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CHAIR'S WELCOME BY DR. SUSAN O'MALLEY

Never have the voices and activism of women in civil society been more important than they are today in this unsettled world of conflict and increasing disparity between the rich and poor. And never has the mantra of “Leave no one Behind” been more critical to implement the SDGs and the Agenda 2030.

The Priority Theme for CSW62, “Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”, is central to understand “Leave no one behind”, for rural women and girls, including widows both young and old, rural women and girls with disabilities and those who are HIV-positive are often those who are most left behind. The last time Rural Women was the subject of the priority theme in CSW56, there was no Outcome Document. One of the reasons was the voices of rural women were not heard; others spoke for them. At CSW62 we intend to rectify that.

We began the process in September 2017 by forming a study group both face-to-face, on-line and on conference calls to educate us on the concerns of rural women. We read the UN Women’s Expert Group Papers and the U.N. Secretary General’s Report on rural women and held a meeting at which rural women from Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, and upstate New York spoke to us about their concerns in their CSW62 statements, video clips and in person. We concluded that the concerns of rural women in both the global north and global south must be heard and addressed as stated in the SDGs.

Subgroups within our newly named Subcommittee on the CSW62 Zero Draft formed around human rights; gender based violence including migrants; health and sanitation; education, employment and technology; and land rights and climate change. Each group contributed facts, recommendations and best practices to our document entitled ‘Systemic Barriers, Sustainable Development and the Diversity of Rural Women and Girls’ that has been circulated widely and is on our website. The next step, understanding already agreed-upon UN language for each of our issues, was facilitated for us by a lawyer and a civil society member who for many years has been part of her country’s CSW delegation. Armed with this knowledge and preparation, we will work together to amplify the voices of rural women in the Outcome Document.

Reflective of the CSW62 Review Theme, “Participation and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women and girls”, the afternoon of Consultation Day with the help of PCI Media Impact will focus on using rural women’s stories to create change, inspiration, energy and know how featuring 4 rural women from 4 different regions, using 4 different media on 4 different issues. There will also be a focus on how to use media for capacity building.

NGOCSW/NY will also partner with Sean Southey, CEO of PCI Media Impact, to create a Media Zone on March 14 in the CCUN that will feature rural women around the world telling their stories that will be amplified by the Pvblic Foundation on social media, on-line and in print journalism. Now Her, a social media platform, will also be working with us to ensure that the voices of rural women at CSW62 are heard.

I wish you a productive and energizing two weeks at CSW62 in moving forward the concerns of rural women and girls within a human rights perspective in the global south and north.

Dr. Susan O’Malley

Chair, NGO CSW/NY

International Federation of Business and Professional Women



NGO CSW62 FORUM INTRODUCTION

BY ROSALEE KEECH AND JACKIE WEATHERSPOON

(CO-CHAIRS OF THE NGO CSW62 FORUM PLANNING COMMITTEE)

For the past 46 years, NGO CSW/NY has been a force at the United Nations, working to advance the women's agenda. Today, we are proud to be organizing the Forum in parallel with the Commission on the Status of Women to provide civil society an opportunity to engage with member states, UN agencies and other civil society members in the advancing of the women's agenda at the United Nations. As the largest Commission gathering at the United Nations, each year thousands of people come to the NGO CSW Forum to amplify women and girls' voices to ensure that "no one is left behind".

With this year's priority theme, Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls, and Review theme, Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women, NGO CSW/NY is again providing an opportunity for civil society to discuss and focus on the issues impacting both themes.

More importantly, it is an opportunity to inspire attendees to use the material learned at the Forum in their local arenas post conference. With more than 400 parallel events being organized by nongovernmental organizations that will provide best practices, insight into techniques that work and lessons learned, attendees will gain perspective on not only the problems facing women everywhere but also on how to advance the women's agenda. The Consultation Day programme (the launch of CSW62), morning briefings in the UN, regional caucuses, advocacy training, and rural women's network and social events like the Reception, Rally and Artisan Fair, all is offered within the NGO CSW62 Forum.

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York (NGO CSW/NY), is a coalition of hundreds of organizations and individuals working within the United Nations community to advance gender equality and empowerment of women and girls across the globe. Specifically by working in conjunction with the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and UN Women, member states and other UN agencies, we strive to amplify women and girls' voices at the United Nations to ensure that "no one is left behind".

