VIRTUAL NGO CSW FORUM 65
14 - 26 MARCH 2021
INTERACTIVE HANDBOOK
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NGO CSW Global Consultation Day

15-26 MARCH 2021
United Nations Sixty-Fifth Session
Commission on the Status of Women
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HANDBOOK ADS
Here we are after years of gathering women’s voices at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN, we at NGO CSW/NY have gone fully virtual with our Forum for CSW65 due to the global pandemic. How can we recreate the energy that happens when women gather? That is up to all of us. We all know one of the most effective gatherings in our advocacy happened 25 years ago. Is it odd that we were forced to rethink advocacy precisely on the 25th anniversary of that event? I don’t think so. The Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in Beijing changed the way gender equality was addressed in so many ways. Now we have an opportunity to recreate it again. After collecting our synergies from the NGO CSW64 Forum cancellation and postponing all events around Generation Equality Forum (GEF), we joined forces with our NGO CSW Co-Chairs in the Regions to experiment with this virtual platform to see how we can address all inequalities that Covid-19 has exposed.

We are planning the usual activities from our Forum like Consultation Day, Parallel Events, Conversation Circles, Caucuses, Youth Events and more! This year you will also learn and engage with GEF, Action Coalitions, Women, Peace and Security & Humanitarian Action Compact and Adolescent Girl Investment Plan, as well as other partners, GEF campaigns with UN Women, France and Mexico.
Our goal is to make this platform as inclusive and productive as ever with a shared leadership model. For that we need your help. Let us together work towards breaking silos and focus on concrete results while learning creative ways of mastering advocacy. We’ve learned so much from our predecessors and those who were in Beijing 25 years ago, yet I know for a fact there’s so much more to learn from the next generation. Let’s not just give the next generation lip service, let’s make sure they have a safe space to engage and uplift us through intergenerational dialogue.

We can not keep doing what we’ve done in the past, it is time to truly create a new model, a model that does not discriminate, demean or disrespect one another. We must be ready to address any and all topics especially racism, LGBTQI+, marginalized women and girls, poverty and climate justice.

Finally, be sure to read and adhere to our Virtual Safety Guidelines and Principles, NGO CSW/NY has the right and responsibility to remove anyone who does not adhere to these principles. We have an opportunity to unite our voices against the tyranny of patriarchy, militarism and supremacy, let’s use it in an effective way.

Thank you, looking forward to an exciting and result oriented CSW65!

Houry Geudelekian, 
NGO CSW/NY Chair
GLOBAL CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM 14 MARCH 2021

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NGO CSW/NY CONSULTATION DAY

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NGO CSW GENEVA CONSULTATION DAY

3-5PM EDT:
NGO CSW LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN CONSULTATION DAY

15 Mar 1:15-3:15AM EDT | 15 Mar 4:15-6:15PM AEDT:
NGO CSW ASIA/PACIFIC CONSULTATION DAY
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WELCOME
GLOBAL PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS HOURY GEUDELEKIAN, NGO CSW/NY CHAIR & IVY KOEK, NGO CSW VICE CHAIR

INDIGENOUS RITUAL TO HONOR OUR ANCESTORS
BY Dra. T’KARIMA TICITL, PHD, CM, LM, PARTERA (XICANA INDIGENOUS)

CONVERSATION WITH CSW65 CHAIR & UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
H.E. MR. MHER MARGARYAN, CSW CHAIR; PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA, UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; MODERATED BY US STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARI MANOOGIAN

GIRLS SPEAK OUT SLAM POETRY
WITH WORKING GROUP ON GIRLS

CHALLENGES, HOPES & JOYS OF GEF
CIVIL SOCIETY SPEAKERS:
AMANI ARURI, YOUTH ACTIVIST; DIANA ABOU ABBAS, MARSA SEXUAL HEALTH CENTER; HIYA SHAH, GIRLS LEARN INTERNATIONAL; JENSINE LARSEN, WORLD PULSE; VIOLET SHIVUTSE, HUAIROU COMMISSION

GEF CORE GROUP SPEAKERS:
CHAMATHYA FERNANDO, GENERATION EQUALITY YOUTH TASK FORCE; ZONEZIWOH MBONDULO-WONDIEH, GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY ADVISORY GROUP; DELPHINE O, AMBASSADOR, SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM, FRANCE; NADINE GASMANN ZYLBERMANN, PRESIDENT, INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LAS MUJERES MEXICO; LOPA BANERJEE, DIRECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY DIVISION & EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM, UN WOMEN

MUSIC BY UN ORCHESTRA
FAREWELL WITH MUSIC AND DANCING
WHAT DOES A VIRTUAL NGO CSW FORUM LOOK LIKE?

