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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

HOURY GEUDELEKIAN, NGO CSW/NY CHAIR

As I reflect on my final year as chair of NGO CSW/NY, which organizes the forum parallel to the annual UN Commission on the Status of Women, I wonder. How did I get here?

Let me take you back to a beautiful February day in 2011, when I had a coveted CSW55 UN ground pass, thanks to the Armenian Relief Society. A friend heard I was divorced and needed a new adventure, so she hooked me up with the leadership of the Armenian group, suggesting “Houry is a New Yorker and can get things done for you.” Little did they know I needed this gig as a lifeline and little did I know it was going to be one of the biggest lessons of my life (starting with the endless UN acronyms). I walked around the crowded halls of the UN at the 55th CSW, attending its side events and exploring the civil society parallel events at the Church Center across the street, where advocates met to share their experiences in improving gender equality globally. I was lucky enough to meet women from the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO CSW/NY) and witnessed the launch of UN Women where the first executive director Michelle Bachelet, a former president of Chile, spoke to me directly. She talked about providing women and girls better health and education, economic empowerment, and protection from violence. I could relate to all of it personally.

I am an Armenian born in Beirut. My grandparents survived a genocide; my parents endured 20 years of Lebanese civil war. At the age of 15, already married, my husband and I immigrated to New York City in 1976, where all I wanted was to finish high school and dance at Studio 54. Miraculously, I was able to get a high school equivalency diploma within six months, dance (a lot), and eventually a few years later, own a beauty business with my husband for 35 years. As proud as I am of what we accomplished together, raising three amazing feminist sons and living a lavish New York lifestyle, I knew I had to somehow find my own voice that I buried at the age of 14. That is what brought me to CSW55, divorced and almost 50 years old.

Even with all my accomplishments, I could relate to every challenge that UN Women promised to work through the UN system to achieve gender equality. I was in. I became the part-time UN Coordinator of the Armenian Relief Society, working 60 to 70 hours a week, learning more than any official education could teach me.

The NGO CSW/NY became my second home for the next 12 years with one small interlude when I had a mini-breakdown and had to quit both the ARS and NGOCSW/NY. The emotional meltdown was prompted by colleagues I loved and trusted, but who demeaned me and my contributions. What brought me back within a few months was watching a young member stand up for herself. I was grateful for that experience, which prompted me to stand up for myself and those around me who were also getting hurt. The reality that some feminists and women's rights activists continue to adopt patriarchal attitudes of dominance and privilege in our own space was completely new to me. It hurt even more because I had so much respect for these inspiring women working and sharing their expertise as part of the movement.

Back in 1995, while I was at the height of my career as a public relations expert and nursing my marriage, global women's rights activists achieved an unprecedented agreement with 189 countries to introduce the Beijing Platform for Action's 12 critical areas of concern. To this day, it is the defining document that also drives CSW. While we work with the UN Member States to help implement the Beijing declaration, we are also supporting creative ideas that can bring faster and more targeted achievements. One example is the Generation Equality Forums processes, held in Mexico City and Paris in 2021 and meant to drive gender equality to the finish line. I was tasked by UN Women to be the civil society convenor, helping organize the two Forums that took a multi-stakeholder approach parallel to the UN process. Despite the slowdowns from the pandemic and push back from all sectors of society, the campaign remains an opportunity to deliver gender equality through its Action Coalitions such as gender-based violence, economic justice, reproductive health, climate justice, technology, feminist movement, peace/security and global alliance for care.

Yet the truth is the women's movement itself needs much healing and reflection not to uphold the patriarchal attitudes we are trying to overcome and dismantle. If we don't take care of ourselves individually, we bring the pain into our work, social life, and families. I see a clear line between the individual and the world. A peaceful mind and body can bring peaceful solutions. Violent perpetrators are often in pain themselves, they need help to heal themselves.

n my own journey of healing with therapy, meditation, and yoga, I learned of Ahimsa, which is respect for all living things and avoidance of violence toward others. We must all keep striving to protect ourselves, our planet and all living beings.

As challenging as this might seem in a political space such as the UN, we are trying to bring this mentality to the Commission on the Status of Women space. In the last few years, despite more pushbacks, we are experiencing shifts I never imagined; a kind of change that inspires me to get up every day and try harder.

During the last four years, we at NGO-CSW have quadrupled our followers and influence, largely because of the shift to virtual participation. That transition has made it possible for thousands of more people to attend the 11-day forum without having to travel to the UN headquarters.

In March 2020, we had to cancel the 64th session of the CSW due to Covid-19. We went fully virtual the next year, hosting over 27,000 global participants and holding 700-plus parallel events on our virtual portal. With this year's new hybrid model, CSW67 will be focusing on Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age. It will take more than a village to pull this off from March 5 to 17.

My team at the NGO CSW/NY are determined to make this the year that challenges the status quo. The partnerships and the collaborations we are bringing together through a transparent, shared leadership model is the start of a more creative and supportive way to present our demands to improve the lives of women and girls in all their diversity. Join us in person or virtually for the 67th session to learn, engage and help us all achieve the goals set forth by Beijing Platform.

Something I learned from our African sisters, Ubuntu, meaning humanity or more importantly: I am because we are, resonates deeply in me.

Thank you. Merci. Shukran. Shnorhagelem.

H. Gendelekian

CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

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 Anita Gurumurthy

WOMEN LIFE FREEDOM REVOLUTION VIDEO

Art Projection Asian Art Museum San Francisco

EXPERT PANEL ON THE CSW67 PRIORITY THEME

Panelists include Amandeep Singh Gill, Emma Gibson, Fernanda Vazquez Rojas, Pashtana Durrani, Sia Nowrojee; Facilitated by Ivy Koek

SISTER FA PERFORMANCE

Senegalese Rapper

CSW67 & GENERATION EQUALITY: COMMITTING TO ACHIEVING GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY

Panelists include Tirhana Manganyi, Diana Ndarbawa, Ruth Mbone, Ana Heloisa Alves, Hanna Pishchik, Xenia Kellner, Jemimah Njuki, Caryn Dasah; Facilitated by Stephanie Oula

CLOSING

Rosa Lizarde and Pamela Morgan, NGO CSW67 Forum Co-Chairs

REGIONAL CONSULTATION DAYS



TUES, 28 FEB @ 10AM-12:30PM EST

NGO CSW Geneva

"Geneva- Heart of Human Rights & Service to Humanity"



SUN, 5 MAR @ 2 -5PM EST

NGO CSW Latin America & the Caribbean



TUES, 7 MAR @ 8:30-10:30AM EST

NGO CSW Vienna

"Bridging the gender gap in rural mountainous regions"

How to have a **SAFE & SECURE** **NGO CSW67 FORUM EXPERIENCE**

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

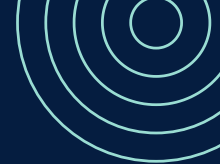
Follow and uphold our [Virtual Safety Guidelines](#). Those who violate these guidelines will be removed from the Forum.

