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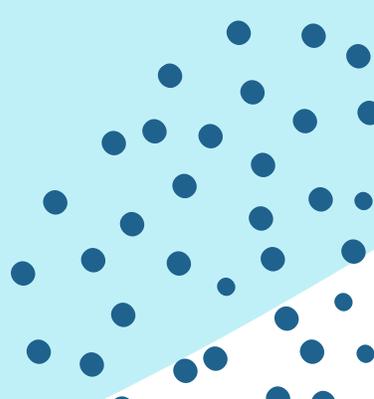
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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Houry Geudelekian,
NGO CSW/NY Chair



Welcome to the NGO CSW66 Virtual Forum!

We are getting used to gathering and sharing powerful virtual moments together! Last year was an experiment that was overall very successful. However, our weak link was advocacy. We were disappointed in not being able to engage with Member States and influence the outcome document as much we wanted. True to collaborative nature, we went back to our committees and partners, and had serious conversations on how to move the needle on advocacy for women, girls and nonbinary people around the world. Thanks to our committed civil society partners, UN Women's Civil Society Division and, more importantly, courageous Member States, we are going into CSW66 with better collaboration and a feeling of being heard. Our appreciation goes to Denmark, Costa Rica, Germany, Latvia, South Africa (and too many to mention here) for stepping up and insisting to [#UNMuteCivilSociety](#) at the United Nations.

Let's use this collaborative nature to focus on what brings us together rather than what divides us, as we know that providing human rights for all benefits everyone!

This year's topic is a perfect example: the planet, as we know it, will not exist if we ignore climate change. Addressing the intersection of gender and climate justice is the smart way to go. Women and girls are always disproportionately affected by any disaster, and climate is on the top of that list. We must strive to keep the global warming temperature to an ideal 1.5 degrees celsius, and we need all hands on deck: government, private sector and, most of all, civil society.

CSW is and always will be a space for the global feminist movement. We are going in the right direction, yet not fast enough. This year finally feels like a groundswell of advocacy with our diverse partnerships and outreach. Our goal of a collaborative, transparent and shared leadership model can work only if everyone believes in it. Honestly, even that is not enough, since we also have to make sure we as feminist advocates are inclusive and accepting of each other's differences in a safe space. A strong feminist movement is imperative to stop and reverse democratic backsliding and the rise of autocrats. Let's leverage our strength by creating an intersectional, anti-colonial, anti-racist, inclusive space that does not roll back on agreed language and rights.

I wholeheartedly welcome you to engage, share and learn by exploring and attending all the wonderful spaces our Global Planning Committee has created; starting with the regional Consultation Days, Conversation Circles, Regional Caucuses, fun and innovative events with our own Youth Leaders and Young Professionals (YLYPs), and almost 800 parallel events hosted by hundreds of CSOs from all reaches of the world!

Thank you for showing up, engaging and supporting NGO CSW/NY and gender equality. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated!

H. Gendelekian



NGO CSW/NY CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

HARLEM YOUTH CHOIR

INTRODUCED BY VY HIGGINSON

WELCOME

HOURY GEUDELEKIAN, NGO CSW/NY CHAIR

HIGH-LEVEL CONVERSATION

CONVERSATION WITH CSW CHAIR, **AMB. MATHU JOYINI** AND UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, **SIMA BAHOUS**; FACILITATED BY **AMB. GERALDINE BYRNE NASON**

GENERATION EQUALITY & CSW

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GIRLS SHOUT OUT FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP

IVY KOEK, NGO CSW/NY VICE CHAIR

FEMINIST ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE - SPEAKOUT AT CSW66

ORGANIZED BY **WEDO AND PARTNERS** (INCLUDING THE WOMEN AND GENDER CONSTITUENCY AND THE WOMEN'S MAJOR GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT)

NGO CSW66 FORUM HIGHLIGHTS

ROSA LIZARDE AND **PAMELA MORGAN**,
NGO CSW66 FORUM CO-CHAIRS

CLOSING

REGIONAL CONSULTATION DAYS

Hosted by the NGO CSWs in the Regions

Africa

14 March | 4am EDT

Arab States/MENA

12 March | 5am EST

Asia/Pacific

11 March | 10:30pm EST

Geneva & Vienna

12 March | 10am EST

Latin America & the Caribbean

13 March | 2pm EDT

Click the title of each event to register.

How to have a **SAFE & SECURE**

As a participant

Respect & Inclusivity

Base all of your interactions at the Forum on a foundation of respect and inclusivity.

No hateful comments

NGO CSW/NY does not tolerate any hateful, discriminatory, or offensive comments or harassment.

Virtual Safety Guidelines

Follow and uphold our [Virtual Safety Guidelines](#) (read them on the next page). Those who violate these guidelines will be removed from the Forum.

Reporting Structure

If you encounter an unsafe or uncomfortable situation, report it to NGO CSW/NY at virtualsafety@ngocsw.org and we will address the issue immediately.

VIRTUAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

NGO CSW/NY is committed to ensuring that everyone has a fulfilling experience with the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum. Our goal is to make the Forum 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.



RESOURCES FOR NAVIGATING THE NGO CSW66 FORUM

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- [How to Have a Safe & Secure Experience at the Forum](#)
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H.E. Mathu Joyini,

Permanent Representative of
South Africa to the United Nations;
CSW66 Chair



It is my honour to welcome the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) community to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66).

The Bureau acknowledge and appreciate the role NGOs play in our pursuit for gender equality and empowerment of women. It is for this reason that in my inaugural year as Chair of the CSW66, I have truly endeavored to engage with NGOs at every opportunity possible in the preparations to the upcoming session. The Bureau has been supportive of including all stakeholders to ensure that all are fully engaged in a transparent manner on the priority theme of the CSW66 “Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.”

The COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately continues to set limitations on gatherings, it is in this regard that the CSW66 will be held in hybrid format, however we have been fortunate that at least eleven meetings will be held in-person. Due to the COVID-pandemic, that is still with us, the NGO meetings will continue to be virtual. In this regard, we commend the NGO for illustrating their resilience and ingenuity through their participation in the virtual Vienna Café. It is a privilege to know that so many mobilise around the work of the Commission and fully embrace it as their own.

This is a unique year for the Commission as we have the rare opportunity to review the Methods of Work of the CSW, which occurs only every five years. In the spirit of inclusiveness, the NGOs also received a virtual presentation by the Facilitator of the Agreed Conclusions.

The Commission will also focus on the review theme: Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session) for which 12 countries will make voluntary presentations and as past practice presenting countries will have identified partner countries or organisations to comment or respond to their presentations.

The Bureau also decided to have an interactive dialogue on the emerging theme, "Harnessing COVID-19 recovery for gender equality and a sustainable future" this will present the opportunity for all to truly engage on the current context we find ourselves in.

On CSW 66 theme, we are working towards achieving meaningful and action oriented agreed conclusions, that will have a positive impact on the lives of women and girls. The agreed conclusion should enable us to intergrate gender perspectives into climate change and environmental disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

It goes without saying that the Commission would not be what it is without the multistakeholder engagement which civil society and for which we are most grateful. As Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, allow me to wish you a successful session as we continue to champion all women and girls through bold and ambitious outcomes to ensure a sustainable future for all.