The NGO CSW65 Forum in March 2021 will be virtual. So what does that mean?

WORKING WITH THE NGO CSW’S IN THE REGIONS
We'll be working with the NGO CSWs in the Regions to ensure a global, inclusive, and accessible Forum.

VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS
There will still be opportunities to host Parallel Events virtually through a simple application. Applications open on 16 November.

NGO CSW FORUM EVENTS
We will still have many of the programs and events that make the Forum special like Global Consultation Days, a Virtual Artisan Marketplace, Advocacy Trainings, Conversation Circles, and a digital handbook.

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP
We'll also be hosting an Advocacy and Research Group that is open to the global NGO CSW community.
NGO CSW/NY is committed to ensuring that everyone has a fulfilling experience with the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum. Our goal is to make this platform as inclusive and productive as possible through a shared leadership model. Below are some guidelines for successfully utilizing the virtual platform, as well as principles to follow to assure a safe environment founded in respect and inclusivity.

- Use welcoming and inclusive language.
- Commit to open dialogue and transparency. Remain driven by our collective mission of advancing gender equality, feminism and women’s rights. Build a culture of excellence, compassion, integrity, and honesty.
- Respect one another. Listen, avoid assumptions, enable different opinions. Critique ideas, not people.
- Allow everyone to participate. Don’t dominate the conversation and honor time limits.
- Show empathy toward other participants.
- Respect the diversity of languages, opinions and expertise, while acknowledging that sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, transphobia, global North domination and other institutionalized forms of oppression exist.
- Honor confidentiality and “I” statements (“I” instead of “they,” “we,” or “you”). Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing.
- Be positive and seek unity. Build people’s ideas up rather than knocking them down, and refrain from personal attacks.
- This is a space where the voices of the marginalized are amplified and given “expert” priority when recounting their own experiences. Their experiences of oppression are not up for debate or to be refuted in any way.
- This is an antiracist space meaning that we welcome, value and revere an intersectional approach to feminism. An anti-racist space requires that all of us need to consider our positionality and work actively not to replicate white patriarchal structures including subjugating voices of Black women and women of color.

NGO CSW/NY will not tolerate harassment of any kind including but not limited to:
- Offensive comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, mental illness, physical appearance, political affiliation, age, race, national and/or ethnic origin, immigration status, language, religion, or indigeneity.
- Deliberate intimidation
- Sustained disruption of discussion
- Continued one-on-one communication after requests to cease.
ENGAGING THE UN

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It is my great pleasure to connect with the vibrant NGO community on the upcoming sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which I am honoured to chair for a second year.

After the scaling down of the sixty-fourth session of the Commission due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, we all hoped to see the full CSW community of government delegations, civil society and other stakeholders from across the world gathered in New York this year. Sadly, the pandemic continues to impose limitations on the conduct of intergovernmental meetings at United Nations Headquarters. As a result, the sixty-fifth session will take place in a hybrid format with largely virtual meetings.

In spite of this new reality and taking into account the limitations posed by the pandemic, the Bureau of the Commission prepared a full and substantive agenda, with ministerial round tables, the general discussion, interactive dialogues on the priority and review themes, and negotiations on the agreed conclusions.
Women play an important role in public life as well as outside of formal public institutions through civil society organizations and other forms of civic engagement, including in the media, labour unions, and academia. Through these channels, women and gender equality advocates successfully promote legislation and mechanisms to advance gender equality, and to eliminate laws that discriminate against women and girls. Young women and girls are leading movements calling for broader economic, social and environmental justice and systemic reforms.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a profound shock to societies and economies. It has also exposed and exacerbated gaps in women’s leadership and participation in decision-making. Its gender-specific dimensions are visible across every area of life, not least because of the shadow pandemic of gender-based violence. This year’s CSW priority theme, “Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”, is therefore very timely. The sixty-fifth session provides an opportunity to come up with strong action-oriented policy recommendations and ensure that we build back better towards a future that is more equal, resilient and sustainable.

**As Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, I look forward to the continued engagement of civil society towards our common goal of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.**

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan
  Permanent Representative of Armenia to the UN, CSW65 Chair
The year 2020, which marked the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, was a moment when the world came together to face the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. We knew that all hands had to be on deck to mitigate the spread and impact of a virus that was ravaging communities and threatening to set back years of progress to human development. It was also a moment when we saw the immeasurable contributions of women. Whether as frontline and healthcare workers or tireless mobilizers for racial and gender justice, the critical role of women’s leadership in public life cannot be understated.