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.

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

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 CSW67 FORUM

NGO CSW67 FORUM FAQs

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PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZER FAQs

PARALLEL EVENT TUTORIAL VIDEO

EXHIBITOR FAQs

TUTORIAL VIDEO FOR EXHIBITORS

FAQS FOR HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS

HANDBOOK AD SPONSOR TUTORIAL

SAFETY & SECURITY AT THE FORUM

NGO CSW67 ADVOCACY TOOLKIT



**READ OUR NGO CSW67
ADVOCACY TOOLKIT WHICH
AIMS TO HELP NGOS, CIVIL
SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES AND
FEMINISTS BUILD THEIR
CAPACITY TO ADVOCATE FOR
THEIR ORGANIZATION,
WORK, AND GLOBAL GENDER
EQUALITY AT THE CSW.**

There are a myriad of ways for civil society to participate in the NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW. It is a great space for networking, sharing your organization's work, and learning about gender equality issues and actions. However, it's also a great place for advocacy within the UN and with Member States. While many NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW participants are seasoned experts in advocating in this space, there are new feminists and advocates coming into the NGO CSW Forum and CSW space every day!

NGO CSW/NY recognizes that the United Nations system can be overwhelming and newcomers may not know where to start, so we've created this Advocacy Toolkit to use as a starting point.

DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT

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CSW67 CHAIR

AMB. MATHU JOYINI

**PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
SOUTH AFRICA TO THE UN**

It is my honour and privilege to welcome the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) Community to the Sixty-Seventh Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67). This year will mark my second and concluding year as the Chair of the CSW. I am pleased that during my tenure I enjoyed a productive and constructive working relationship with the NGO Community. Working with the Bureau, we continued the practice of fully engaging all stakeholders on the priority theme for CSW67 “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”. I thank you for your contribution to the work of the Commission.

This year’s priority theme is represents a gateway to hold a proactive conversation on an important emerging sector. As women, we are in a position to ensure that a gender perspective is embedded into the design and creation of digital solutions that work for all. CSW67 will allow us to engage on a topic that has not firmly established its practices, and therefore presents the potential to shape a future where technology contributes to changing social norms, amplifying women’s voices, pushing back against online harassment, preventing the perpetuation of algorithmic biases, and distributing the benefits of digitalization equally in the pursuit of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

We should recognise that gender digital gap is rooted in stereotypes that have impacted on women’s participation and leadership in innovation processes. The under-representation of women in science and technology at a personal, environmental and school level, results in women rarely being viewed and empowered as creators, promoters and decision makers in their fields. This, in-turn, limits their ability to innovate and create technology that responds to the needs and priorities of women and girls.

Innovation ecosystems should advance gender equality, but it will require a multi-stakeholder approach. This needs to incorporate the capacities and expertise of companies and encourage academia to stimulate the development of digital solutions. Additionally, Governments and civil society organisations would need to interact more closely to inspire an enabling environment for women and girls.

The discussions at CSW67 will create the platform for increased participation of women and girls in the technology and innovation sector, whilst highlighting the value of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education for women and girls to enable access to these fields. The priority theme is holistic in its approach and seeks to firmly address the shortcomings that have already been exposed at this stage in the field before they are irreversible.

This cannot be done without the support and the role played by civil society. The Commission has been able to deliver on its mandate due to its multi-stakeholder character and the critical bridge that has been built between the civil society and the policy makers during each session – and it is expected that this session will be no different. I wish all civil society and non-governmental organisations all the best for a successful session and express my confidence in this committed group to champion the empowerment of women and girls and ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

– HE Mathu Joyini

Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations,
and Chair of CSW67



SIMA BAHOUS

UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) takes place in a world suffering from multiple crises, stalled or reversed progress in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and deepening misogyny in many quarters. The 'status of women' is under multiple threats. As the first in-person CSW since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic three years ago, anticipated to have the largest presence of civil society on record, it offers a vital opportunity for collective consultation and progress.

CSW67's priority theme addresses how we might use the powerful levers of innovation and technology to effectively address the regressions we have witnessed in gender equality through the pandemic and its interlinked crises of climate and conflict. In particular, it directs us to examine and repair the damaging gap in access to digital spaces and skills for women and girls, the related limitations on learning and livelihoods, and the dangers of online violence augmenting those women face offline.

The future of technology must not result in a future of greater inequality. The growing gender digital divide currently prevents women and girls from accessing the digital world equally, limiting their opportunities as economic, social, and political actors. Gender-biased technology affects individual women and contributes to setbacks in the advancement of gender equality and women's empowerment. Hurdles to women's and girls' digital literacy continue to exist, including access and affordability challenges, lack of education, and socio-cultural norms. But we cannot move forward without their creativity, their ideas and inventions.

When well used, the digital space is a great equalizer and enabler. From Afghanistan to Iran, Ukraine and Sudan, women in conflict areas are increasingly turning to technology to assert their rights and voice, build peace and reduce gender inequality. Women activists on the ground and diaspora organizations have been developing social media guides to create uniformity in their messaging and expose the abuses they face as they fight for their rights and freedoms, creating global solidarity to sustain those in conflict areas.

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– Sima Bahous

UN Women Executive Director



LOPA BANERJEE

**EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR,
GENERATION EQUALITY & DIRECTOR,
CIVIL SOCIETY DIVISION, UN WOMEN**

Emerging technologies offer immense opportunities to address development and humanitarian challenges and accelerate the achievement of gender equality and the 2030 Agenda's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They provide unprecedented opportunities for greater access to information, education, skills and open possibilities for increased employment and business opportunities for women and girls. They also contribute greatly to improvements in the well-being, education, health and livelihoods of women and girls.

Leveraging technology allows for building communities, networked movements and strengthening democratic engagement, all of which contributes to equality and justice. The free flow of information via the internet and social media contributes to open debate and an exchange of ideas, two crucial tenets of democracy. Pro-democracy activists rely on open internet access. They utilize apps, social media and other technology to raise awareness, mobilize activists and amplify voices.

While the digital revolution brings immense potential to improve social and economic outcomes for women, it also poses the risk of perpetuating existing patterns of gender inequality. A significant digital gender gap remains, limiting the equitable realization of the benefits of digital transformation across high-, low- and middle-income countries.

Gender inequalities still exist in terms of access to connectivity, digital education, and skills, as well as access to the actual technologies, and women are increasingly at a disadvantage in terms of access to information, digital services, and employment in high-growth sectors such as IT, biotech and engineering.

