemary Williams, Millionth Circle Initiative/Women’s Perspective, USA
update on Women Economic Forum on 5WCW Mission Million 2022, India

Miriam Cuellar, University of Technology Sydney
women & girls in STEM creating opportunities for the future

Sara Azimi, Peivande Gole Narges, Charity Organization (PGN) Tehran Iran
empowering women & orphaned girls through vocational training, employment & business opportunities

Ezgi Ulusoy Yilmaz, Turuncu Association, Turkey
gender equality, elimination of violence & discrimination of women, girls, LGBT individuals & refugees

Carol Hanlon, Belmont BEC Inc. (BEC Global) BPW Business Incubator, TCF WA Inc. (TCF Global). BPW Western Australia; Women Economic Forum, Perth, Western Australia
empowering women entrepreneurs though small business training & mentoring, disability projects, migrant designers, circular economy, sustainability, fashion, creative industries & social enterprises

www.bpwbusinessincubator.com/empoweringwomen
EVENT HIGHLIGHTS
INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN
CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES

Ending Violence Against Women and Girls:
Best Practices for Women's Empowerment

Monday, March 16, 2020 11:30AM-12:45PM
Conference Room 11, UN Building

http://www.icw-cif.com/

Join the International Council of Women,
and join us in changing women’s lives for the better
everywhere in the world
Indigenous Women in Mining and Resources Australia “are trailblazing the conversation advocating towards Gender Equality, Social Inclusion and Economic Security highlighting the intersectionality of First Nations people.”

IWIMRA actively aim to promote best practice and sustainable outcomes.

Be part of the solution!!

PARALLEL EVENT

Indigenous Women in Mining and Resources
Championing Women’s Rights and Addressing Our Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Commitments

Date: 19 March
Time: 4:30pm–6:00pm
Venue: The Salvation Army
221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
NEW YORK
www.iwimra.com
Salary Negotiation
Accelerating Gender Equity and Women's Economic Empowerment

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FRIENDS
of the Commission on the
Status of Women

The FRIENDS of the Commission on the Status of Women supports the work of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women to catalyze economic empowerment and security for all women and girls of San Francisco.

March 12, 2020
6:15 pm to 7:45 pm
UN Church Center, 2nd Floor
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

The San Francisco Equal Pay Initiative aims to train 20,000 women to negotiate for fair and equal pay with confidence.

The panel discussion will include:

- The gender pay gap and its long term consequences
- Economic empowerment as a social justice issue
- Strategies and resources for negotiating salary and benefits

Proud sponsor and the official airline for the FRIENDS.
Unlocking Gender Equality: Strengthening Civil Registration and Vital Statistics to Deliver on the Beijing Platform and the SDGs

A breakfast event on the sidelines of the Commission on the Status of Women

March 11, 8–10AM, The Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

Register at bit.ly/UnlockingGenderEqualityEvent
Enshrining Women’s Rights in the Japanese Constitution:
Beate Sirota Gordon’s Legacy and Its Implications for Other Countries

Monday, March 16, 2020.  6:15 pm – 7:45 pm  Church of the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza  (44th St. off 1st Ave.) 2d fl.   New York, NY
Attendance is free and open to the public; seating is on a first-come, first-served basis

The Women’s Rights Clause, Article 24, of the Japanese Constitution, was drafted in 1946 by 22-year-old, Japanese-speaking Beate Sirota Gordon. Born in Vienna and raised in Japan, she was at Mills College in California when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Unable to communicate with her parents who spent the war interned in Japan, she returned to Japan to look for them in late 1945 as a junior member of General MacArthur’s staff in the occupation. Fortuitously, she was assigned to work on the Japanese Constitution…

Drawn from constitutions around the world and her childhood experience in Japan, it is a model for women’s rights. The panel addresses the history and current status of the Japanese Constitution, Sirota Gordon’s role in its creation, and ensuring women's rights in Japan and in countries around the world.