- **H.E. Mathu Joyini** , Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, CSW66 Chair

Sima Bahous, UN Women Executive Director



The 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is a chance to confront the most urgent issues of our generation: the intersection of gender inequality with climate change, environmental degradation and disasters. These issues, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, have accelerated and intensified into widespread and interlinked crises, affecting us all – but not equally.

We know that, because of pre-existing gender inequalities, it is women and girls who bear the brunt of climate impacts – from the heightened risk of gender-based violence during and after disasters, to increased violations of sexual and reproductive health and rights. Yet, climate interventions too often overlook these realities. In addition, limitations like access to finance is undermining critical investment in gender-just climate solutions, particularly those led by grassroots leaders and across the Global South.

We cannot afford to miss the opportunity CSW presents for change. We know that the participation and leadership of women and girls results in more effective, comprehensive and inclusive climate responses and solutions. Therefore, as we celebrate 50 years of NGO CSW supporting and raising the ambition of CSW, we must continue to galvanize Member States to ensure that the voices of women, girls and marginalized persons are at the heart of climate action and sustainable environmental solutions.

The engagement of civil society and youth is critical for there to be meaningful and inclusive progress on climate justice. We urgently need the inter-generational knowledge, skills and leadership of the young women and girl climate defenders and activists who have been tirelessly agitating for change. It is time to stand together against the rising threats to environmental defenders and end the killing of hundreds of women each year simply for defending land rights, Indigenous peoples' rights, women's rights and environmental rights.

UN Women recognizes the essential expertise of civil society in supporting Member States to build Agreed Conclusions that move the needle for women and girls. We will therefore continue to help advance the representation of these constituencies in multilateral spaces. We will also continue working to build powerful multi-stakeholder coalitions for action to accelerate implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and meet the ambition outlined in the Secretary-General's report, 'Our Common Agenda'. The Action Coalition 'Feminist Action for Climate Justice', launched as part of the Generation Equality initiative, is a bold example of how we can together build – and fund – shared visions for multistakeholder implementation of climate action.

Climate change is a threat multiplier, but women are a solutions multiplier. Now more than ever we must unite across constituencies and build bridges – between gender and climate actors, Member States and civil society, international organizations and youth. By strengthening our allyship and collective action around CSW, Generation Equality and 'Our Common Agenda', we can not only face the sustainable development challenges of our time but build essential resilience to future shocks.

– **Sima Bahous** , UN Women Executive Director

Lopa Banerjee,

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

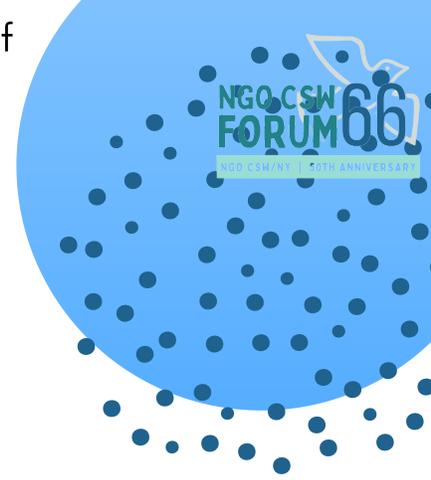


We start 2022 still grappling with the impact of COVID and its continued scourge in many parts of the world and taking stock of where we are today post our 2021 global commitments towards Generation Equality. Even as we confront the COVID pandemic, a second pandemic - climate change - remains an inescapable reality that continues to dog our generation and the future generation. It persists unabated and is arguably, one of the greatest global challenges of our time.

Much like COVID, climate change continues to expose the glaring disparities and inequities between the haves and have nots. The greatest impact and effects are felt most by the most vulnerable, the most marginalized and the least protected in society. And yet again women and girls, especially poor women and girls living in rural areas, bear the brunt of the effects of climate change. Many are highly dependent on natural resources for their livelihood and often shoulder the weight of responsibility for maintaining household water supply and energy for cooking and heating, as well as for food security. Climate change deeply jeopardizes these very elements of their lives ,creating challenges that are almost intractable.

For women to successfully take on the challenges of climate change, it is imperative that their priorities and needs are reflected in all streams of climate change mitigation, policy development planning and funding. It is equally important to ensure gender-responsive investments in programmes for adaptation, mitigation, technology transfer and capacity building. Women must be involved at the national and local levels, addressing the issues that directly affect and impact them and their communities such as, but not limited to: allocation of resources for climate change initiatives; access to, and control of, environmental goods and services; participating in decision-making processes that affect their lives and those in their communities; having a say in the distribution of environment management benefits.

Generation Equality is center staging the leadership and activism of the next generation of feminist activists who are determinedly holding duty bearers to account. Some of the boldest and most dynamic voices on climate justice are those of young people. In the same way that young people and activists demonstrated immeasurable resilience and creativity in their response to COVID management, young people continue to be ardent change agents and innovators who use their skills to call attention to, and accelerate necessary action towards, climate change.



Notwithstanding, the effects of climate change illustrate a disproportionate effect on youth, who comprise the majority population in many lower-income countries and small island developing states where climate change is worst felt and experienced. Globally, the number of young people is at an all-time high. 90 per cent of the world's young people, totaling 1.8 billion, live in developing countries and make up a large proportion of the population. In Africa alone, the proportion of the world's young people between the ages of 12-24 years is expected to rise from 18 per cent in 2012 to 28 per cent by 2040. It is squarely in their interest to ensure that the world that our generation bequeaths to them is the world that they want.

As the impact of climate change intensifies with each passing year, an increasing number of young people are joining the movement for change articulating their fears that the world that they will be left with will be unsustainable. More young people, globally, are fighting back with increased urgency and fervor on a scale never witnessed before. They are bold, courageous and unapologetic. They are more connected to one another, use innovative means with which to get their messages across and are demanding participation and representation in decision making that is inclusive and diverse. Today's youth are the first generation to feel the impacts of climate change, but they are also the last generation to mitigate the worst of its effects.

Young people refuse to be passive victims and claim their roles as active protagonists who are vigilant, relentless and determined. They are an integral part of our efforts to achieve gender equality and we must learn to harness their energy to transform and shape a world that we all want. UN Women will continue to work together to elevate the voices and participation of young people, women and girls around the world.



But whilst we laud the efforts of young activists, we must not forget the perils of activism, faced by women human rights defenders, and our solemn duty to protect those who seek justice and equality for the rights of women around the world. Women human rights defenders risk their lives, face public discrimination, humiliation, marginalization, racism, patriarchy and gender-based violence, revealing the intersectionality of multiple systems of oppression faced by women around the globe. They do so tirelessly and as guardians of our communities and common goods; they do so bravely and against a tide of increasing backlash on women's rights around the world. But they are relentless, and they remain resilient and brave. It is incumbent upon us to stand solidly behind those who forward our cause at the risk of their own lives.