At the same time, we are witnessing a push back on gender equality – online and offline. Women human rights defenders, across the world, are increasingly targeted with reprisals – including online – with the aim of silencing their voices and stopping them from participating in the public discourse. When women and girls do have access to the internet, they face online violence more often than men. During the COVID-19 pandemic, gender-based violence increased exponentially, including online and ICT-facilitated violence. Many women and girl users of the internet and other ICTs have increasingly experienced threats and other forms of sexual harassment, cyberstalking, and assaults on their privacy.

As the largest annual gathering of policy makers and activists from around the world, focusing on the status of rights and empowerment of all women and girls takes place, at the 67th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 67) in New York, its priority theme brings a unique opportunity to highlight these gendered impacts of innovation and technology and to identify policy recommendations that will allow for a more inclusive, safe and equitable digital evolution. Women and girls must be supported as technology creators and decision-makers so they can design, develop, and deploy technology that meets their own needs.

Access to technology and innovation is key to civil society movement building and strengthening networks of solidarity. We want movements that are effective, resilient, visible and safe. Building feminist communication strategies using technology and innovation is necessary to this. Civil society activists across the world are using information and communication technologies to support rights agendas and tell their stories. Women are taking advantage of the extraordinary potential of technology to fight even more strongly for social justice and equality.

UN Women is deeply committed to support this activism and to grow and expand new multistakeholder, feminist partnerships to strengthen civic space and women's digital rights. Through Generation Equality and its commitments and through the Action Coalition on Technology and Innovation, UN Women will support new technology parameters that support the rights, participation, inclusion, needs and aspirations of women and girls and peoples of the world. Through the discussions at CSW 67 and in the recommendations and implementation agenda that it puts forward, we have the opportunity for coordinated action to unlock a more equitable world and invest in technology as a public good.

For the first time in CSW history, we also have a great opportunity of having young people participate officially in dialogues with Ministers and other decision-makers during CSW67, opening space for their voices to be heard at the highest level and for their inputs to influence the outcome.

The Commission on the Status of Women is every year deeply enriched by the wide participation of civil society and young people from all over the world. Year on year this cohort has grown, and this year is no exception and stands at several thousands of activists and change makers. It is up to us as international organizations, States, and civil society to harness this energy. Together, we call for collective responsibility, from all stakeholders, to develop bold gender- transformative actions to widen innovation ecosystems, embed transparency and accountability in digital technology and expand inclusive digital economies.

– Lopa Banerjee

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

67TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW67)

CSW67 PRIORITY THEME



INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE
AND EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE FOR
ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND THE
EMPOWERMENT OF ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

CSW67 REVIEW THEME



CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN
ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND THE
EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL WOMEN AND
GIRLS

WHAT IS THE 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)
- H.E. Ms. Antje Leendertse (Germany), Vice-Chair (Western European and Other States Group)
- Mr. Māris Burbergs (Latvia), Vice-Chair designate (Eastern European States Group)
- H.E. Ms. Maria del Carmen Squeff (Argentina), Vice-Chair designate (Latin American and Caribbean States Group)
- Ms. Chinguundari Navaan-Yunden (Mongolia), Vice-Chair designate (Asia and Pacific States Group)

For more info: unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023

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



NGO CSW67 FORUM VENUE INFORMATION

CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UN (CCUN)

777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
(on the corner of 44St. & 1st Ave.)

SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

221 E. 52nd St.
New York, NY 10022

FORD FOUNDATION CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

320 E 43rd St
New York, NY 10017

IN-PERSON & 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 organized by the host CSO.



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, the Forum has both in-person and virtual events.

See the full schedule of
in-person & virtual
Parallel Events





NGO CSW/ny EVENTS



NGO CSW/NY EVENTS FIRST WEEK



KEY:

Conversation Circle

Regional Caucus

Civil Society Briefing

Youth Leaders Event

NGO CSW NY events and
co-sponsored events

Click on the event title to register
for each event (where available).
All times are in EST timezone.

MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5 Consultation Day 10am - 1pm	6 Orientation Session 8-9:30am Migrant Women on the Move 6:15 - 7:45pm	7 Advocacy Training Session 8-9:30am Africa 8:30-9:30am HeForShe Solutions Lab 2:30-4pm Digital harassment & violence against women parliamentarians and effective responses 3-4:30pm Asia Pacific 8-9:30pm	8 Multiple & Intersecting Forms of Oppression 9-10:30am Latin America & the Caribbean 9 - 10am Violence Against Women & Girls 11am-12:30pm Arab States/MENA 11:00-12:30pm Future of Education 1-2:30pm North America & Europe 1:30-2:30am Freedom of Opinion & Expression 1-2:30pm	9 Women's Leadership for Human-Centered Technology 8:30-10am	10 Civil Society Briefing 8:30-9:15am Real Housewives of 43 States 2:30-4pm Interfaith Service of Remembrance 3pm Tech education & access to STEM opportunities to empower and advance women and girls in the digital age 4:30-6pm

NGO CSW/NY EVENTS 2ND WEEK



KEY:

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Regional Caucus
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Youth Leaders Event
NGO CSW NY events and
co-sponsored events

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MARCH 2023

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>13</p> <p>Safecity - a crowdmap to end violence against women and girls 10:30-12pm</p> <p>Mindfulness Meditation 12:30-1:10pm</p> <p>Working Group on Girls 4 - 5:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Youth Morning Briefing 8:30-9:15am</p> <p>Say Her Name - Artist Speak Out Against Gender Based Violence 10am-12pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Africa 9 - 10:30am</p> <p>Sexual & Reproductive Health, Justice & Rights 9-10:30am</p> <p>Arab States/MENA 11am-12:30pm</p> <p>LGBTQI+ 11am-12:30pm</p> <p>Mindfulness Meditation 12:30-1:10pm</p> <p>North America & Europe 1-2:30pm</p> <p>Climate Chaos 1-2:30pm</p> <p>Women and Girls Descendants of Enslaved Africans Regional Caucus 2:30-4pm</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean 3-4:30pm</p> <p>Feminist & Youth Leadership & Movements 3-4:30pm</p> <p>Asia Pacific 5-6:30pm</p> <p>Economic Justice & Rights 5-6:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Civil Society Briefing 8:30-9:15am</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mindfulness Meditation 12:30-1:10pm</p>

All Conversation Circles and Regional Caucuses on 15 March will be hybrid w/ an in-person space at Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice

CONSULTATION DAY

KICK-OFF EVENT TO
THE NGO CSW67 FORUM

SUN, 5 MARCH
10AM - 1PM EST
VIRTUAL



ORIENTATION SESSION

Learn everything you need to know
about the NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW
to have a productive and meaningful
experience during these next two weeks!