As we explore this theme during the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, we recognize the influential role that women also play in public life outside of formal public institutions, including through women’s organizations and feminist movements, and as social justice activists. The pandemic has exposed deeply rooted gender and racial inequalities within social, political and economic systems globally. We saw how, even amidst lockdowns, activists across racial, gender and class lines took to the streets around the world to protest police brutality. Many of these social movements were led by women activists – including young women and women of colour – who were determined to send a clear signal that racism, inequality and discrimination would no longer be accepted. Such expressions of global solidarity represent not just collective outrage, but the hope that together we can finally begin to reckon with the systemic inequalities that hold us back.
But there is still much work to be done to ensure that women have equal access to leadership and decision-making roles at all levels, and to counter the high levels of gender-based violence directed at them both online and offline. The world is a very different place today than it was at the same time last year, and we will continue to feel the reverberations of COVID-19 for some time to come. As we reconfigure our response to this new reality, we must use the lessons learnt from the past year to identify opportunities for building back greener, equitable, gender-responsive and inclusive. We must turn the crisis into a metamorphosis moment to support the invaluable leadership and contribution of women to human development.

A huge part of this is supporting the leadership of a new generation of young people, many of whom were born after the Beijing conference in 1995. Youth are at the forefront of global action for change around the world, both in responding to the pandemic and in working to address the systemic inequalities that it has unearthed. We must continue to listen to them and invite them to the table as equal partners. UN Women’s National Gender Youth Activists, a network of grassroots activists from diverse backgrounds, and the upcoming Generation Equality Forum, in which the work of civil society and young people play such a pivotal role, will help nurture the spirit of intergenerational partnership and leadership that we need to achieve the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.

As we look back on 10 years since the establishment of UN Women, we see signs of renewed hope. As Dr Martin Luther King said, we must allow ourselves to believe that while the arc of the universe is long, it bends toward justice. If we make a stand together in solidarity we can get there together and ensure that we are indeed Generation Equality.

- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka
  UN Women Executive Director
To begin, the COVID-19 virus enacted what can only be described as a scorched earth policy, leaving in its wake, plundered communities, ravaged healthcare systems and sowing grave discord in the social fabric of nations and communities. Alongside the mayhem that the pandemic unleashed on the global community, it also exposed the systemic inequities, many of which are along racial lines, and the true nature of vulnerabilities of many marginalized communities, who are where they are through deliberate, methodological and intended efforts to leave some behind. It is against this backdrop that we see the continued strength of women’s staunch activism, voice and agency.

Women continue to bear the brunt of the impact of the virus as it continues to erode and threaten gender equality that has been so hard fought by feminist movements. Statistics reveal to us that women have shouldered the burden more so than their male counterparts. Globally, women perform on average three-quarters, or 76.4 per cent, of the total amount of unpaid care work. In some countries that adds up to women spending 11 times more time than men on unpaid care work. This has only increased during the pandemic. In countries with weak health systems, it is women who are stepping up to care for the sick at home, often at considerable risk to their own health. Women are also more likely than men to be laid off from their jobs.

LOPA BANERJEE,
Director, Civil Society Division & Executive Coordinator Generation Equality Forum UN Women

We are now on a rapid road to the Generation Equality Forum and beyond in 2021. As we go forth on this ambitious journey we carry essential lessons from 2020.
Alongside the COVID-19 response, as the winds of change increasingly pick up speed and volume, and as more global citizens recognize the relevance of social movements such as Black Lives Matter and the #SayHerName campaign, what is also noteworthy is the fact that these types of movements are part of the broader discourse on fundamental human rights and equality. What is also becoming apparent is that no one group can go it alone. For change to occur, there needs to be collective mobilizing of voice, unified under the single banner of human rights, gender equality, justice, dignity and respect. If change is to be meaningful, tangible and sustainable, this collective voice must be diverse, expansive and leaving-no-one-behind, for everyone has a role to play.

We will not achieve gender equality unless all of society is involved. Partnership building is also about solidarity, joining forces for a collective good. This is what the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) is about – engaging a diversity of actors and placing civil society and youth leadership at the centre of a multistakeholder movement for gender equality.

UN Women is committed to ensure that its work responds to and reflects the needs of young women and girls and gender non-conforming people in 2021 and beyond.