As 80% of those who have been displaced by climate change are women, women are uniquely situated to be agents of change driving mitigation methods against causes of global warming and developing strategies to adapt to its impacts on the ground. Today, more than ever, women occupy spaces in boardrooms and have taken up policy positions at national and local levels, are linking science to activism, and are using their leadership call for action on climate change. Under the auspices of Secretary-General's Call to Action for Human Rights and building on the guidance note on Protecting and Promoting Civic Space, UN Women shall continue to dedicate support for civil society to participate meaningfully in an inclusive, diverse and safe environment; to protect civil society actors at risk; and, to actively promote an open civic space. We must build coalitions of support to advance gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and integrate gender perspectives in climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction (DRR) policies and programmes. We must do everything we can to ensure that women are a central part of the solution to rebuilding back societies impacted by climate change.

- **Lopa Banerjee**, Executive Coordinator, Generation Equality & Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women

66TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW66)



PRIORITY THEME

Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes



REVIEW THEME

Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session)

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 66th session (2022) of the Commission on the Status of Women are:

- H.E. Ms. Mathu Joyini (South Africa), Chair (African States Group)
- Ms. Pilar Eugenio (Argentina), Vice-Chair (Latin American and Caribbean States Group)
- H.E. Mr. Günter Sautter (Germany), Vice-Chair (Western European and Other States Group)
- Mr. Māris Burbergs (Latvia), Vice-Chair designate (Eastern European States Group)
- Ms. Hye Ryoung Song (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chair designate (Asia and Pacific States Group)

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT UN WOMEN'S
WEBSITE.

AAAA	ADDIS ABABA ACTION AGENDA (ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT)
BPFA	BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION
CCUN	CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS (777 UN PLZ)
CEDAW	CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN
CONGO	CONFERENCE OF NGOS IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UN
CSOCD	COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
CSW	UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
DESA	UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
DGC	UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATION
DPKO	UNITED NATIONS DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS
DPO	DEPARTMENT OF PEACE OPERATIONS
ECOSOC	UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
FWCW	FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
GA	GENERAL ASSEMBLY
GEF	GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM
GFMD	GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT
HLD	HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE
HLPF	HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ICT	INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
NGO CSW	NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
OHCHR	OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PGA	PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PPPS	PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
QCPR	QUADRENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW
SDGS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
SG	UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNCTAD	UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
UNDP	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
UNDS	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
UNEP	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
UNFCCC	UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
UNFPA	UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND
UNHCR	UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
UNICEF	UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND
UNODC	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME
UN Women	UNITED NATIONS ENTITY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS

One of the key components of the NGO CSW Forum is the Parallel Events. Each year, we invite civil society organizations around the globe to apply to host a Parallel Event, regardless of their ECOSOC status. These events are totally organized by the host CSO and address the CSW priority theme in some way.

Parallel Events not only provide a space and voice for CSOs who may not have a voice at / access to the UN, but they also allow for education and galvanizing around different issues and topics within the feminist and women's movement. Parallel Events are totally open to the public. This year, all Parallel Events are virtual.

See the full program of
virtual Parallel Events





NGO CSW/NY EVENTS



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KEY:

Conversation Circle

Regional Caucus

Civil Society Briefing

All event times are in EDT timezone

March 2022

Click on the title of each event to register.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13	<p>Orientation Session 8-9:30am</p> <p>Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights 10-11:30am</p> <p>Feminist & Youth Movements & Leadership 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>Advocacy Training Session 8-9:30am</p> <p>Briefing on EDVAW Platform 8-10am</p> <p>Women & Youth, Peace, & Security 10-11:30am</p> <p>Briefing with UN Women 1:15 - 2:30pm</p> <p>Anti-Racism 4-5:30pm</p> <p>Briefing on EDVAW Platform 4-6pm</p>	<p>Africa 7-8am</p> <p>Women in Migration 11am-12:30pm</p> <p>Violence Against Women 4-5:30pm</p> <p>African Dance Party 7-8pm</p>	<p>Arab States/MENA 7-8am</p> <p>Economic Justice and Rights 9-10:30am</p> <p>North America & Europe 10:30-11:30am</p> <p>Future of Education 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>Youth Morning Briefing 8-9am</p> <p>Indigenous Women 8-9:30am</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean 6-7pm</p>	<p>Asia/Pacific 2-3am</p>
20	<p>Institutional Racism 8-9am</p> <p>Building Solidarity Across Generations 8-9:30am</p> <p>LGBTQ+ 12-1:30pm</p>		<p>Asia/Pacific 2-3am</p> <p>Briefing on the CSW66 Negotiations 8-9am</p> <p>North America and Europe 10-11am</p> <p>YLYP Mentorship Event 12-1:15pm</p>	<p>Africa 7-8am</p>	<p>Arab States/MENA 7-8am</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean 5-6pm</p>	26



NGO CSW/NY PRESENTS

CONSULTATION DAY

KICK-OFF TO THE NGO CSW66 FORUM

- Prepare for the NGO CSW Forum
- Learn about the UN CSW66 priority & review themes
- Enjoy feminist entertainment
- Celebrate NGO CSW/NY's 50th anniversary

13 MARCH 2022

9:45 - 1PM EDT

**@ THE HISTORIC APOLLO
THEATER IN HARLEM, NYC**

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ORIENTATION SESSION

LEARN THE INS AND OUTS
OF THE NGO CSW FORUM

MONDAY, 14 MARCH 2022

8 - 9:30 AM EDT

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ADVOCACY TRAINING

LEARN HOW TO ADVOCATE
AT THE UN AND CSW

TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022

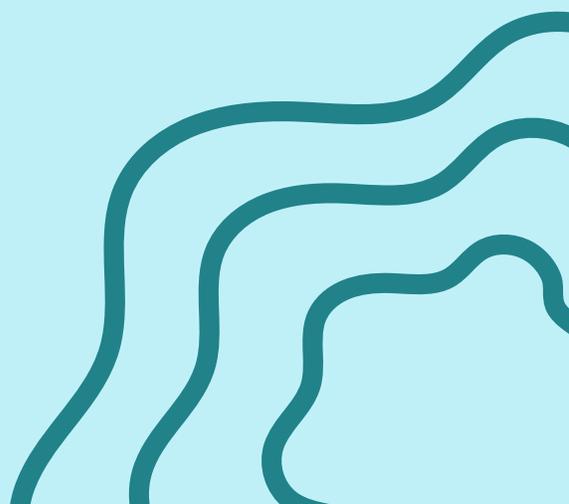
8 - 9:30 AM EDT

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CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Spaces to raise issues and exchange ideas on different topics in an informal, collaborative way. Each conversation will be guided by co-facilitators who are experts on the topic.



CONVERSATION CIRCLES SCHEDULE

Click on the title of each event to register.

Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights

14 March | 10-11:30AM EDT

Feminist & Youth Movements and Leadership

14 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Women, Youth, Peace & Security

15 March | 10-11:30AM EDT

Anti-Racism

15 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Violence Against Women

16 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Women in Migration

16 March | 11-12:30PM EDT

Economic Justice & Rights

17 March | 9-10:30 AM EDT

Future of Education

17 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Indigenous Women

18 March | 8-9:30AM EDT

LGBTQI+

18 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Building Greener Across Generations

21 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

REGIONAL CAUCUSES

The NGO CSWs in the Regions and the North America and Europe Caucus host ten Regional Caucuses throughout the Forum. These sessions are informal, loosely moderated spaces for participants to discuss and reflect upon regional advocacy and their region's most relevant and pressing issues.

REGIONAL CAUCUS SCHEDULE

Click on the title of each event to register.

Africa Session 1

16 March | 7–8AM EDT

Arab States/MENA Session 1

17 March | 7–8AM EDT

North America and Europe Session 1

17 March | 10:30–11:30AM EDT

Latin America and the Caribbean Session 1

18 March | 6–7PM EDT

Asia Pacific Session 1

19 March | 2–3AM EDT

Asia Pacific Session 2

23 March | 2–3AM EDT

Africa Session 2

24 March | 7–8AM EDT

North America and Europe Session 2

23 March | 10–11AM EDT

Arab States/MENA Session 2

25 March | 7–8AM EDT

Latin America & the Caribbean Session 2

18 March | 4–5:30PM EDT

CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS

Civil Society Briefings during the CSW are spaces where civil society, UN agencies and Member States can come together to share the state of play as developments within the Commission and outcome document negotiation process unfold. Click on the each title below to register.

[Briefing with UN Women](#)

Tues, 15 March @ 1:15pm

[Youth Morning Briefing](#)

Fri, 18 March @ 8am

[Briefing on CSW66 Negotiations](#)

Wed, 23 March @ 8am

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AFRICAN DANCE PARTY



**WED, 16 MARCH
7PM EDT**

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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FORUM



BRIEFING ON THE EDVAW PLATFORM

PLATFORM OF INDEPENDENT
EXPERT MECHANISMS ON THE
ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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- Tuesday, 15 March @ 8-10am EDT
- Tuesday, 15 March @ 4-6pm EDT

NGO CSW/NY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

INDIGENOUS WOMEN SPEAK FOR MOTHER EARTH

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THE D.O.M.E. EXPERIENCE: JAZZ AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Hosted by Woman In Media – Newark
16 March | 2pm EDT

A SCREENING OF “WOMAN” AND DISCUSSION OF THE PLIGHT OF WOMEN

Hosted by Unchained At Last
18 March | 12pm EDT



ABOUT NGO CSW/NY

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.



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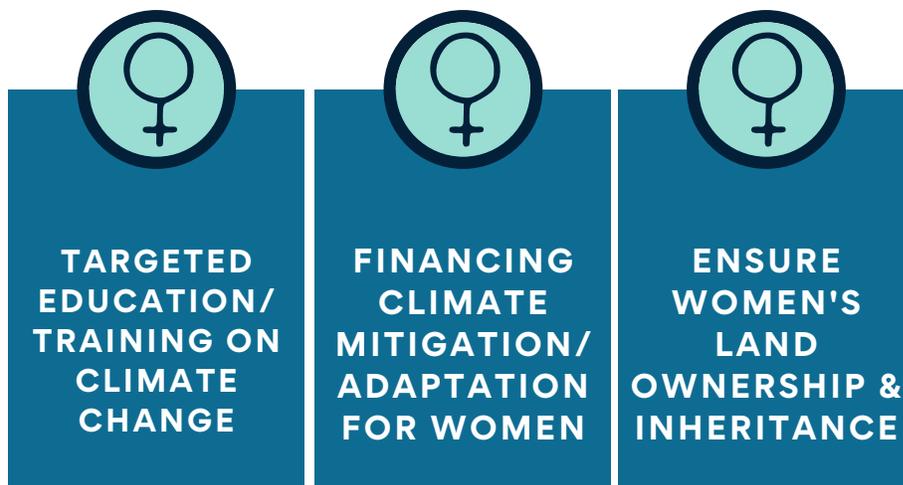
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For CSW66, the Advocacy & Research Group (ARG) researched the CSW Priority Theme with input from the NGO CSWs in the Regions and global civil society to develop six key Recommendations to be considered for the CSW66 Zero Draft. Read all six recommendations [here](#).

The ARG then developed briefs on each of the six recommendations to provide more information about each one. Click each recommendation below to download the accompanying brief.



CELEBRATE *50 years* of NGO CSW/NY

2022 is the 50th anniversary of NGO CSW/NY!

One of the greatest things to come out of our 50 years of work is our global community of diverse committed activists for human rights and gender equality. That's why we invite you to celebrate with us!

During this milestone year, we want to reflect on the past while also looking towards the future. We want to hear from our community about your favorite memories, as well as your hopes for the future.

Share your favorite memories of NGO CSW/NY and your vision for the future of gender equality here!



YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

MISSION

To amplify the voices of youth leaders and young professionals, providing a platform for their perspectives on gender equality and channels for their advocacy at the United Nations. To convene young people to consult and contribute to the advancement of the international feminist movement.

VISION

We envision bridging the intergenerational gap in the global feminist movement and empowering young people to flourish as leaders and decision makers across all sectors, for a more gender equitable world.

Go to ngocsw.org/get-involved/YLYPs for more information.



YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES

FOR NGO CSW66

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- 19 January** Youth Activist Space: Collective Power Open Mic
- 26 January** Climate Change, Environment & Disaster Risk Reduction
- 2 February** UN Advocacy Training
- 9 February** Mentorship Meet and Greet
- 16 February** Economic Empowerment for Women in the Workplace
- 23 February** Male Allyship in the Feminist Movement
- 2 March** Anti-Racism
- 9 March** Elevator Pitch Workshop

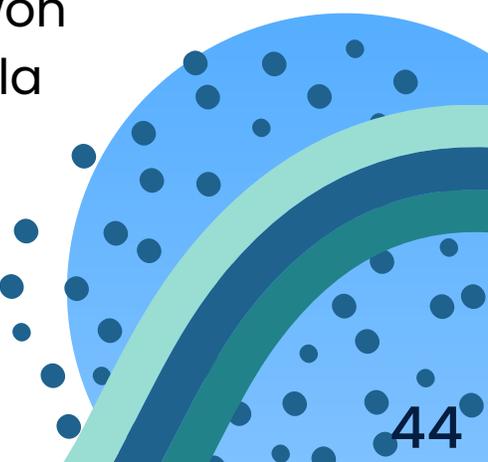
Click on each title to watch the recording of the event (if available).

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HANDBOOK

ADS

Leave No Woman Behind: Join us for two events!

