NGO CSW SURVEY FOR CSW WORKING METHODS

SURVEY RESULTS

Part of NGO CSW's campaign for a more inclusive and effective CSW process
After the disappointing CSW65 Agreed Conclusions, it was clear that the CSW process is not as effective, inclusive, or intersectional as it should be. Therefore, NGO CSW launched a survey as the first step to campaign for a more effective CSW process. The survey provided essential data to support our arguments for new CSW working methods and put pressure on the UN and CSW Bureau to be more inclusive of civil society and our priorities.
DEMOGRAPHICS
95 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
IS YOUR ORGANIZATION ECOSOC-ACCREDITED?

- YES: 62.9%
- NO: 37.1%
DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN CSW65?

YES  87.7%

NO   12.3%
UN PROCESS
DID YOU FEEL THAT THE UN ALLOWED YOU ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT INFORMATION IN ORDER TO SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATE FOR YOUR POSITION AT CSW65?

YES 53%
NO 47%
WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU MAKE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION? (CHOOSE AS MANY AS APPLY)

- Briefings with Q&A on Regional Consultations
- Briefings with Q&A on the CSW Expert Group Meeting
- UN/UN Women Briefings pre-CSW
- UN/UN Women daily briefings during CSW
- Regional UN/UN Women Briefings pre-CSW
- Regional UN/UN Women Briefings during CSW
- Publicly available daily summaries of negotiations during CSW
- Access to record of government positions on negotiated issues
On a scale of 1 to 5, how well did you understand the UN processes, protocols and government delegation negotiations during the CSW65?
On a scale of 1 to 5, how well were your country's government representatives engaged in the CSW65 UN process?
THE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION OF THE UN COMMITTEE ON ECOSOC THAT CERTIFIES NGOS HAS NO TERM LIMITS. CONSEQUENTLY, SOME COUNTRIES HAVE SERVED ON THE COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. DO YOU AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE TERM LIMITS ON HOW LONG A MEMBER STATE MAY SERVE?
DID YOU FEEL THAT CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION IN CSW IS VALUED BY THE UN?

- Yes: 44.9%
- Not sure: 30.9%
- No: 24.2%
DID YOU FEEL THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION IN CSW65 AS AN NGO REPRESENTATIVE HAD AN IMPACT DURING THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS NEGOTIATIONS?
Do you believe that civil society participation as observers in the agreed conclusions negotiations is essential?

- Yes 75.5%
- Not sure 22.5%
- No 2%
SHOULD NGO OBSERVATION OF CSW AGREED CONCLUSIONS NEGOTIATIONS BE RECOMMENDED FOR THE WORKING METHODS REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR CSW66?
SHOULD THE UN DEVELOP A PROCESS TO IMPROVE CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS POST-CSW?
ACCESS TO THE UN
DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAD SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO CSW65 VIRTUALLY IN 2021?

- **Yes**: 55.4%
- **No**: 32%
- **Not sure**: 12.6%
PRIOR TO 2020, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU HAD SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO CSW?
WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD YOU MAKE TO IMPROVE THIS PROCESS?

- Timely access to information: 80%
- Regular briefings by the Bureau and UN Women during CSW: 70%
- Pre- and post-CSW briefings with NGO CSW meetings and newsletters: 80%
THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE
Do you feel that the UN enabled you to fully participate in CSW65 and in the creation of the agreed conclusions?
At the local level: 25%
At the national level: 20%
At the regional level: 15%
Working with Permanent Missions to the UN: 10%
Within the UN outside of UN Women: 5%
None: 0%
Other: 10%

WHERE HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE IN HAVING ITS VOICE HEARD WITHIN GOVERNMENTS OR AT THE UN?
How can civil society organizations increase participation in government's policy discussion? Choose all that may apply.

- By engaging at the local level
- By engaging at the national level
- By engaging at the global level
Does your government include NGO representatives in their CSW delegation?

- Yes: 38.3%
- Not sure: 44.2%
- No: 17.4%
Were the agreed conclusions reflective of the critical issues affecting women in your region?

- Yes: 37.8%
- Not sure: 36.7%
- No: 25.5%
How would you describe your relationship with the state delegations during CSW65? Choose all that apply.
Do you feel that states are giving NGOs the same access in participation in the outcome document as they do for e.g. the Holy See?
Was there a meeting of your country's delegation with the NGO members and governmental delegates?

- Not sure: 51.1%
- Yes: 29.5%
- No: 19.4%
SHOULD NGO REPRESENTATIVES BE APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS THROUGH A TRANSPARENT MERIT-BASED SYSTEM?

- Yes: 76.8%
- No: 3.6%
- Not sure: 19.6%
CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS/RELATIONSHIPS
Has your relationship with other organizations raised the voice (increased the impact) of civil society?

- Yes: 73.5%
- Not sure: 22.1%
- No: 4.4%
On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is connecting with other civil society organizations during CSW to your work?
HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARY (UN WOMEN) IN THE CSW65 NEGOTIATIONS (ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5)?
HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE ROLE OF THE FACILITATORS IN THE CSW65 NEGOTIATIONS (ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5)?
HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE ROLE OF THE CSW65 BUREAU IN THE NEGOTIATIONS?
IN THE NEW METHODS OF WORK FOR CSW66, SHOULD THERE BE A LIMIT ON HOW LONG MEMBER STATES CAN SPEAK AT ONE TIME (E.G. 5 MINUTES)?

Yes 74.2%

Not sure 14.3%

No 11.5%
DO YOU AGREE THAT THE CSW NEGOTIATORS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 50% WOMEN?

Yes: 95.8%
Not sure: 2.7%
AGREED CONCLUSIONS CONTENT
On a scale of 1 to 5, how satisfied are you with the text of the agreed conclusions?
ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5, HOW WOULD YOU GRADE THE SECTION ON THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE PRIVATE LIFE OF THE AGREED CONCLUSIONS?
On a scale of 1 to 5, how effective will the agreed conclusions be in shaping policy in your country in the aftermath of CSW65?
Were the agreed conclusions reflective of the critical issues affecting women in your region?

- Yes: 44.9%
- Not sure: 33.7%
- No: 21.3%
DID YOU RECEIVE, REVIEW AND ENGAGE WITH THE ZERO DRAFT OF THE CSW65 AGREED CONCLUSIONS?

- Yes: 39%
- No: 56.2%
- Other: 4.8%
DID YOU OR YOUR ORGANIZATION PROVIDE INPUT OR SUGGEST LANGUAGE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CSW?

Yes: 41.1%
No: 36.9%
Not sure: 19%
Other: 3%
The NGO CSW Advocacy and Research Group is now reviewing and analyzing the survey results to determine Civil Society’s main priorities for the CSW working methods. We will send out a shorter, follow-up survey to further support our campaign for a more inclusive and effective CSW process.

Email us at info@ngocsw.org with any questions or concerns.