Monday, 6 March 2023
8 – 9:30am EST
Virtual



ADVOCACY TRAINING

Learn about the different ways you can advocate for your work or organization at the NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW.

Tuesday, 7 March 2023

8 – 9:30am EST

Virtual



CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Raise issues and exchange ideas on different topics in a semi-structured space during CSW67

*Wednesdays, 8 March & 15 March
Throughout the day*



CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Multiple and Intersecting forms of Oppression

8 March @ 9 - 10:30am EST

Violence Against Women and Girls

8 March @ 11am - 12:30pm EST

Future of Education

8 March @ 1 - 2:30pm EST

Freedom of Opinion and Expression

8 March @ 3 - 4:30pm EST

Working Group on Girls

13 March @ 4pm EDT

Sexual & Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice

15 March @ 9 - 10:30am EDT

LGBTQI+

15 March @ 11am - 12:30pm EDT

Climate Chaos

15 March @ 1 - 2:30pm EDT

Feminist & Youth Movements and Leadership

15 March @ 3 - 4:30pm EDT

Economic Justice & Rights

15 March @ 5 - 6:30pm EDT



REGIONAL CAUCUSES

Informal, loosely moderated spaces for participants to discuss and reflect upon regional advocacy and their region's most relevant and pressing issues.

*Hosted by the Global NGO CSWs and the
North America & Europe Caucus*



REGIONAL CAUCUS SCHEDULE

AFRICA

7 March @ 8:30 am (Virtual)
15 March @ 9 am (Hybrid)

ARAB STATES/MENA

8 March @ 11 am (Virtual)
15 March @ 11 am (Hybrid)

ASIA PACIFIC

7 March @ 8 pm (Virtual)
15 March @ 5 pm (Hybrid)

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

8 March @ 9 am (Virtual)
15 March @ 3 pm (Hybrid)

EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA

8 March @ 1:30 pm (Virtual)
15 March @ 1 pm (Hybrid)

**HYBRID SESSIONS
WILL HAVE AN IN-PERSON
SPACE AVAILABLE AT THE
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*Hosted by the Global
NGO CSWs and the
Europe & North
America Caucus*

320 E 43rd St
New York, NY 10017

GATHERING OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
8 MARCH | 6-8PM
FORD FOUNDATION GARDEN

NGO CSW/NY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

PLATFORM #5: STRATEGIC COLLABORATION FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Hosted by the Government of Armenia and UNDP

6 March | 1:30 PM EST | In-person @ UNHQ Conf Room A

MIGRANT WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Hosted by Feminist Task Force

6 March | 6:15pm EST | In-person @ CCUN 10th Floor

DIGITAL HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSES

Hosted by International Federation of Business and Professional Women

7 March | 3 PM EST | Virtual

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOR HUMAN-CENTERED TECHNOLOGY

Hosted by Soka Gakkai International

9 March | 8:30 AM EST | In-person @ CCUN 2nd Floor

REAL HOUSEWIVES OF 43 STATES

Hosted by Unchained At Last

10 March | 2:30 PM EST | In-person @ CCUN Chapel

TECH EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO STEM OPPORTUNITIES TO EMPOWER AND ADVANCE WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Hosted by Armenian International Women's Association

10 March | 4:30 PM EST | In-person @ CCUN Chapel

INTERFAITH SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

10 March | 3 PM EST | Virtual

SAFECITY - A CROWDMAP TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS

Hosted by the Red Dot Foundation

13 March | 10:30 AM EDT | In-person @ CCUN Chapel

SAY HER NAME - ARTIST SPEAK OUT AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Hosted by Women in Media Newark

14 March | 10 AM EDT | Virtual

WOMEN & GIRLS DESCENDANTS OF ENSLAVED AFRICANS REGIONAL CAUCUS

15 March | 12:30 PM EDT | In-person @ CCUN Chapel



ABOUT NGO CSW/NY



WHO IS NGO CSW/NY?

NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (or NGO CSW/NY) is a convener of global civil society for the annual UN CSW and global gender equality advocacy. We are a coalition of NGOs, civil society organizations, and individuals concerned with gender equality and the rights and empowerment of women and girls.

NGO CSW/NY's main project is organizing the annual NGO CSW Forum in order to bridge the gap between global civil society and grassroots organizations, and the official UN Commission on the Status of Women process in New York.

For more info: ngocsw.org

HERSTORY

1972

NGO CSW/NY IS ESTABLISHED IN 1972 AS ONE OF THE NGO COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE OF NGOS (CONGO) IN PREPARATION FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (1975), THE UN DECADE OF WOMEN (1975-1985) AND THE FIRST WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN HELD IN MEXICO CITY IN 1975.

1973

NGO CSW GENEVA IS ESTABLISHED. SHORTLY AFTER, NGO CSW VIENNA IS CREATED IN 1982.

2011

THE 'YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' PROGRAM IS CREATED. IN 2020, THE PROGRAM IS RENAMED 'YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS' (YLYPS) AND INITIATES A MISSION TO AMPLIFY THE VOICES OF YOUTH ACTIVISTS AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AT THE UN AND GLOBALLY.

2015

NGO CSW EXPANDS ITS INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE THROUGH THE CREATION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES IN AFRICA, ARAB STATES/MENA, ASIA PACIFIC, AND LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

2017

2017 MARKS NGO CSW'S 45TH ANNIVERSARY. TO COMMEMORATE ACHIEVEMENTS, NGO CSW'S INTERNS DEVELOP [A VIDEO](#) TO HIGHLIGHT ITS PAST CHAIRS, MEMBERS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

2020

TO MARK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEING PLATFORM FOR ACTION (BEIJING+25), THE [GENERATION EQUALITY](#) CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED. UN WOMEN TASKS NGO CSW/NY AS GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY CONVENERS FOR THE GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM.

2021

NGO CSW/NY HOLDS ITS FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL NGO CSW FORUM AFTER THE GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC AFFECTED THE FEMINIST AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENT'S ACTIVISM AND WORK AT THE UN.

2022

NGO CSW/NY TURNS 50 YEARS OLD! TO CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, WE HOLD VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS TO LOOK BACK ON THE MEMORIES OF THE LAST 50 YEARS AND REFLECT ON THE VISIONS FOR THE NEXT 50.

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Business and
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ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP (ARG)

For CSW67, the Advocacy & Research Group (ARG) researched the CSW Priority Theme with input from global civil society to develop five key recommendations to be considered for the CSW67 outcome document. Read the recommendations [here](#).