Women with disabilities engage: successful practices for economic empowerment

When/quand : March 16, 2022, 6am EDT

**10AM
Dakar**

**12PM
Bujumbura**

**1PM
Nairobi**

Length/durée : 1 hour + Q&A

Speakers:

- Adelaïde Nyigina, African Disability Forum
- Wairimu Munyinyi-Wahome, COVAW
- Nadia Uwimana, COOFH TERIMBERE
- Dieynaba Diallo, Wildaf Senegal
- Noella Ndayikeza, UPHB Burundi



**Spoken English,
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Intersectionality in practice in women's empowerment projects:

A How-To Guide

When/quand : March 17, 2022, 6am EDT

Length/durée : 1 hour + Q&A

Speakers:

- Grace Jerry, Inclusive Friends Association
- Sophie Pecourt, Humanity&Inclusion - MIW
- Wairimu Munyinyi-Wahome, COVAW

**11AM
Abuja**

**1PM
Nairobi**



Register at: bit.ly/CSW66-LeaveNoWomanBehind

L'intersectionnalité des droits humains et la crise climatique



Cheryl Hayles



Samira Yassin



Dr. Saode Savary



Catherine Dimitroulias

Cet événement se concentre sur les défis et les opportunités pour les femmes et les filles au milieu d'une crise climatique mondiale. Le panel réfléchit à l'intersectionnalité de l'éducation, de l'autonomisation économique, de la violence basée sur le genre, de l'économie de soins et de l'insécurité alimentaire en relation avec les droits humains des femmes et des filles.

Le panel:
 Cheryl Hayles, Présidente de l'AIF
 Maître Paulette Oyane Ondo - Représentante de l'AIF au Cours Criminelle International
 Dr. Saode Savary, Olympe de la Parole Canada
 Samira Yassin, Représentant de l'AIF à l'Union Africain
 Catherine Sophie Dimitroulias, Regional VP Europe d'AIF

14 mars 2022 @ 10 hr. (EST - New York)



Panelists



Dr. Saode Savary,
 Founder and
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Ms. Cheryl Hayles,
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Miss Harmonie-
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While organizations worldwide are striving to develop effective planetary stewardship, it becomes imperative to listen to youth voices. In this parallel event, Olympe de la Parole Canada young participants will share their findings, in French and English, on the impacts of climate change on food security, migration, mental health, and Indigenous lifestyle. Their youth-led collaborative projects on women and girls' education, climate literacy, financial empowerment, and mental health, are leading the way for youth engagement towards a more equal and sustainable future.

Stay up to date at www.olympedelaprolecanada.ca

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 Collège Regina Assumpta



16th MARCH 2022
 TIME:
 2:00 PM EST
 8:00 PM WAT






INNOVATIONS IN GLOBALIZED WORKFORCE: WOMEN'S ROLES, RIGHTS AND THE LAW

...A United Nations CSW66 Virtual Parallel Program (Event ID#12664)
 with a distinguished panel of world renowned discussants,
 UN Entities & Member State Reps., Accredited Global NGOs,
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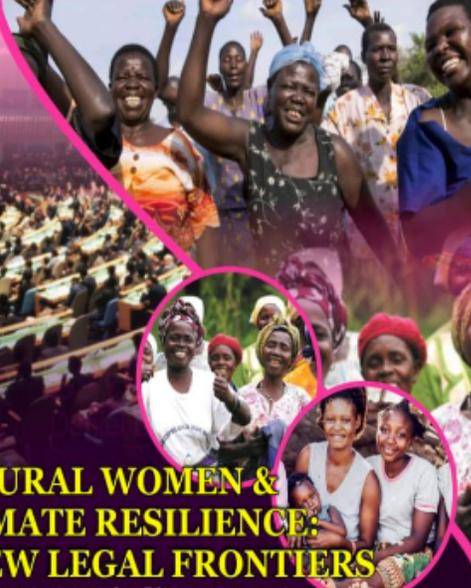
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21st MARCH 2022
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 12:00 PM WAT
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RURAL WOMEN & CLIMATE RESILIENCE: THE NEW LEGAL FRONTIERS

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**Sustaining Mother Earth:
Cities for CEDAW training workshop**

Parallel event for the virtual NGO Forum at CSW66

March 18, 2022 12:00 – 1:30 pm EST

[Register here](#)

This introductory training workshop is for activists who want to build coalitions around the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Learn how to bring the global to local—especially around climate justice. The attendees will learn how to ensure that implementation and accountability are built-into local ordinances in a Cities for CEDAW campaign. Youth delegates welcome.



Join Krishanti Dhamaraj, Ex
Director of the Center for
Women's Global Leadership
and Soon-Young Yoon of the
International Alliance of
Women along with a team of
experts for this introduction to
Cities for CEDAW.





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CHANGING LEADERSHIP FOR OUR COMMON AGENDA AND A FUTURES SUMMIT

AN INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE

A PARALLEL EVENT AT THE
NGO FORUM DURING CSW 66
SPONSORED BY C4UN

MARCH 24TH, 2022
8:00 – 9:30 AM EST

[**Register here**](#)

Learn about the personal journeys of intergenerational feminist leaders to become global citizens. Speakers will tell us about the challenges and accomplishments as global citizens as well as their hopes and dreams for the future of the United Nations. They will also make recommendations for the Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda report.

Co-moderators:
Dr. Emily Murase and
Soon-Young Yoon



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Emily Murase

AN AFFIRMATION OF FEMINIST PRINCIPLES



Sex, gender, and sexuality are social constructs

Feminists have established that gender, sex and sexuality are constructed categories of identity, like other categories such as race, class and caste used to uphold and maintain power imbalances and perpetuate systems of oppression. The idea that we are born with specific, immutable traits by virtue of our sex has been rejected with the recognition that socially constructed harmful stereotypes, gender roles, and norms lead to overall gender inequality.

We take a firm and unwavering stand against any forms of discrimination, violence, dehumanising treatment, and the delegitimation of trans, gender-diverse and intersex people.



Rights of the child

All children have the right to be free from all forms of violence, injury or abuse, to understand their rights, and have their rights to dignity, well-being, health, and development ensured.

- Intersex children should be free from coerced, non-consensual surgeries and invasive treatments.
- LGBTIQ children and youth have the right to be free from facing social stigma, discrimination, and abuse including in education, healthcare, and family settings, among others.
- LGBTIQ children have a right to the recognition of their sexual orientation and gender identity, and have access to non-discriminatory and sensitised services and support.
- All children should have access to gender transformative comprehensive sexuality education in schools that embraces the diversity of human identity, sexualities, and the social construct of gender is non-discriminatory, rights based and feminist;
- Children that are born into or grow up in LGBTI families have the right to have their family legally, socially and otherwise recognised.

Bodily autonomy, integrity, agency and the right to identity

Every person has the right and the ability to make decisions about their own lives, bodies, futures, and the environments in which they live and work. Every person has the right to free, prior and informed consent when making these decisions, especially when it is related to their health and wellbeing.

- Sex work is work
- Safe, accessible, and legal abortion is a human right, and every person should have autonomy in their reproductive decision-making
- Intersex people and trans people should themselves be the decision-makers when it comes to their bodies and lives
- The right to identity extends to self-determine one's gender identity without interference including the freedom to self determine one's legal gender
- It is the right of all consenting adults to choose their partners
- Every person has the right to reject change efforts of their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics and the right to live a life of dignity and without fear
- Adolescents' human rights and dignity must be grounded in respecting their evolving capacity to make informed and independent decisions on matters concerning their bodily autonomy, sexuality, pleasure and fundamental freedoms.