We hope that you use the time spent here at the Forum to expand your networks and increase your understanding of the variety of issues facing rural women and girls from violence to customary laws and practices that impede their rights to economic empowerment and obtaining full human rights. In addition, may you be inspired by the women that have been empowered via media and information and communication technologies. But most of all, we hope that you are motivated to act after the conference to enable women and girls everywhere to reach their potential by eliminating injustices and barriers as well as promoting access to opportunities for inclusion and empowerment.

Regardless of where you reside, we invite you to join NGO CSW/NY and get involved, continue the dialogue and help inspire others. Visit our website at ngocsw.org for more information.

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Summary

A seminal moment in recognizing the important role of women in society was the founding of the Commission on the Status of Women. From its inception, the Commission has championed the rights of women. The rallying cry has been “Human Rights are Women’s Rights and Women’s Rights are Human Rights”. Through the work of the Commission the international community has ratified and enacted many laws or conventions to protect women and achieve full human rights. Some of the outcomes highlighted below are the results of years of setting standards and formulating international conventions to change discriminatory legislation and foster global awareness of women’s issues. These subjects described herein are at the heart of the work of not only NGO CSW/NY, but all NGO CSWs around the globe.

CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) moves into the 21st Century

Women want the freedom to live their lives free from negatives like gender-discrimination, gender-based violence, sex trafficking and domestic emotional and physical abuse. They want to be able to equitably reach their potential without employment and pay discrimination and to have equal access to appropriate healthcare and education. Societies, through governments, must support and nurture the basic rights of all their residents, including women.

Cultures are diverse and define personal relationships in many ways. Countries have come together and negotiated a universal standard that defines gender discrimination. Upon accepting this universal standard, individual societies can no longer say that gender discrimination is a foreign concept.

CEDAW (the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women) is an international treaty negotiated and ratified by 189 out of 193 countries in the world and adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly. CEDAW defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets an international agenda for national action to end such discrimination. The convention addresses the five major tenets of human rights: economic, political, civil, cultural and social rights for women and girls; it calls for equal education, employment and training opportunities, while promoting social benefits, including social security, pensions, disability payments, health care, maternity benefits, parental leave and child and elderly care.

CEDAW also defines a structure for nations to report their progress in eliminating discrimination against women. It sets up a system of quadrennial

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national reports from governments to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), outlining their progress and challenges. Organizations outside of government have the opportunity to submit shadow reports.

Historically, treaties define external relationships between nations. CEDAW, and other human rights conventions, however, relate to internal relationships between people. Many nations have had structural difficulties in translating these rights from central governments to local municipalities that interact daily with the people. This has driven the need for a new paradigm for enforcing women's rights at a local level: Cities for CEDAW.

Cities for CEDAW Campaign is a grassroots initiative to encourage local governments in the United States to support gender rights by adopting local ordinances based on the CEDAW principles. It provides the tools to enable local governments to assess their actions through a gender lens.

Nine cities across the United States have adopted full ordinances led by San Francisco, California in 1998, followed by Los Angeles, California; Miami-Dade County, Florida; Cincinnati, Ohio; Honolulu, Hawaii; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; San Jose, California, Berkeley, California and Santa Clara County, California. Los Angeles is taking the lead in implementation; a Mayoral Executive Order requires all 38 budgeted departments to have an operational plan headed by a representative who reports monthly to the Mayor. There are 26 cities or counties with strong Resolutions moving toward Ordinances and 31 more cities exploring Resolutions and Ordinances.

Local municipalities are being asked to pass CEDAW ordinances with all the mechanisms of gender analysis, an oversight body from civil society, and to allocate appropriate funding. The Cities for CEDAW initiative aims to bring together the people and communities of a nation and lay the groundwork for this new paradigm shift to gender equity.

Beijing Declaration

The landmark Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995 was attended by governments, the UN and other stakeholders. Thirty thousand women and 17,000 activists from around the world participated, and they demanded and achieved a commitment that member states would “ensure the full enjoyment by women and the girl child of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and take effective action against violations of these rights and freedoms”. Hillary Clinton’s pronouncement that “Women’s rights are human rights” was included in the Declaration. The declaration has served as a road map for achieving gender equality.