Advocacy & Research Group's CSW67 ZERO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Invest in and strengthen gender-responsive programs and policies that **prioritize critical digital literacy and STEM education for girls and women in all their diversity** for meaningful participation in digital society and economy

Implement and reform **laws and policies to address the risks to privacy, autonomy, dignity, and safety faced by women and girls in all their diversity** on digital platforms.

Ensure universal access to essential technological infrastructure & frontier data and AI innovations, with a **special focus on rural areas, women and girls living with disabilities, and older women**

Leverage various financial routes, including public and development finance and private sector partnerships to enable universal, affordable, equal, and unfettered digital technology for women and girls in all their diversity.

Develop and invest in policies and programs that prioritize critical digital literacy, STEM education, online safety, and **digital empowerment for girls and young women in all their diversity**.



YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YLYPS)



The YLYPs are a community of young people and youth advocates who are passionate about global gender equality and looking to engage in or learn about UN processes



Learn about & advocate for youth involvement at the UN



Prepare for the UN CSW and NGO CSW Forum



Join a community of other young activists & professionals

Learn more at:
ngocsw.org/get-involved/ylyps

YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES for NGO CSW67

Every Wednesday at 12pm ET leading up to the NGO CSW67 Forum

18 January Youth Advocacy Training

25 January Rural Women and Youth

1 February Digital Innovation and Education

8 February Effects of Digital Space on the Body

15 February The Role of Access to Digital
Technology in Building Women's
Resilience to Disaster (@ 10am EST)

22 February Building a Technology-Friendly
Society for Adolescents (@ 7am EST)

1 March Networking Session

Session information will be updated as details are finalized

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

YLYP DELEGATE CHAMPIONS



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PROGRAM COORDINATOR, LATIN AMERICA **RE!NSTITUTE**
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YOUTH FOCAL POINT **NGO CSW Geneva**



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FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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FORMER CHAIRS OF NGO CSW/NY

2015-2019 | SUSAN O'MALLEY

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

2011-2015 | SOON-YOUNG YOON

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We invite you to our parallel event,
where we will be launching our digital tool for
reducing and preventing GBV:

The MyPwr App



Register Here

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Monday, March 13 at 8:30 am
Church Center of the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza, New York
2nd Floor, Booth 13384



The Role of Technology in Ending Gender-based Violence

Speakers:

Anita Bhatia, Deputy Executive Director UN Women

Sanda Ojiambo, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Global Compact
&

Representatives from Vodafone Americas Foundation, Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, DomesticShelters.org, and Garbo will join NO MORE to discuss how technology can support and prevent gender-based violence.

Thursday, March 9, 2023 | 4:30PM EST

Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN)

777 United Nations Plaza

New York, NY 10017

Room: CCUN 11th Floor

Join us online at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ccWLg46bTsONPKPKCQbgog

NO MORE is a groundbreaking, global initiative dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence by increasing awareness, inspiring action, and fueling culture change.

[Learn more about nomore.org](https://nomore.org)



Bright Sky

Vodafone Americas Foundation and Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh will present Bright Sky

Bright Sky is a safe, easy to use app and website that provides practical support and information on how to respond to domestic violence. Bright Sky helps you spot the signs of abuse, know how to respond, and (help someone) find a safe route to support.

Learn more at BrightSkyUS.org

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Current Affiliations

4th year as a Delegate to The United Nations for The Commission on The Status of Women
37-year member of Soroptimist International
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Nancy started her own business as a single parent with no child support, alimony, or other sources of income. She learned how to raise her family on her own while putting herself through school and building a business from scratch, to \$200 million in assets under management before selling it. She has been quoted in many leading publications including AARP, USA Today, The Chicago Tribune, US News and World Report, Financial Planning magazine, Money Magazine, Certified Senior Advisor magazine, and others. She has been a speaker for, Soroptimist International NE Region, Pfizer Corp, CT. Assoc. of Senior Center Personnel, Ameriprise India, Women's Network of Southeastern CT, Three Rivers College, U.S. Navy, McOver Solutions – Zambia South Africa, Soroptimist Mongolia, Stone Academy, Girl Scout Leaders, The Small Business University, Investment News, live radio and television, and many more.

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Technological Innovations: LOCALIZED PATHWAYS TO ACHIEVING WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES



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What if a doctor could monitor the health of a fetus remotely? What if women and girls could still continue to access information, education, and services even when resources are low, or infrastructure or humanitarian crises create barriers? Join us to experience first-hand 3 technological innovations designed to advance the rights of women and girls in health, reduce gender-based violence and build women's agencies to participate effectively in development. Speakers drawn from Ethiopia, Malawi, and Zambia will demonstrate and discuss the opportunities but also challenges innovative technical solutions present for gender equality, especially for marginalized communities.

Event Moderator: **PRAGYA TIKKU**
Gender Equality Specialist at OCIC



TUESDAY,
MARCH 14 2023



SALVATION ARMY
221 EAST 52ND
STREET, NYC



8:30 - 10:00 AM EST

REGISTER HERE



- Gain life-long friendships through an international network of advocates working for gender equity.
- Build a better world for women and girls through local service and advocacy initiatives and international service projects undertaken with trusted partners.
- Join us with a membership that works best for you. Meet locally through one of our 1,100+ Zonta clubs in 63 countries or support our mission more broadly as a supporting member.





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Commission on the Status of
Women CSW67 - NY/Global

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

PARALLEL EVENT

16 MARCH 2023

06:00 – NEW YORK

10:00 – LONDON

12:00 – CAIRO

13:00 – BAGHDAD

17:00 – JAKARTA

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 led by women
- ✓ Facilitating women-led peaceful coexistence, reconciliation, tolerance, diversity, and inclusion
- ✓ Engaging youth and women in national and local civil, security, and peace policy
- ✓ Strengthening sustainability of civil society and shaping norms for localization development.

About the Event

The event will address 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 with global allies.



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JOIN OUR UN YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' NGO CSW67 PARALLEL EVENT: VIRTUAL DISPARITIES CONCERNING UNIVERSITY WOMEN AND COVID-19

ABOUT:

Presented by American Association of University Women (AAUW) Youth Representatives to the United Nations, Kyra Szabo and Zahra Hassan, a panel of representatives from Lehigh University will discuss inhibitions to the education of women in STEM due to the COVID-19 pandemic and technological disparities.

This panel will feature the president of Lehigh Women in Computer Science, the chair of Biological and Chemical Engineering, and the director for the Center of Gender Equity to discuss issues pertaining to the disparities between the genders and majors, the impact of the pandemic, the role of technology in education, and more.

AAUW salutes the 67th UN Commission on the Status of Women, UN Women, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, and advocates for gender equity worldwide. Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC - Associated with UN Department of Global Communications - Civil Society Unit.