Universality of human rights, non-discrimination and freedom from violence

Human rights are inherent to every person, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics.

All individuals have the right to realize and exercise their inalienable rights and freedoms, and no individual or institution has the right to infringe upon the fundamental human rights of another. The realization of the human rights of any one group of persons does not come at the cost of the rights of any others.



Freedom from torture, ill treatment and medical abuse

We reject the colonial, patriarchal, medicalisation of certain bodies and of certain groups of people. We reject the need to 'fix' bodies and minds which are atypical, as well as the need to 'treat' those who do not conform to binary constructions of identity and expression. We remain deeply critical of the social discomfort with difference, and of attempts to erase difference.

- Intersex infants, children and adults should never be subjected to medically unnecessary surgeries or interventions, without their full and informed consent.
- Gender affirming interventions, services, or needs, should not be withheld from trans people who want them.
- Inclusive, compassionate healthcare should be universally accessible, acceptable, easily available, and free, as it is a human right, not a commodity or a privilege.

Intersectionality

Individuals and groups face varying degrees of discrimination or disadvantages due to intersecting structures of oppression, based on where they are situated within interconnected categories of social classification such as race, age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, sex characteristics, and other statuses.

Individuals are also bearers of privilege and power accordingly. It is imperative that we draw attention to and acknowledge this dynamic to ensure that we do not essentialize any group nor perpetuate binary notions in social categorizations. We recognize that there is no common human experience, including in the experience of gender.



Self Determination

Self determination and liberation in and on all territories, of all bodies, collectives, institutions, societies, economics and ecology

Anti-colonial feminists have long-since rejected the historical, and in some cases ongoing, colonial occupation of our territories and our bodies.

All peoples have the right to determine their own futures and partake in political, social, cultural and economic decision-making within and outside their communities.

We challenge racist, patriarchal, cis-heteronormative systems of power which, throughout history, have eradicated and invisibilised indigenous and diverse understandings of sexualities, genders and gender expressions. We reject colonial attempts to pathologize certain bodies and certain groups.



Challenging unjust power structures

Feminist power analyses go beyond binaries; it is not about 'men' vs 'women', young vs old, global South vs global North, etc.

This includes an ongoing feminist critique of the law, including international human rights law, which requires challenging concepts and ideas which are based on colonial thinking, patriarchy, racism, ableism and heteronormativity.

Feminist power analyses rest on identifying and challenging all unjust power structures and systems of oppression, including in ourselves and in our own

read more here:
<https://www.feministaffirmation.org/letter>



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NGO CSW 66 FORUM PARALLEL EVENTS



**Women of Faith:
Leading the Path
to Climate
Neutrality**

**Women at the Center
of Sustainable and
Resilient Food
System**

**23 MARCH 2022
4:00 PM EST**

**24 MARCH 2022
8:00 PM EST**



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NGOCSW Side Event: Empowering women and girls with disability through co-design

Join Women With Disabilities Australia, a national Disabled People's Organisation for women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people with disability on March 15, to discuss the development of Our Site.

Our Site is a one of kind website where women and girls with disability can learn about their rights. The website provides information, stories, videos, and other resources on the main topics that women with disabilities prioritised themselves through co-design methods.

Date: **15th March, 2022**
Time: **3pm AEST, 12am EST**

Find out more and register:
wwda.org.au/2022/03/wwda-event-our-site



Women
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(WWDA)





Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Announcement of NGO CSW66 Forum Parallel Event

CSW66 Priority Theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes

Women Leading on Equitable and Inclusive Solutions to address the Climate Emergency

MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022 from 2PM to 3.30 PM EST

2PM New York | 6PM UTC/London | 7PM Lagos/Paris | 5AM Sydney

The event will be delivered in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and Portuguese.



Georgia Kremmyda
(Panel chair), University of Warwick, INWES Vice President (Conferences)



Marlene Kanga AM
(Panel member), WFE0 President 2017-2019



Nidhi Nagabhatla
(Panel member), International Science Council, UNU CRIS (& UNU Climate Resilience Initiative)



Gail Mattson
(Panel Member), INWES President 2018-2020

The International Network for Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES), the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO), the International Science Council (ISC) and the United Nations University Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU CRS) together represent women in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) across 100 nations.

Join us to share insights into the current status of the contribution of women scientists and engineers to the global debate of Climate Emergency and present strategies for increasing the contribution of women in this domain, especially as leaders. Gender equality is essential for business growth, for innovation, for the knowledge economy, for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The presentations in this CSW66 Parallel Event will cover the diversity imperative, the need for equitable and inclusive solutions to address the Climate Emergency. These will be followed by a moderated discussion session. You are encouraged to bring your questions, your experiences, your ideas to share.

Additional links

- [Joint INWES WFEO Statement on the importance of women in STEM](#)
- [Engineering and Climate Change in Australia](#)
- [Increasing the Participation of Women in addressing Climate Change](#)
- [Global UN Report: Taking stock of progress towards gender equality in the water domain: where do we stand 25 years after the Beijing Declaration?](#)

Register to the NGO CSW66 Forum and our Parallel Event:

[Register for the NGO CSW66](#) Forum to attend hundreds of events over two weeks
14 March - 25 March 2022.

[Register for our Parallel Event](#) delivered on Monday 14 March 2022, 2 pm - 3.30 pm EST.

After registering to our event, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The event will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#).

For more information on this event, contact info@inwes.org.

This Parallel Event proudly hosted by



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Knowledge for gender equality

Crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change exacerbate gender inequalities, putting women and girls at a disproportionate risk. They also highlight the need to put women at the centre of solutions to address world challenges.

Achieving gender equality is a long-standing core focus of Canada's International Development Research Centre. Several IDRC-related online events bring evidence to bear on issues at the forefront of the sixty-sixth United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW).

Join us for these NGO CSW Forum panels

Empowering women in the green economic recovery from COVID-19

March 21, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT

International financial institutions and governments are pledging a recovery that's green and socially inclusive, but what measures will they promote to sustainably boost women's economic empowerment? This panel features promising women-led solutions for green economies and climate action supported by IDRC's Gender Equality in a Low Carbon World, including innovations in aquaculture, agriculture, land restoration and tourism.

There is no recovery without informal workers

March 22, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EDT

Evidence from 11 cities documents the impacts of COVID-19 on women informal workers. Experts, including the leaders of street-vendor organizations in India and home-based workers in Thailand, will discuss pathways toward a gender-inclusive recovery. The research, led by Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing, has resulted in promising responses to build resilience for women informal workers in the changing world of work.

Tackling foundations of inequality: Understanding barriers to women's participation in public procurement in Eastern Africa

March 23, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EDT

This session will discuss emerging findings and policy recommendations on using public contracting to lift people out of poverty and foster gender equality. Organized by Africa Freedom of Information Centre.

