NGO CSW67

YOUTH ADVOCACY TRAINING
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WHAT IS THE CSW?

- Official UN Commission on the Status of Women
- Principle global intergovernmental body dedicated to gender equality and women's empowerment
- Outcome document negotiated by Member States
- UN Women = Secretariat

https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023
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

https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023
CSW67 REVIEW THEME

Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls

https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw67-2023
WHAT IS THE NGO CSW FORUM?

- Civil society gathering parallel to the official UN CSW
- Allows civil society to engage in the CSW processes without ECOSOC-accreditation
- Hundreds of events hosted and led by NGOs around the world
- Organized by NGO CSW/NY

ngocsw.org/ngocswforum/
REASONS TO ATTEND THE NGO CSW67 FORUM

PARALLEL EVENTS
Events organized by civil society organizations and groups around the world that address the CSW priority theme in some way

REGIONAL CAUCUSES
Informal spaces for each of the 5 UN regional groups to discuss advocacy and issues

CONVERSATION CIRCLES
A place to exchange ideas about topics related women's rights and gender equality; facilitated by experts in every topic

VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL
Learn about the different Exhibitors' work and connect with them. Or host your own Exhibit Booth!

CONSULTATION DAY
Kick-off event for the Forum to prepare participants for the CSW and educate them on the priority theme

NETWORKING
The perfect place to meet friends and advocates in the global gender equality and women's rights movement

CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS
Informative meetings that bring together civil society, UN agencies & Member States to share updates on what's happening in the CSW session

ADVOCACY
Advocate for your organization and the issues you're passionate about to Member States and the UN
INTRODUCTION TO THE CSW PROCESS
OUTCOME DOCUMENT PROCESS

Negotiated by Member States during "Information Consultations"

1

"ZERO DRAFT"

Initial text used to start the negotiations, available for download on the UN Women’s CSW website.
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2

COMPILATION TEXT

Updated draft that includes a group of proposed amendments to the Zero Draft presented by Member States
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3

READINGS

Rounds of presentations of government proposals, chance to discover Member States’ position on issues
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4

FINAL READING

Has several possible outcomes, but the goal is a consensus between Member States to adopt a final outcome document known as the "Agreed Conclusions'
### Possible Outcomes During the Final Reading:

1. **All Member States agree upon the final draft and the outcome document is finalized as the official CSW67 Agreed Conclusions.**

2. **Facilitator or Bureau Chair proposes a final text based on the remaining Member State suggestions. If all States agree to the doc, it’s finalized as the Agreed Conclusions.**

3. **If all Member States cannot agree on the final draft, a vote is taken. Even if the majority votes in favor, the doc is not considered ‘agreed language.’**
HOW TO ENGAGE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS

Identify important issues and language recommendations
Develop recommended language and issues that should be included in the outcome document

Share and meet with receptive Member States
Share your recommendations with Member States and set up meetings with them to advocate for your recommendations and issues

Share on social media
Share your recommendations on social media and with other organizations and networks to garner support. You can leverage this support in your advocacy with Member States.

Continue to meet with Member States
Continue to meet throughout the negotiations process to get updates on the process and provide your input
WHAT KIND OF ADVOCATE WILL YOU BE?

DIGITAL ADVOCATE

CIVIL SOCIETY CONNECTIONS

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

OUTCOME DOCUMENT

LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT
FRAMEWORKS RELATED TO CSW67

HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK
Grounding gender equality advocacy work in human rights and UN values as outlined in the UN Charter, 1945

CEDAW
Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women. A human rights treaty legally binding for those countries that have ratified it.

ROADMAP FOR DIGITAL COOPERATION
Roadmap in which all stakeholders play a role in advancing a safer, more equitable digital world, one which will lead to a brighter and more prosperous future for all. Prepared by the SG’s office.

BEIJING PLATFORM FOR ACTION
An agenda for women’s empowerment that includes “Twelve Critical Areas of Concern” that cover issues from political participation and economic justice to health and education, gender-based violence and environment.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
Brings together the three dimensions of sustainable development—economic, social and environmental—with 17 goals and 169 targets to be met by all countries before 2030.
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 and 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.
SIGN ON IN SUPPORT OF THE ARG’S KEY RECOMMENDATIONS!

USE THIS LETTER TEMPLATE TO SHARE THE ARG’S RECOMMENDATIONS
DIGITAL ADVOCACY

TIPS FOR ADVOCATING ONLINE
Centering Your Goals

Determine your essential Social Media platforms

Focus on prioritized content

Be careful with the design

Engage with your audience

Becoming a skilled advocate

Interact with the media, other NGOs and policymakers

Have Fun!

During CSW67, think about:

What is the best platform to share this specific information?

Is important information about my organization easily found on my page?

Are my posts expanding my network?
CONNECT WITH US AND GET INVOLVED!

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