Date:

March 7, 2023

Time:

5:00-6:30pm ET

Join on Zoom:



Questions:

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aauw.org

Join us for our CSW parallel event:

HOW THE CATHOLIC CHURCH USES "GENDER IDEOLOGY" TO THREATEN HUMAN RIGHTS



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Julieta Zacatenco
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CDD MÉXICO



Dianne Willman
PRIEST
ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN PRIESTS

Moderated by Kate McElwee,
Women's Ordination Conference



March 6th, 2023
4:30pm EST



777 United Nations
Plaza, New York, NY
10017 (CCUN), 11th
Floor

Spanish interpretation will be provided



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FOR
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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF WOMEN ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS

INWES at
NGO CSW67

A global network of organizations of women in STEM, an official UNESCO NGO partner with consultative status at the UN Economic and Social Council, with Organizational, Corporate, University and Individual Members, all together representing about 250,000 women from over 40 countries worldwide.

AS INWES WE:

Conduct programs and deliver projects for sharing good practices for outreach to girls and their parents, encouragement for college students, and professional and leadership development for members.

Encourage the foundation of new organizations for women in STEM for professional development and recognition.

Conduct insightful events for schools, universities, employers and professional associations.

Establish relationships with corporations and foundations to support the empowerment of women in STEM by opening opportunities for training, education and upskilling.

Oversee the triennial conference ICWES and regional conferences.

WITH OUR REGIONAL NETWORKS:

- Asian Pacific Nations Network (APNN)
- African Regional Network (ARN)
- INWES Europe
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Network

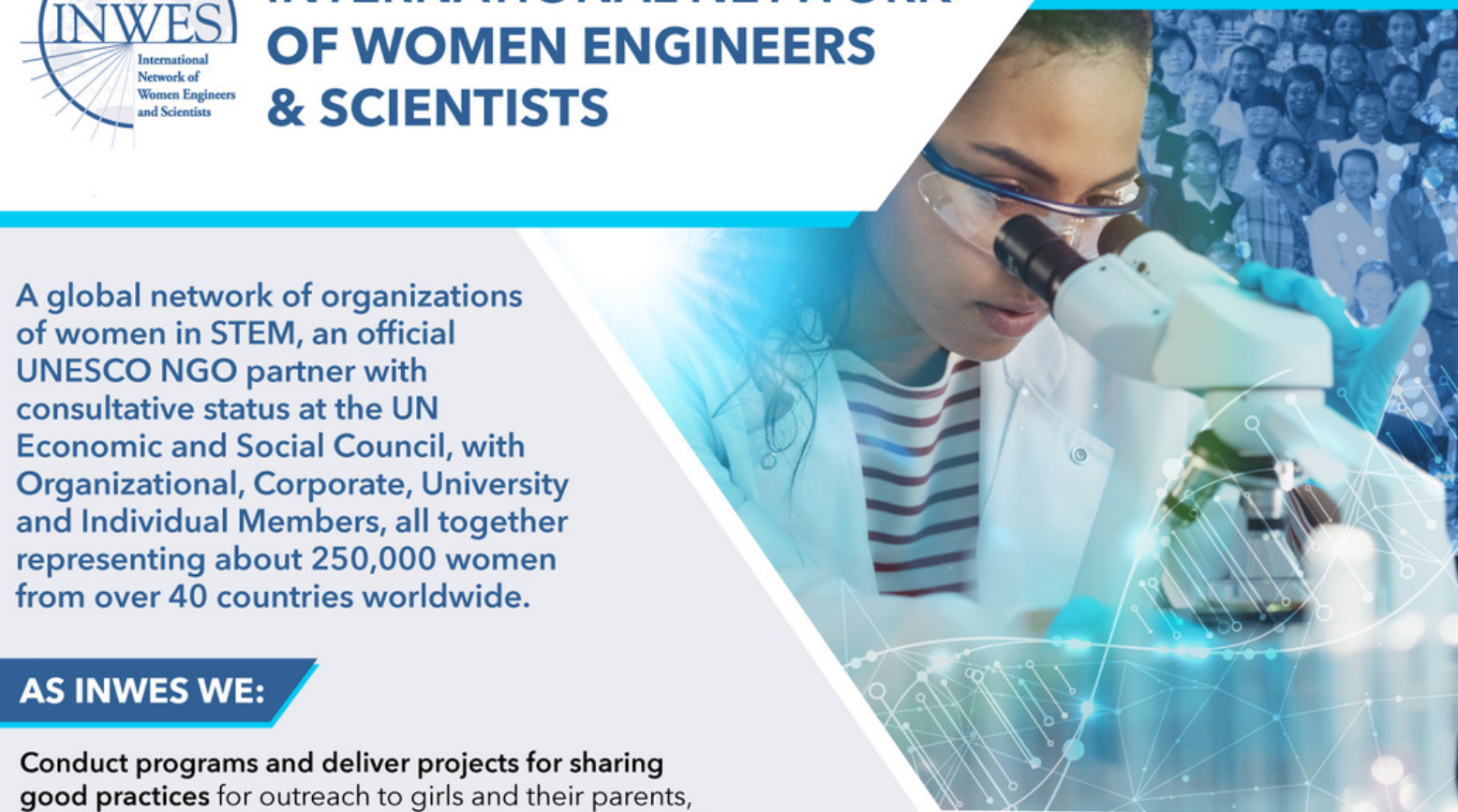
We foster and promote regional activities in a physically close and similar time zone region because they have common interests as well as regional problems that can be addressed together.

We support women in those regions by putting them in touch with the international community of women and other associations interested in STEM.

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Our aim is to build a better future worldwide through full and effective participation of women and girls in all aspects of STEM

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Join our conversations
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Enhancing research, education and advocacy in women's sport through technology

MARCH 8, 2023 @ 12:30 - 2:00 PM EST

**AT CHURCH CENTER OF UNITED NATIONS (CCUN), 10TH FLOOR
777 UN PLAZA, E. 44TH ST AND FIRST AVE, NY, 10017**

Digital technology enhancing accessibility and inclusion in sport and physical activity



WomenSport International
The Global Voice of Research-based
Advocacy for Women in Sport

**Game Gotlhe G. Mothibi, WSI
Treasurer, Senior Manager, TAFISA**



Role of technology in enhancing the Asia- Pacific Women & Sport Insight Hubs



**Lisa O'Keefe, International Working Group
(IWG) on Women and Sport, Secretary General**



Digitalization in sport and Physical Education - reflections and implications for empowering girls and women



**Rosa Diketmueller, AssProf, PhD, University of Vienna,
Institute for Sport Science, President IAPESGW**



Advancing Women's Health and Performance Research Using Technology.