Therefore, 2021 is an opportunity to reset the clock. This CSW, with its focus on women’s leadership is a pivotal moment to emphasize the new feminist models of solidarity, partnerships, actions and accountability that this moment calls for. The Generation Equality Forum responds to this, creating bridges between older and young generations in a more effective way; harnessing youth energy, creativity and critical thinking to challenge the status quo; and bringing together the next generation of gender equality activists in a stronger feminist movement.

The Generation Equality Forum, which takes place in March (Mexico City) and June (Paris) of this year is about consolidating a collection of voices to ignite change. Only when we work together, with collective intention and unison, can we achieve more and only then can we be more.

- Lopa Banerjee,

Director, Civil Society Division & Executive Coordinator Generation Equality Forum UN Women
PRIORITIY THEME:
WOMEN'S FULL AND EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION AND DECISION-MAKING IN
PUBLIC LIFE, AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION
OF VIOLENCE, FOR ACHIEVING GENDER
EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF ALL
WOMEN AND GIRLS

REVIEW THEME:
WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT AND THE LINK
TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (AGREED
CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIXTIETH SESSION)

READ MORE HERE.
WHAT IS CSW?

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 65th session (2020) of the Commission on the Status of Women are:

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan (Armenia), Chair (Eastern European States Group)
- Ms. Jo Feldman (Australia), Vice-Chair (Western European and other States Group)
- Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi (Algeria), Vice-Chair (African States Group)
- Mr. Na Sang Deok (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific States Group)
- Vice-Chair for the Latin American and Caribbean States Group; to be nominated

For more information, visit UN Women’s website.
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To mark the 25th anniversary, UN Women launched a new, multigenerational campaign: Generation Equality: Realizing women’s rights for an equal future. The campaign demands equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end to sexual harassment and all forms of violence against women and girls, health-care services that respond to their needs, and their equal participation in political life and decision-making in all areas of life.

NGO CSW/NY and our Chair, Houry Geudelekian, was tasked by UN Women with the role of global civil society convener for the campaign, including the Generation Equality Forum (GEF).

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 (CSAG).

The CSAG serves as the representative of civil society’s priorities for the GEF 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 GEF process. The CSAG 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.
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 fwMAP 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.

**More resources on Generation Equality:**

- [NGO CSW/NY’S DECK ON GENERATION EQUALITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY](#)
- [GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM WEBSITE](#)
- [GENERATION EQUALITY SOCIAL MEDIA PACKAGE](#)
VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS

For the up-to-date schedule of the virtual Parallel Events to date, follow this link.
NGO CSW/NY
EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS
### NGO CSW/NY Exhibit Booth Events

**March**

**KEY:**
- Conversation Circle
- Anti-Racism Session
- Regional Caucus
- Civil Society Briefing

*All event times are in EDT timezone*

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Join NGO CSW/NY’s Consultation Day for education, conversation, storytelling, and entertainment to prepare for the upcoming CSW.

Sunday, 14 March 2021
10AM - 12PM EDT
ORIENTATION and ADVOCACY TRAINING

Learn the ins and outs of the CSW and UN advocacy!

This is a great session for those who have never before attended a CSW and is new to the space or for anyone who needs a refresher!

REGISTER

Monday, 15 March 2021
9AM EST
CONVERSATION CIRCLES

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

A place to raise issues and exchange ideas on 10 different topics in a semi-structured space during CSW65. Participants from around the globe are welcome. Join us! Each conversation will present a specific topic related to the Generation Equality Action Coalitions, Compact and other emerging issues, guided by two co-facilitators who are experts on the topic. Participants will be encouraged to be engaged in discussion either live or by chat. **Registration is required and will be capped at 200 people.**

Monday to Friday, 15-22 March
9-10:30am EST and from 4:00-5:30pm EST
CONVERSATION CIRCLE
THEMES

Click on the event’s title to register.

**Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights**
15 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

**Working Group on Girls**
16 March | 8-9:30AM EDT

**Feminist Movements & Leadership in the Time of COVID-19**
16 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

**Human Trafficking**
17 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

**Violence Against Women**
17 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

**Economic Justice & Rights**
18 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

**LGBTQ+**
19 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

**Future of Education**
19 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

**Women, Youth, Peace & Security**
22 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

**Climate Crisis**
22 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

**Anti-Racism**
24 March | 10-11:30AM EDT
Prioritize self-care with Exhale to Inhale in this 30-minute chair yoga practice. All you need is a chair, your breath and any comfortable clothing. We will guide you through a trauma-informed practice comprised of gentle yoga movements, meditation, and breath awareness practices. Our practice is rooted in safety, simplicity, and choice-making, so you can expect plenty of opportunities to honor your bodies needs, moment to moment.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
DURING THE NGO CSW65 FORUM
12:30-1:00PM EDT
REGIONAL CAUCUSES

Discuss your region's most relevant and pressing issues and advocacy at regional caucuses happening throughout the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum.