The gendered transformation of work and implications for women's economic empowerment in Mozambique

March 23, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. EDT

This session explores Mozambique's care economy crisis, the role of the state in responding to this crisis of reproduction, and the key lines of struggle for feminist organizations. Organized by Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Why COVID-19 recovery must be gender-responsive

March 24, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT

A clear body of evidence is emerging from the IDRC-supported COVID-19 Response for Equity initiative to demonstrate the differing impacts of the pandemic on women, girls, boys, men and non-binary genders. This panel discussion will delve into this evidence and provide some recommendations for future policy responses to protect women's livelihoods, food security, access to social protection and freedom from violence.

Making the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) work for women's economic empowerment

March 25, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT

Women represent most of the continent's cross-border traders. This session will review the trading reality for African women informal workers and opportunities in the Protocol on Women of the African Continental Free Trade Area. Organized by the Trade Law Centre.

GOING GLOBAL

UNITED NATION'S COMMISSION OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN 66 50TH ANNIVERSARY

THIS YEAR AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNCSW CONFERENCE AT OUR [EXHIBITOR'S BOOTH](#) WE WILL BE FEATURING THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: FAITH AND POLITICS PARALLEL EVENT. A PANEL THAT ENLIGHTENS ATTENDEES ON HOW FAITH PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN SETTING THE MORAL COMPASS OF THOSE IN GOVERNANCE.

VISIT OUR BOOTH AND LEARN HOW THE GROUPS DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS THROUGH BEST PERSPECTIVE, PRACTICE, POLITICS, POLICY, PROTOCOL, PROCEDURE, AND POWER STRUCTURES AT THE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS.

OUR EXHIBITOR'S BOOTH WILL ALSO FEATURE THE WORK OF:



PLEASE DO, VISIT OUR BOOTH AND ATTEND THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: THE FAITH AND POLITICS.

IT WOULD BE AN HONOR TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

A UNCSW FORUM PARALLEL EVENT
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THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT: FAITH & POLITICS

MARCH 16, 2022 - WEDNESDAY 6 PM

LEARN FROM FAITH LEADERS ON THE FRONTLINES OF THE EQUALITY MOVEMENT HERE IN THE USA AND AROUND THE WORLD. HEAR THEIR PERSONAL STORIES WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NATION TO ENSHRINE THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT INTO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

WELCOME

BISHOP MUSONDA TREVOR SELWYN MWAMBA
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KAMALA LOPEZ
ACTRESS, FILMMAKER, ACTIVIST, PRESIDENT OF EQUAL MEANS EQUAL

PANELISTS

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THE FULL INCLUSION OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH
AND IN SOCIETY AND OTHER SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES

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JOIN THE PAD PROJECT AT THE UN CSW66 FORUM

The Pad Project's mission is to create and cultivate local and global partnerships to end period stigma and to empower girls, women, and all people who menstruate worldwide. Join the team behind Academy Award winning documentary, *Period. End of Sentence.*, at our booth in the Exhibitor's Hall!



**A period should end a sentence,
not a girl's education. ®**

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MARCH 23 AT 4PM EST

Menstruation at the
Border: Presented by
The Pad Project

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yai_8_W5TPKwBrHsDfL5Pw



MARCH 24 AT 4PM EST

Sewing for a
Sustainable Future:
Presented by The Pad
Project

Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TqZ_xhzbjQTKcP_zRSXDv3Q



Join Women's Learning Partnership & WLP partners at our parallel events!

Host: Women's Learning Partnership

Feminist Leadership to Save our Planet: A Dialogue across Borders and Generations

March 23 | 10:00 AM ET
Register at wlp.digital/events

Host: WLP Mozambique/Forum Mulher

Climate Justice and Food Sovereignty: The Way to Sustainability and Economic Autonomy

March 18 | 6:00 AM ET

Host: WLP Brazil/CEPIA

Climate Justice: Challenges and Possibilities of an Intersectional Approach

March 22 | 12:00 PM ET

Host: WLP Morocco/ADFM

5 years after the adoption of the CSW61 conclusions: Where do we stand on economic empowerment for women in Morocco?

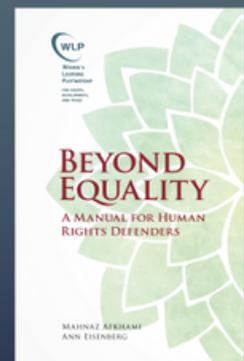
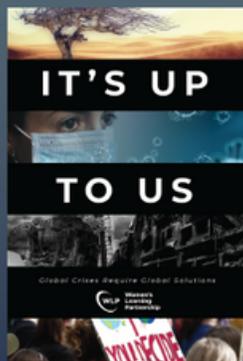
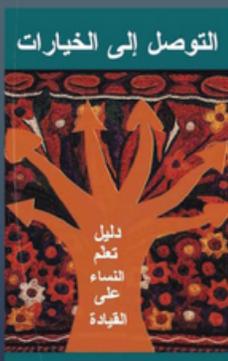
March 18 | 2:00 PM ET

Host: WLP Jordan/SIGI-J

Informal Work for Women: Rights & Protection

March 23 | 4:00 AM ET

Learn more about these events at wlp.digital/csw66



BROWSE WLP RESOURCES FOR GENDER EQUALITY ACTIVISTS IN MORE THAN 20 LANGUAGES.

Are you a women's rights organization or movement?



ImpactMapper is inviting you to participate in "[The Key to Change: Women's Rights and the SDGs](#)" research project. ImpactMapper with global partners are building the largest database on women and girls' rights movement building outcomes, and we would love for your organisation to participate and have your wins documented.

You can fill out the survey [here](#). The survey can be filled in multiple languages including English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian or Arabic.

The research findings from this project will serve four purposes:

- Make visible and celebrate key achievements from women and girls' rights organisations,
- Advocate with donors on the need for greater funding for women's rights organisations,
- Share strategies that are working across the sector, and
- Give visibility to women's rights organisations among diverse women's rights organisations, donors, and stakeholders through a publicly searchable database for the project.

Join other organisations such as JASS, Win-Win, Comic Relief, FIMI, IWDA, Pastoral Women's Council, Indigenous Women Rising, Safe Lives, ATRAHDOM, and many others who have already participated. You can see our first wave of data that we released last November [here](#) as well as case studies we have developed for [PWC](#).

Again, we would be grateful if your organisation completes the survey and also shares it with your networks and on social media.



In March, we also have a special incentive for groups that participate, one of the organizations will be randomly selected to have an in-depth case study written about them and profiled on the ImpactMapper website and on social media channels. Please get in touch directly if you have any questions, at team@impactmapper.com. We are looking forward to featuring your achievements in The Key to Change report.

GENDER TRAINING PLATFORM

The Gender Training Platform hosts live, virtual workshops for workers in the international development, humanitarian, and human rights sectors. Our trainings build skills and knowledge about topics and practices needed to advance global gender equality and social justice. All trainings are designed, delivered, and owned by independent trainers who are experts in their field and passionate about creating original, nuanced, and interactive learning experiences. We have trained professionals from international organizations including Mercy Corps, Heifer International, The Malala Fund, GIZ, Chemonics, Save the Children, InterNews, and War Child Holland.