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**Carol Ewing Garber, Ph.D., FAHA, FACSM, FNAK
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We Play Interactive: A Review of Digital Platforms as Resources for Gender Equity in Sports



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March 10, 2023
8:30-10:00 a.m.
Salvation Army Auditorium
221 E. 52nd St.

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environments in
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L'interprétation simultanée
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- Masters of Arts
- Graduate Certificate
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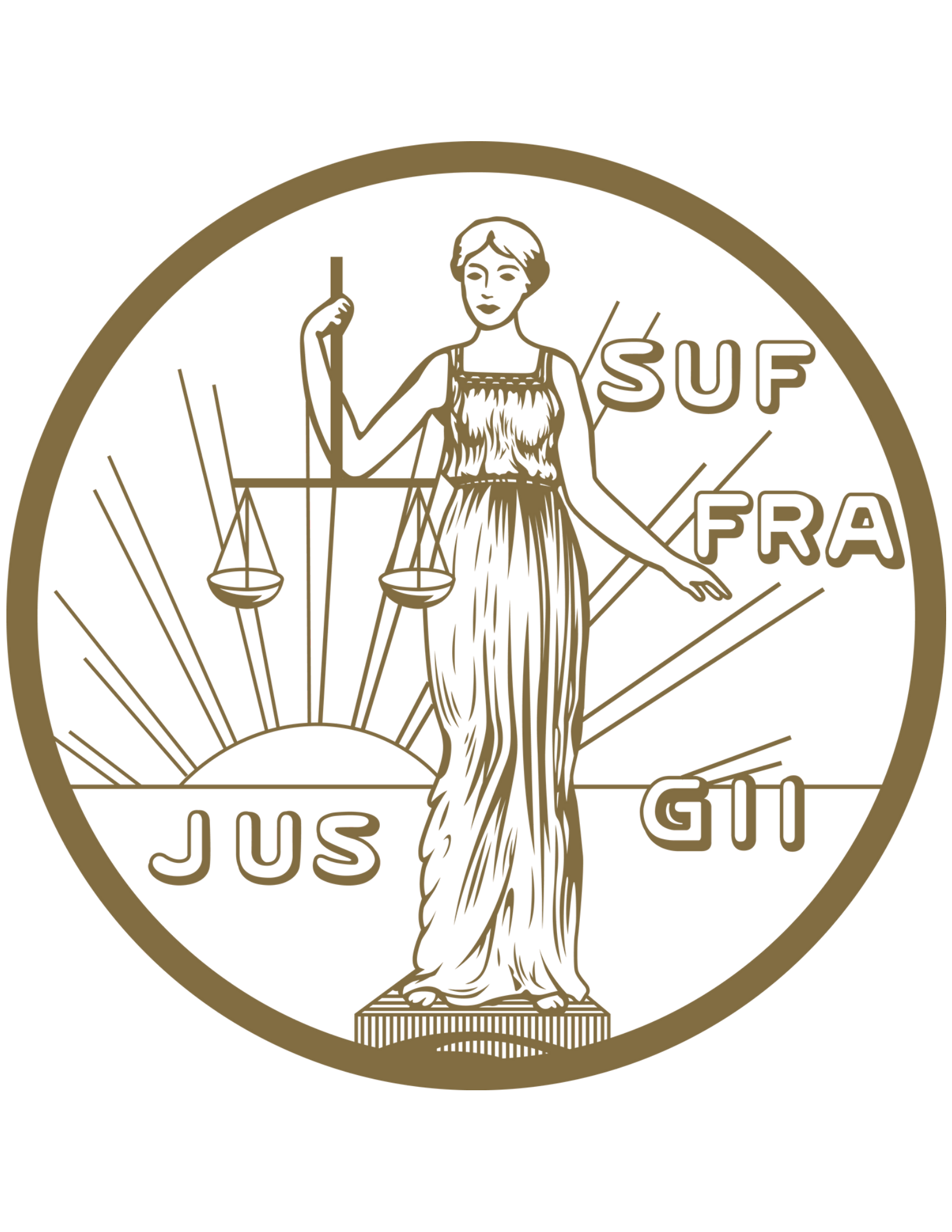


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March 6, 2023

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

CCUN - 10th floor

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Women's Empowerment through Education and Training in the Digital Age

Speakers

- **Martine Marandel**
President of the International Council of Women
- **Lopa Banerjee**
Executive Coordinator of Generation Equality and
Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women
- **Sergei Zelenev**
Special Representative of the International Council
on Social Welfare to the UN
- **Raquel Lagunas**
Director Gender Team, UNDP
- **Dr. Shachar Re'em**
Director Golda Meir MASHAV Carmel International
Training Center
- **Noro Ravaozanany**
Member of the Coordination of Réseau
Francophone pour l'Egalité Femme-Homme
(RF-EFH), President of Focus Development
Association-Madagascar

Moderated by

- **Linda Liu**
Former Vice-President of the International Council
of Women

March 7, 2023

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

CCUN - 11th floor

Co-hosted by
ICW-CIF / KIWP / GSW

Political and Economic Empowerment of Women in the Digital Age

Speakers

- **Jungsook Kim**
Chair of KIWP
Former Member of the National Assembly, R.O.K
Immediate Past President of ICW
- **Irene Natividad**
President of Global Summit of Women
Global Women Research and Education Institute
- **Caren Grown**
Senior Fellow in the Center for Sustainable
Development at the Brookings Institution
Former Director of the Gender Group, World Bank
- **Viviane Teitelbaum**
Member of the Parliament of Brussels
President of the European Center of ICW
- **Pam Rajput**
Emeritus Professor of Panjab University, India
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**NGO CSW67 Forum
Parallel Event**

Digitalization: Opportunities to Accelerate Meaningful Learning for All

MARCH 8TH, 2023

6:15PM-7:45PM ET

**Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN)
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CCUN
11th floor
March 6
12:30 pm

Tomorrow's Women brings courageous Palestinian and Israeli young women together for a life-changing immersive camp experience in Santa Fe, NM. Empowered and equipped to lead, they continue with social impact projects and activism in the region.



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Interventions for Ending On- and Off-line Gender-Based Violence and Harassment at Work

March 9, 2023, 9:00-10:30am EST



Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/NEDGBVH>

Livestream: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xO5eoa4BdY>

A lingering global pandemic, climate catastrophes, food insecurity, armed conflict spikes, and rising authoritarianism significantly increased levels of already experienced gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH) at work. As more women turn to digital platforms to work, connect, or engage in civic advocacy, the more inhospitable those spaces have become. In this session, panelists promoted by the National Endowment for Democracy's four core institutes - National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, Center for International Private Enterprise, and Solidarity Center - will reframe prevention of low- and high-tech-facilitated GBVH as a non-negotiable for democratic societies, connect women leaders across sectors, and draw on the International Labor Organization Convention 190's expanded GBVH protections as critical in this new "world of work."