AFRICA
16 March, 2-3pm EDT | 23 March, 6-7pm EDT

ARAB STATES/MENA
18 March, 7-8am EDT | 26 March, 7-8am EDT

ASIA/PACIFIC
TBD

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN
19 March, 6-7pm EDT | 26 March, 5-6pm EDT

NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE
16 March, 2-3pm EDT | 24 March, 5-6pm EDT

Click on each event to register.
DEVELOPING BLACK WOMEN LEADERS: THE STORY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: ANTI-RACISM

MATERNAL HEALTH AND BLACK WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES

ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

Click on the titles of each event to register.

VISIT THE ANTI-RACISM SPACE ON THE NGO CSW65 VIRTUAL FORUM PLATFORM HERE.
CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING

Join this civil society briefing to learn about CSW65 negotiations. Panelists will include CSW Bureau members and the UN Women Executive Director.

BRIEFING WITH NGO CSWS AND UN WOMEN IN THE REGIONS

Join this discussion about the process and outcomes of CSW consultations from a regional perspective. Panelists will include representatives from the NGO CSWs in the Regions and UN Women regional offices.
Join global feminist activists for a Joyful Disruption of the status quo! We will speak up and amplify you from all corners of the world with hashtags, videos and more! We will celebrate and acknowledge the work that still needs to be done! We will also ‘Pass the Torch’ from NGO CSW65 Forum to the #GenerationEquality Mexico Forum!

26 MARCH | 12-1PM EDT

Register
VIRTUAL ARTISAN FAIR

Shop authentic handmade fashion, home, and jewelry accessories during the NGO CSW65 Forum! Global artisans who support NGOs with women-focused initiatives can apply to sell their goods through our virtual platform during the two-week Forum. All proceeds go to the artisans or their organizations.

14-26 MARCH 2021
DURING THE NGO CSW65 FORUM

CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE ARTISAN FAIR.
NGO CSW NY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

THE POWER OF YOUNG WOMEN TO LEAD: “YOUNG WOMEN’S STORIES—FOSTERING LEADERSHIP” PROJECT REPORT LAUNCH
Tuesday, 16 March, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM EDT

WHY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS SHOULD CONCERN US ALL
Tuesday, 16 March, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

FORCED MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.: A SCREENING OF “KNOTS”
AND DISCUSSION WITH ITS STARS
Tuesday, 16 March, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

A PRESENTATION SKILLS WORKSHOP: WOMEN... SPEAK UP!
Wednesday, 17 March, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT

DIVERSITY AND WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP:
CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN EFFECTIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE
Friday, 19 March, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM EDT

NASRIN FILM DISCUSSION
Saturday, 20 March, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

SOCIALLY RELEVANT FILM FESTIVAL
Saturday, 20 March, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

NGO CSW/NY EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS

FEMINIST AND WOMEN’S MOVEMENT ACTION PLAN EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS
  ○ Women’s Human Rights for Peace and Security— How Can You Educate Better?
  ○ Cities for CEDAW: Local Gender Equity Now And Going Forward
  ○ Gender Justice for the UN Decade of Action and GEF
  ○ Opening of the Beijing+25 Online Books
WHO IS NGO CSW/NY?

NGO CSW/NY facilitates a platform for the voices and leadership of feminists and women’s rights organizations globally who lobby for their inclusion in the UN deliberations in pursuit of gender equality.