Speakers
Professor Carol Gluck, George Sansom Professor of History, Columbia University
“Marriage Shall Be Based on Mutual Consent: Beate Sirota Gordon and the Japanese Constitution”

Reiko Aoki, Visiting Researcher, National Women’s Education Center of Japan
“The Impact of Article 24 (Women’s Rights) on Japanese Women Today”

Dr. Elizabeth L. Hillman, President, Mills College
“How the Law Matters to Women, Girls, and the Rest of Us”

Nicole Gordon, Moderator, Distinguished Lecturer, Baruch College
(Daughter of Beate Sirota Gordon)
“Serendipity and Opportunity”

Sponsors: National Women’s Education Center of Japan, Saitama, Japan
Mills College, Oakland, CA  The Japan Society, New York, NY
In conjunction with The 64th Session of UN Commission on the Status of Women (2020)

Beate Sirota Gordon’s story is recounted in “The Only Woman in the Room” (U. Chicago Press)
Across Australia and the Pacific against sexual abuse and family violence for First Nations Women

The panel discussion event will showcase the power of women’s song lines across Australia and the Pacific as they individually and collectively share with the global community the knowledge they have gained in breaking the cycle of violence and the pathways they found that have allowed women to live freely and safely in their communities.

Panel Discussion Event

Join us as we share the collective experiences and wisdom of Australian and Pacifica First Nation women’s journeys out of violence to empowerment.

Friday, 13 March 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (Eastern Daylight Time)

The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission

221 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022
UK CSWAlliance CSW64 events

All events organised by the UKCSWA members are found on
nawo.org.uk/csw-alliance/csw-alliance-events/

The UK Civil Society Women’s Alliance is a coalition of 100+ organisations based in the UK, working internationally & domestically for women and girls and involved in UN processes. We wish everyone a very successful CSW. We look forward to working together for positive impact and welcome you to these events.

There are many events not listed in the hand book. Venue addresses below. We invite you to find out more here:

nawo.org.uk/csw-alliance/csw-alliance-events/

UK Mission (RSVP for security)
One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, 885 2nd Ave

FEDCAP
210 East 43rd Street (between 2/3Ave)

Japan Society
East 47th St

BIC (RSVP for security)
866 UN Plaza, Suite 120 corner of 1st & 39rd St

African Union Permanent Observer Mission UN, 3 Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 306 East 47th St
Environmental Justice & Women’s Leadership: Lessons from CALIFORNIA, a CEDAW State

Wednesday, March 11, 2:30 – 4 pm
UN Church Center, 2nd Floor

California, the fifth largest economy in the world, became a CEDAW state in 2018, at the forefront of the women’s human rights movement as it has been at the forefront of the environmental justice movement. Join an important conversation about our successes and remaining challenges with leading international experts.

Elmy Bermejo, President of the San Francisco Commission on the Environment

Dr. Emily Murase, Director of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women

Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Former Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women

Bridget Burns, Director at the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)

Emilia Reyes, Coordinator of Gender Policies and Budget at Equidad de Genero, Member Mexico Delegation to the UNFCCC COP 25 in Madrid

Dr. Soon-Young Yoon, Chair of the Board at the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO)
GSMA is helping to bridge the digital gender divide by leading the mobile industry to become the first sector to commit to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Our work:

- Through the GSMA’s Connected Women Commitment Initiative mobile operators have already reached over 30 million additional women with mobile internet and mobile money services.
- Our Tech4Girls and Women4Tech initiatives are working to deliver advanced digital skills and leadership opportunities for women and girls.
- The GSMA is a co-founder of EQUALS, the largest international public-private partnership working to deliver digital gender equality.
- The GSMA is committed to the UN Women’s Empowerment Principles.

For more information visit: www.gsma.com/connectedwomen
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All-Female Organization | Founded in 1996

Founder: Dame Esther Uduehi

Established to educate and mobilize women to play a larger role in government and public affairs in Nigeria.

- Sensitization of Women for Voters Registration.
- Advocacy for Women inclusion in Governance.
- Empowerig Women for Economic Stability.
- Lobbying to influence policies that favour Women.
- Education on Women’s Civil Rights and Responsibility.
- Establishment of Trust Fund to support Women Participation in politics.