AN APP THAT SAVES LIVES

One to One Africa serves last mile communities; rural villages beyond the main tar roads. We empower local women, many of them living with HIV, to become Mentor Mothers, providing comprehensive community health care, including maternal & child health services. We train and then equip them with a mobile device to capture, monitor and track health indicators and a backpack carrying basic medical supplies to provide preventive primary health care.

Already serving a caseload of almost 5000 women and children, our peer-to-peer model has been elevated by the launch of our innovative mHealth app. Our mHealth app empowers rural women to take the lead; Mentor Mothers are guided by assessing and analysing the data we methodically collect on our mHealth app to tackle HIV infection rates, monitor pregnancy and antenatal care and minimise malnutrition.



Follow the work of our Mentor Mothers at onetooneafrica.org



The Kota Alliance

A Global Center for Gender Equity

NETWORKING EVENT

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023 AT 6:00 PM

The Kota Alliance hosts an intimate get-together at our home the Kota Nest in West Harlem, New York. Join us and connect with other women-centered organizations and individuals! Drinks and light snacks are served.

Please register here to attend by Friday 10 March:
<https://bit.ly/3Z22fEW> (Eventbrite)

The Kota Alliance is an umbrella organization elevating collaboration across borders for women-centered nonprofits, NGOs, social enterprises, and entrepreneurs. By sharing ideas and working together, we advance gender equity and promote women's empowerment, both locally and globally.



The Kota Nest

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We offer space rentals and lodging for our global community. Please check our website for more information and to request a booking.

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- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
- Access to Justice
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About ORWOCH

ORWOCH is a feminist, women-led, registered national nongovernmental organization in Liberia. ORWOCH provides legal representation to indigent women; monitors and tracks strategic cases through the legal system; works to end violence against women and girls; and advocates for women leadership during and after humanitarian crises. ORWOCH Raise the Bar Women's Political Training Program builds capacity of aspiring women leaders. The Project Accountable Safe Space (PASS) Women's Accountability Room monitors, documents and also provides legal aid for women experiencing violence during elections.

Get Her Across The Finish Line 1st!

2023 is a Presidential and Legislative election year in the Republic of Liberia. The nation is scheduled to go to the polls October 10 2023. To state that Liberian women are currently underrepresented in politics would be an understatement.

- In 2023, only 3 of 19 cabinet Ministers are women
- 2 of 30 senators are women
- 9 of 73 representatives are women

These numbers must change. There are at least 200 women participating in this year's elections. ORWOCH believes we can make a difference as the nation moves closer to elections by providing financial grants to promising women candidates. We are launching a fundraiser to provide a "lift" to those to make it across the finish line 1st!

The Event: A Fundraiser to "Get Her Across the Finish Line....1st!"

When: Monday, July 26, 2023 (Liberia's 176th Independence Day)

Where: (Hybrid) Washington DC and virtual

What:

1. To provide adequate security for each candidate selected - before, during & after the elections
2. To support election observers for said candidates

ORWOCH is actively seeking partnership opportunities to fund this campaign.

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In-person parallel event



Please join us on Tuesday, March
7, 2023, 2:30 PM EST at the CCUN
2nd Floor.

This event aims to examine the intersection between age and gender bias, and discrimination and to situate the specific challenges and opportunities experienced by older women in different areas, including under the priority and review theme of the 67th Session of the Commission.

It is organised by
HelpAge International (HelpAge)
and HelpAge Global Network
Member, **Reach a Hand Uganda**
(RAHU), with generous support
from **AARP**..

For translation services during the event, please download the 'Say Hi Translate' app and bring headphones.

For more information, please see the event page on the NGO CSW67 Forum



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SIDE EVENT

Friday March 10 | 2-3:30 PM EST



The Signal for Help: Innovation to Shift from Stigma to Support

Location: Online and Permanent Mission
of Canada to the United Nations (466
Lexington Ave, 20th Floor, New York)

Hosted with: Women & Gender Equality
Canada

The Canadian Women's Foundation's viral Signal for Help campaign and digital learning journey equips people to support survivors of gender-based violence. What does it take to shift cultures of stigma that silence and propagate abuse? How can technology and digital media disrupt our acceptance of abuse, promote cultures of care for survivors, transform bystanders into supporters, and empower everyone to end gendered violence?

Starting with the Signal for Help as a powerful case study, this dynamic session showcases innovations of diverse gender justice advocates using tech and digital media to transform culture and end gender-based abuse. It offers promising practices and essential learnings any organization, artist, activist, and leader can use as they innovate to disrupt abuse acceptance and inaction in their own communities.

PARALLEL EVENT

Wednesday March 8 | 8:30-10 AM EST

Rural, Remote, Northern: Gender Justice Challenges and Opportunities in Canada

Location: Church Centre United Nations,
(777 United Nations Plaza, 10th Floor,
New York)

Join a lively discussion on the struggle for intersectional gender justice in rural, remote and northern Canada, a settler state with Indigenous communities throughout rural and northern areas. Speakers will share perspectives on the impacts of communications, technology and transportation gaps, and of lack of access to essential services, such as mental health and gender-based violence services, and discuss their mobilizing work: Which are issues are most crucial at this time? What has changed with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic? What strategies and investments are needed to advance intersectional gender justice?

JOIN THE PAD PROJECT AT THE UN CSW67 FORUM

The Pad Project is a non-profit organization with a mission to create and cultivate local and global partnerships to end period stigma and empower girls, women, and all people who menstruate worldwide. Join the team behind Academy Award-winning documentary, *Period. End of Sentence.*, for a screening and Q&A of their newest film project, *Long Line of Ladies*. This event will feature Pad Project Ambassadors and members of the Karuk spiritual family to explore the significance of the cultural revitalization of Native ceremonies as they intersect with girls' and women's health.

Tuesday, March 14 at 2:30pm EDT | CCUN Chapel in Midtown NYC



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

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← From left to right: Nepalese superstar Dayahang Rai; Nepalese superstar & Goodwill Ambassador for #NepalsMenstrualMovement Keki Adhikari; Cultural Attaché at the German Embassy Kathmandu Gregor Czaja; and Technical Advisor GIZ S2HSS Sami Pande at the award ceremony of the NCIFF 2022.





Cities forging the path to gender justice

Tools for equality in local life



Fatimetou Abdel Malick, President of the Nouakchott Region, President of UCLG Africa, President UCLG Gender Equality Committee



Silvia Baraldi, City Councillor in Legnago, Vice-Chair of CEMR Standing Committee for Equality



Emil Broberg, Regional Councillor in Östergötland Region



Clare Hart, Vice-President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole, Member of COPPEM



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