[sign up at cynara.co/trainings](https://cynara.co/trainings)

<p>Decolonizing M&E and Research Practical guidance from a feminist approach</p> <p>March 29-April 1</p> <p>Dr. Michelle Lokot Gender and Humanitarian Assistance Specialist</p> 	<p>How to be a Gender Trainer Facilitation transformative change through feminist pedagogies</p> <p>April 4-8</p> <p>Dr. Lucy Ferguson Gender Equality Training Expert</p> 	<p>Human Rights and Gender Advocacy 101 Practical strategies to advance your cause and affect sustainable change</p> <p>April 26-29</p> <p>Urooj Mian CEO, SHE Associates</p>  	<p>Feminist and Intersectional Risk Assessments for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation</p> <p>May 2-6</p> <p>Dr. Jane Henrici Senior Researcher, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Consultant</p> 
<p>Gender, Peacebuilding, and Human Security</p> <p>May 9-13</p> <p>Urooj Mian CEO, SHE Associates</p>  	<p>Decolonizing Development How to use liberatory lenses in programs and organizations</p> <p>May 16-20</p> <p>Farah Mahesri Consultant</p>  	<p>Mobilizing men to transform restrictive gender norms Strategies and practices for program implementation</p> <p>May 24-26</p> <p>Dr. Piotr Pawlak Gender Equality and Masculinities Expert</p> 	
<p>Thinking Beyond Bystander Intervention A critical approach to challenging the ways we engage with hate and oppression</p> <p>June 7-9</p> <p>Rabia Naseer Community Builder, Social Innovator and Educator</p> 	<p>Feminist AI 101 Concepts and tools for ethical artificial intelligence in international development</p> <p>June 20-24</p> <p>Dr. Emily Springer Gender and technology researcher and consultant</p> 	<p>Intersectional Gender-Based Analysis + A step-by-step process for facilitating social justice & gender transformative institutional change</p> <p>June 27-July 14 Mondays and Thursdays</p> <p>Njeri Kimotho Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Expert</p> 	<p>Gender, Feminism, and Islam Guidance for workers in humanitarian aid and international development</p> <p>September 5-7</p> <p>Afaf Al-Khoshman Researcher and Educator</p> 



PARALLEL EVENT

17 MARCH 2022

06:00 – NEW YORK

10:00 – LONDON

12:00 – CAIRO

13:00 – BAGHDAD

17:00 – JARKATA

Empowering Local Women CSO's To Drive Localization Among Global Actors

Our **Mission, Our Passion**

For over 20 years WRO has been working to promote women's equal participation and leadership in:

- ✓ Catalyzing gender equality and ensuring human rights and fundamental freedoms for all
- ✓ Eradicating poverty and violence against women and building equal and fair pathways to justice
- ✓ Protecting child rights and improving access to health, education, and economic empowerment
- ✓ Addressing climate change through sustainable environmental initiatives
- ✓ Driving peaceful coexistence, reconciliation, tolerance, diversity and inclusion
- ✓ Engaging youth and women in security and peace policy
- ✓ Strengthening sustainability of civil society and shaping norms for localisation development.

About the Event

The event will identify challenges/gaps faced by local women's CSOs in environments with international humanitarian and development interventions in conflict affected contexts, highlight the vital need for local women CSOs to drive change at the participation and decisions making levels, and promote practical ways forward on how this can be achieved through empowering women CSOs to not only have a voice but to lead planning, response, and interventions that support the communities in which they represent. The event aims to bring a fresh perspective to the importance of local women CSOs contribution to progressive change.

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Become a Gender Climate Tracker!

The app provides experts, negotiators, and advocates easy access to the latest information on policies, mandates, research, decisions and actions related to gender and climate change.

Learn more: bit.ly/BecomeAGenderClimateTracker

Join WEDO at CSW

17 March, 10AM EST | Online

Parallel Event: Gender Just Climate Solutions: Envisioning Feminist Climate Finance, with WECF [RSVP here.](#)

March 13, 9AM-1PM EST | Apollo Theater, Harlem

NGO CSW Consultation Day (Thematic Panel organized by WEDO) [RSVP here.](#)

15 March, 8AM

Parallel event: SRHR & Climate Justice: Advancing a Human Rights Based Approach, with SRHR and Climate Justice Coalition [RSVP](#)

15 March, 9AM-11AM

Resisting Corporate Power and False Solutions: A Cross-Regional Feminist Climate Justice Strategy Session, with AWID [RSVP](#)

15 March, 12PM-2PM

Parallel Event: Advancing Gender Equality in the Context of Climate Change, Environment, & DRR for the Empowerment of Women & Girls with Ilitha Labantu, African Women Independent Forum [RSVP](#)

16 March 2022 8:30AM-9:45AM

Side event: Towards a Gender- and Climate-Just Economy: Financing the Climate-Care Nexus, with FACJ and EJRC Action Coalitions, UN Women, Mexico, Sweden, ILO, GGF, ITUC, DIVA [RSVP](#)

16 March, 8:00-9:30 AM

Side event: climate change and SRHR, including GBV, with UNFPA, Women's Major Group, ASDIR [RSVP](#)

16 March, 10AM-12PM

Parallel event: Debunking the Myth of False Solutions, Towards Feminist Climate Justice, with Women & Gender Constituency, Women's Major Group, Campaign of Campaigns [RSVP](#)

16 March, 1.00PM-2.15PM

Side event: Gender Equality for Climate Justice, with FACJ Action Coalition, UN Women, Costa Rica, UK [RSVP](#)

17 March, 9:00-10:30 AM EDT

Side Event: Climate Justice and SRHR: the Criticality of Women's Leadership, with UNFPA SRHR & CJ Coalition [RSVP](#)

18 March 9:00-10:30 EDT

Side event: Climate Justice as Gender Justice: Making the case to address Masculinities and Patriarchy in Climate Change with Sweden, Rwanda, MenEngage [RSVP](#)

21 March, 6:00-7:30 AM EDT

Parallel Event: Building a New Feminist Social Contract for Climate Justice, with Christian Aid, WGC, FEMNET [RSVP](#)



AMERICAN **BAR** ASSOCIATION

The American Bar Association (ABA) salutes the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and the NGO CSW66 Forum.

The ABA Representatives and Observers to the United Nations, ABA Rule of Law Initiative, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, and ABA 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 a consultative NGO with the United Nations.

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



JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND WOMEN LAWYERS AND JUDGES

Tuesday
March 15, 2022
2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT FOR CLIMATE EMPOWERMENT

Thursday
March 17, 2022
4:00 - 5:30 pm EDT



BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS: ADVANCING SAFE AND INCLUSIVE WORKPLACES

Tuesday
March 22, 2022
12:00 - 1:30 pm EDT



INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

Thursday
March 24, 2022
4:00 - 5:30 pm EDT