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“Building Back Stronger through the Inclusion of Women Leaders”
Date: March 14, 2020
Time: 8:30 AM
Venue: 10th Floor, Church Center
Sponsor: Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

“Women of Faith: Change Agents as Earth Day Turns 50”
Date: March 17, 2020
Time: 4:30 PM
Venue: Salvation Army Auditorium
Sponsor: Earth Day Network, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

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Never Go Back
Protecting Women’s Rights During & After Taliban Negotiations
A Parallel Event at the UN Commission on the Status of Women Forum in New York

Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan and Women for Afghan Women are pleased to invite you to a policy discussion focused on the implications for Afghan women and girls of current and future peace initiatives for their country.

Recent efforts by the United States and other actors to negotiate with the Taliban have thus far failed to meaningfully include women or emphasize safeguards for women’s human rights in Afghanistan moving forward. In response, Afghan women mobilized, and continue to demand the protection of their rights in the eventual outcomes of talks. Their work continues.

Join us to hear from women on the frontlines advocating to preserve and expand the substantial gains Afghan women and girls have made since 2001, as they share their insights on efforts to amplify women’s voices at the negotiating table and recommendations for next steps. The moderated panel will include audience Q&A.

Event details
Monday, March 16, 2020
12:30pm to 2:00pm
Venue: Salvation Army Auditorium, 221 E 52nd St, New York, NY
Cost: Free
RSVP strongly recommended: megan@womenforafghanwomen.org

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Monday, March 9, 2020
2:30-4:00 p.m.

Church Center for the United Nations, 10th Floor,
777 United Nations Plaza,
New York, NY 10017

This panel will showcase five ongoing initiatives in Cape Verde, Georgia, India, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Mongolia, Spain, Ukraine, and the United States led by higher education and gender research institutes.

Speakers:
• Cynthia Blandford, University Consortium for Liberia
• PeiYao Chen, Global Fund for Women
• Clementina Furtado, CIGEF, University of Cabo Verde
• Layli Maparyan, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College
• Dionne Stephens, Florida International University
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Log On. Rise Up: Put the power of digital campaigning and networking in your hands!

Conversation Circles Space
Tuesday, March 10th, 2020, 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Armenian Convention Center Auditorium, 630 2nd Ave, New York, NY

In this interactive workshop led by expert digital activists, both seasoned and emerging women’s rights leaders will learn strategies to speak out online and build a global network of support to mobilize around their causes. You’ll walk away with new ideas and resources to grow online movements, channel your voice to global influencers, and gain digital confidence to log on and rise up.

Participants can bring their mobile phones or laptops to follow along, or simply gain inspiration and key takeaways from the session.
Secrets of gender-based violence.
From the male point of view.
Revealed by women.

SPOILED
Written and Directed by
Elizabeth Hess
March 19-29, 2020
Thursdays-Saturday 8pm
Sunday 5pm
The Downstairs at La MaMa
66 E 4th St, New York, NY 10003
Tickets: $25 adults/$20 students and seniors. $18 with discount code: CSW18
Tickets available at:
http://lamama.org/spoiled/
Originally commissioned & developed by Elizabeth Scott Osborne

POST SHOW PANELS

Arts on Sexual Violence
Moderated by: Monika Fabijanska (Contemporary Art Projects)
March 19th, 2020
Opening Night Reception to Follow

Gender-based violence: What can be done?
Moderated by: Elizabeth Scott Osborne (President: UN Women USA - Gulf Coast Chapter)
March 22nd, 2020

Women in Collaboration: The SPOILED Process
Moderated by: Gina Stevensen (SPOILED Dramaturg)
March 27th, 2020

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Equity Approved Showcase
This 2020, as the global community marks 25 years of the Beijing Declaration, Vicar Hope Foundation is reviewing actions taken in the local African context towards its realization. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.
At the core of our activities is building formidable partnerships aimed at speeding up the development process in local communities in Africa through various programmes and projects including:

- **THE GIRLS REALISE YOUR POTENTIALS’ PROJECTS (GRYP)**
- **THE NON PROFIT REVOLVING LOAN SCHEME (NPRLS)**
- **CHARITY SHOP AND FOOD BANK**
- **SKILLS ACQUISITION, LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP**
- **PERIODIC REACH OUT TO VULNERABLE WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE**
- **PROUDLY NIGERIA EXPO**
- **TEMPORARY SHELTER FOR VICTIMS OF GBV**
- **AFRICA WOMEN CONFERENCE (AWC)**
- **RESEARCH AND REPORTS**

Join us at the **ARTISAN FAIR**

TO LEARN AND EXPERIENCE THE CREATIVITY OF EMPOWERED RURAL AFRICAN WOMEN

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One in five women are women with disabilities; and they are leading the way towards inclusive disability and women’s rights movements, around the world.