We envision a world without sexism, sexual violence, or discrimination against women and girls, where economic, political, and social policies encourage their empowerment and wellbeing.
NGO CSW/NY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Jourdan Williams
*International Health Awareness Network*

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Susan O’Malley
*International Federation of Business and Professional Women*

**Past Chair, Principal Investigator**
Soon-Young Yoon
*International Alliance of Women*
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NGO CSW Asia/Pacific:
Bandana Rana, Suvekchya Rana, Carole Shaw

NGO CSW Geneva:
Stacy Dry Lara, Carolyn Handschin

NGO CSW Latin America & the Caribbean:
Mabel Bianco, Lana Finikin

NGO CSW Vienna:
Christine Peer, Laurie Richardson
NGO CSWs IN THE REGIONS

**AFRICA**
- Memory Kachambwa
  FEMNET
- Kafui Kuwonu
  Women In Law & Development in Africa (WiLDAF)

**ARAB STATES**
- 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 & THE CARIBBEAN**
- Mabel Bianco
  FEIM
- Lana Finikin
  Sistren Theatre Collective

**VIENNA**
- Laurie Richardson
  FAWCO
- Christine Peer
  Soroptomist International
FORMER CHAIRS OF NGO CSW/NY

2015-2019 | SUSAN O’MALLEY  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

2011-2015 | SOON-YOUNG YOON  
INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN

2007-2011 | VIVIEN PENDER  
INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

2005-2007 | JACKIE SHAPIRO  
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

2003-2005 | BANI DUGAL  
BAHA’I INTERNATIONAL

1999-2003 | LESLIE WRIGHT  
WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES, ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

1999 JUNE-AUG | ELEANOR BROWN  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

1995-1999 | SUDHA ACHARYA  
ALL INDIAN WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

1991-1995 | MARY POWER  
BAHA’I INTERNATIONAL

1982-1991 | KAY FRAILEIGH  
INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN

1972-1982 | ESTER HYMER  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN
HANDBOOK ADS
Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America presents

Acknowledging and Valuing Women
IN PROFESSIONS OF CARE

A parallel event at the Commission on the Status of Women Conference

Monday, March 19th, 2021 at 9 AM EST

Contact: Afreed Mistry  E: Afreed@fezana.org  M: +1-416-302-9754
The Role of Women in Faith Based Organizations

16 MARCH, 10:30 EDT / 15:30 CET / 16:30 IST
JUSTICE ON THE FRONTLINE: TACKLING GENDER INJUSTICE DURING THE PANDEMIC

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
11AM EDT

Join us for a conversation among grassroots justice practitioners and special guests Mary Robinson, Nadine Gasman Zylberman, & Liv Tørres!

The panel will have simultaneous translation in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.
Human Rights Advocacy: Educating and Empowering Women’s Voices

Join this panel discussion and learn about critical issues impacting human rights around the world. Topics include human trafficking, indigenous women of the Shipibo-Konibo tribe in the Amazon Rainforest, death penalty, immigration policies and healthcare disparities. The discussion will center within the framework of the UN sustainability goals and the universal declaration of human rights through the adoption of service-learning tools in the promotion of women’s rights.

Friday, March 19, 9:30-11:00 AM (CDT)

Registration required for NGOForum https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw66/

Set your agenda with our events.

Learn more of global and local https://sites.google.com/view/satoun/home

Youth-Led Advocacy for Gender Equality: A Model for Global Summits

Join this panel discussion and learn about women’s issues worldwide based on eight years of data from the Girls Global Summit (GGS) in Texas. Learn about firsthand experiences by attendees, interns and facilitators along with a toolkit modeled after the Generation Equality Roadmap outlining the aspects that serve to best prioritize female leadership and empowerment.

Saturday, March 20, 9:30-11:00 AM (CDT)

Join us at the Girls Global Mini Summit

Shipibo-Konibo Women of Cantagallo Community Handmade Kené Artwork

The Shipibo-Konibo women are an indigenous people from the Peruvian Amazon rainforest. They are renowned for their distinctive geometrically-decorated textiles created by women.

Learn more at the website below

See more & Shop: https://sites.google.com/view/arte-de-madres-shipibas
GLOBAL WOMEN’S SPORT ADVOCACY GROUP

FEATURING:
- WomenSport International (WSI)
- The International Working Group (IWG) on Women & Sport
- Women’s Sports Foundation (WSF)
- International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW)
- The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)


Reserve your spot to hear from:

Dr Carole Oglesby Ph.D  
WSI

Game G. Mothibi  
IWG

Karen Issokson-Silver  
WSF

Dr Carol Garber Ph.D  
ACSM

Dr Kari Fasting Ph.D  
WSI

Diane Huffman  
WSI

Dr Rosa López de D'Amico Ph.D  
IAPESGW

Rachel Froggatt  
IWG

Come join us now!

TIME: 24 MARCH 2021
DATE: 3PM- 5PM EST

To find out more visit: https://iwgwomenandsport.org/global-womens-sport-advocacy-organisations-to-present-together-at-un-csw65/