SURVEY RESULTS

For the 66th Commission on the Status of Women (or CSW66), we have the opportunity to influence the CSW Methods of Work through recommendations for new working methods.

The CSW Methods of Work, established by ECOSOC resolution 2015/6, determine what will be undertaken during each session of the Commission. It is essential that civil society continues to push for our participation and full engagement in the process leading up to and during the CSW session in March.

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/NY’s Advocacy Research Group (ARG) 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. See the results of the survey here.

To collect more concise information, the ARG launched a shorter survey to ensure that we represent the opinions and recommendations of our community. The survey collected information about individuals' experiences at CSW and their recommendations for better working methods for CSW66. This presentation outlines the results of the shorter survey. The results reflect the experiences and views of 584 respondents across the globe.
AGE

- 75 and older: 12%
- 35 - 54: 33%
- 55 - 74: 47%
- 18 - 34: 8%
Respondents from 117 COUNTRIES
Is your organization ECOSOC-accredited?

- Yes: 65.5%
- No: 26.6%
- I'm not affiliated with an organization: 7.8%
Participation in CSW65 and NGO CSW65 Forum

- I did not participate
- I signed up but did not participate in CSW65
- CSW65 was my first CSW
- I have participated in 2-5 CSWs
- I have participated in more than 5 CSWs
If you participated in CSW65, did you engage online (select all that apply):

- The NGO CSW Forum organized by the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY
- Official UN CSW Events (Side Events) organized by the Commission and UN Women
- Independently organized Events (Not held as part of the Forum or by the Commission)
- None
- I didn’t participate in CSW65
If you participated in CSW65, how well did you understand the process the member states (governments) went through to negotiate the CSW Agreed Conclusions?

- Very well. I participated on a delegation: 11%
- Very well. I was not on a delegation: 18%
- Pretty well, but not in detail: 24%
- Only vaguely: 18%
- Not well: 7%
- I didn't understand the process at all: 6%
- I didn't participate in CSW65: 16%
Did you follow the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions negotiations closely?

- Yes, very closely: 17.2%
- Yes, I participated on a delegation: 6.1%
- Only somewhat closely for personal reasons: 10.1%
- Only somewhat closely because I did not have access to information about the negotiations: 25.3%
- Not very closely: 21.2%
- Not at all: 9.1%
- I didn't participate in CSW65: 11.1%
- Not very closely: 21.2%
If you were NOT on a government delegation, were you engaged at a global, regional or local level in preparing for CSW65?

Yes: 53%
No: 47%
If you answered YES to Question 9 (previous slide), at what level were you engaged? (select all that apply)
If you answered YES to Question 9, were you able to engage with representatives from your government?

- Yes: 38%
- No: 56%
- Not sure: 6%
If you answered YES to Question 9, were you satisfied that your engagement had an impact on the Agreed Conclusions?

- Not sure: 38%
- Yes: 26%
- No: 36%
Did you interact with your member state's official delegation during CSW65?

- Yes and I got a lot out of the experience
- Yes, and the experience was neutral.
- Yes, but it was not worth my time.
- No, but I would have if I had the opportunity.
- No, and I would not be interested in engaging with them.
- I didn't participate in CSW65
Did you otherwise interact with your member state's permanent mission or representatives during CSW65?

- Yes and I got a lot out of the experience
- Yes, and the experience was neutral.
- Yes, but it was not worth my time.
- No, but I would have if I had the opportunity.
- No, and I would not be interested in engaging with them.
- I didn't participate in CSW65
Do you believe that civil society should be permitted to observe the Agreed Conclusions negotiations during CSW whether they are on a delegation or not?

- Yes: 91%
- No: 8%
- Not sure: 1%
Do you believe that allowing civil society representatives to observe the CSW agreed conclusions negotiations should be recommended for the CSW Working Methods review scheduled for CSW66?

- Yes: 92%
- Not sure: 7%
- No: 1%
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If you have engaged in person at CSW in the past and virtually during CSW65, please select all that apply.
Where do you feel your organization has the most impact on gender equality issues?

- Local level
- National level
- Regional level
- Working with Permanent Missions to the UN
- Working with government ministers and representatives in the capital
- With UN Women
- With UN entities other than UN Women
- Does not apply
- Other
Have you read the CSW65 Agreed Conclusions?

68% YES

32% NO
If yes, were they reflective of the critical issues affecting women in your region?
On the CSW 65 Agreed Conclusions

On your government’s position on issues during the Agreed Conclusions negotiations

On your CSW65 delegation

On UN leadership

Through social media

Through traditional media

Through networking with other CSOs

By exposing yourself and others to new perspectives

I do not believe civil society’s participation had an impact

Do you believe that civil society's participation in CSW65 had an impact? (select all that apply)
Do you believe that CSW Agreed Conclusions negotiators should be at least 50% women?

Yes 90%

Not sure 7%

No 3%
From your perspective, indicate how well the CSW is living up to the following statement:

“The active participation of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is a critical element in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). NGOs have been influential in shaping the current global policy framework on women’s empowerment and gender equality: the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. They continue to play an important role in holding international and national leaders accountable for the commitments they made in the Platform for Action.” (UNWomen)
If you are familiar with UN Women's engagement with your government to educate and involve them in the work of the CSW, do you think their efforts are adequate?

- Yes - adequate: 31.3%
- Yes - more than adequate: 5.1%
- Not sure: 25.3%
- Not even close: 11.1%
- No: 27.3%
Do you plan to attend CSW66?

- Yes, either way: 58%
- Only if it is virtual: 26%
- Only if it is in person: 7%
- Not sure: 8%
- No, either way: 1%