Congratulations to Dwi Ariyani, DRF/DRAF’s Program Officer for Indonesia, for being a 2020 NGO CSW64 Woman of Distinction. Come hear Dwi and other women with disabilities at:

“Sexual and Reproductive Health: Whose Rights are Missing?”
18 March at 12:30 PM, Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Women and girls with disabilities are disproportionately impacted by sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment. Still, gender equality efforts often reinforce denial of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for women with disabilities. Forced sterilization and involuntary contraception remain common in many places, viewed by state and even feminist actors as “in the best interests” of women with disabilities and society at large.

This event will illuminate the transformative potential of an inclusive feminist movement — one recognizing that gender equality will not be achieved until the rights of all women are realized. Feminists with disabilities from the Global South, and the funders resourcing their efforts, will share experiences advocating within and across sectors to ensure that all women contribute to reform.

For more information about this and other events co-sponsored by DRF/DRAF at CSW64, please visit drafund.org/csw64.
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creative coalition-building

INNOVATE
intergenerational, intersectional plans

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Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely and Winnie Madikizela-Mandela attended the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995) in Beijing, China sponsored by Harlem Women International-New Future Foundation, Inc.
The American Bar Association (ABA) salutes the United Nations Commission on the Status Of Women and NGO CSW64. The ABA celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The ABA also joins the international community in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution giving women the right to vote. The ABA Rule of Law Initiative, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, and Center for Human Rights are proud to support the rule of law and the global advancement of the rights of women and girls. The American Bar Association is the world’s largest voluntary professional organization with more than 350,000 members and is a consultative NGO with the United Nations.

Photo: In coordination with the organization Action Femmes Sourdes, ABA ROLI staff were taught French sign language skills to help deaf sexual violence survivors navigate the justice system in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For inquiries about ABA’s Global Programs, please contact David Dettman at david.dettman@americanbar.org.

Do you have ideas about how the ABA can work with the UN? The ABA’s Representatives and Observers to the UN can be reached at sherry.garay@americanbar.org.
Going Global

Programme Agenda
Welcome Address
Rt. Rev. Musaenda Trevor Selwyn Mwamba
Retired Bishop of Botswana
Board Member: Katrina’s Dream

Panel Speakers
Hélène de Boissière – Swanson
Founder / CEO Katrina’s Dream
Author: Walk the Talk: A Quest for Equality

Tammy Simkins
Owner: One Rural Woman
Co-Director: ERA Action

Sharon J. Hill
Owner / CEO Public Eye Relations
Producer: Public Eye Report

Julie Chi-Hye Suk
Professor: Sociology / Dean for Master’s Programs
at the Graduate Center, CUNY
Author: We the Women: The Unstoppable Mother of the Equal Rights Amendment

Questions & Answers

All Are Welcome

United nations' CSW 64 / Beijing 25+
Parallel event
Going global

Learn from the women on the frontlines of the Women’s Empowerment movement here in the United States of America. Hear their personal stories as like-minded women working together across the nation with other like-minded folk to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Grasp the global implications once it passes in the U.S. Constitution.

Let us work collectively towards building a community in the new era of inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development.

Monday - March 9, 2020
4:30pm
Salvation Army Auditorium
New York, New York, USA
Invite you to

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“Ponte las pilas! ESD puts the power back in your hands to fight against power based violence.”
— Michelle

“ESD Instills awareness of everyone’s right to personal safety and multi-dimensional skills to assert it.”
— Sergio

Closing Day Details

El Halev closes the 64th CSW NGO Parallel events with a screening of the life-saving, mindset-shifting feature documentary film

BEAUTY BITES BEAST

March 20th | 12:30 pm | Church Center for the UN, 777 United Nations Plaza, 8th Floor (across from U.N. HQ)
Once we start to act, hope is everywhere. So instead of looking for hope, look for action. Then, and only then hope will come.

— Greta Thunberg —
TEDxStockholmSweden, November 2018