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Beijing Platform for Action

The Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) was adopted at the Fourth World Conference. It is the strongest document in the UN on gender equality and women's human rights to date. BPfA reaffirms that all human rights-civil, cultural, economic, political and social, including the right to development – are universal, indivisible, and interdependent and interrelated. The full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women and girls must be a priority for Governments and the United Nations and is essential for the advancement of women. Critical areas for implementation by governments to ensure positive outcomes for women in all areas of society outlined by BPfA are: 1) Women and poverty, 2) Education and training of women, 3) Women and health, 4) Violence against women, 5) Women and armed conflict, 6) Women and the economy, 7) Women in power and decision making, 8) Existing institutional mechanisms, 9) Human rights of women (e.g. implementing UN instruments and laws and policies, including CEDAW), 10) Women and the media, 11) Women and the environment, 12) The girl child.

The most recent review of BPfA, held in 2015 with UN Women participating, indicated that many challenges remain. A “Call to Action” was adopted to ensure full implementation in its current form by its 25th anniversary in 2020. UN Women and CSW will work on a resolution to commemorate the anniversary.

CSW62 will address the many issues still impacting rural women and girls including discrimination, humiliating poverty, climate change and inadequate access to education, financial services and health care.

UN Security Resolution 1325 (UN/SCR1325) ***Women, Peace, and Security***

Peace often does not last beyond the peace negotiation process and the symbolic endorsement of signatories. Conflict resolution begins when all concerned parties, including leaders of warring factions, governments, the United Nations and civil society are brought together in an effort to end all hostilities and develop a roadmap for a path to reconciliation and nation building. Warring factions often see negotiations as a strategic means of regrouping before continuing hostilities and a delay tactic allowing warlords to ignore negotiated peace accords. Civilians are often the victims of these armed conflicts; and women and children, in particular, bear the brunt of the atrocities identified with conflicts. Yet women are regularly not included in negotiations or ensuring that commitments are implemented and respected.

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The United Nations sought to address this problem by acknowledging that women are integral to any peace process by passing Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace and security on 31 October 2000. UNSC/R1325 was negotiated with the understanding that for peace to be sustainable, women must be included in peace negotiations. It reaffirms the important role of women in the peace negotiation process, prevention of conflict, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, and humanitarian responses. It recognizes and cements the importance and the role of women's equal participation and full involvement in all United Nations peace and security efforts.

Rebel factions see rape as a legitimate weapon of war, intending to fracture not only the victims but also the wider society. The effects of rape are not restricted to those attacked but have a ripple effect that impacts families, communities, towns and peoples.

Boys are not the only ones kidnapped and forcibly conscripted in armed conflicts. Girls, too, are forcibly conscripted, not only as porters and "war brides," but also as child combatants. Yet, there were no provisions in the UN disarmament processes recognizing girls' roles.

Where then are the women in peace negotiations – women who make up over half the population in a war-torn society; women who bear the brunt of keeping their families alive while coping with the trauma of extreme physical and mental violations; girls that need to be recognized as forced combatants?

Resolution 1325 has changed the way the international community thinks about peace and security. The "Women and War" Conference, held November 3-5, 2010 by United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and its partners, specifically highlighted the importance of Resolution 1325 through its impact on international law, women's empowerment, the military, and global security.

Because of this Resolution, more women have been included in peace talks, and UN-troop-contributing countries are mandated to include more women in their troops. As long as member-states adhere to the Resolution 1325, women will be included in the decision-making for peace and security at every level of society.

This is why UNSC/R1325 on Women, Peace and Security is so critical for basic human rights and enshrined in these five pillars:

- Increased participation and representation of women at all levels of decision-making

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- Attention to specific protection needs of women and girls in conflict
- Gender perspective in post-conflict processes
- Gender perspective in UN programming, reporting, and in Security Council missions
- Gender perspective and training in UN peace support operations

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: 17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

On 25 September 2015 at an historic United Nations Summit, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by world leaders as a call to action by all countries to improve the lives of all people globally. The SDGs build on the UN Millennium Development Goals that were set up in 2000 to eradicate poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. The SDGs are designed to end all forms of poverty and inequalities and to protect the earth and its inhabitants. The UN is working with governments and civil society to achieve the SDGs by 2030 in order to ensure that no one is left behind.

Unlike the MDGs, both the Global North and Global South have been called to implement the SDGs by promoting prosperity, realizing the human rights of all and protecting the planet. Of particular concern for NGO CSW is SDG 5 on Gender Equality. Although the SDGs are not legally binding, governments are expected to take ownership, establish national frameworks to achieve the 17 SDG Goals and report at least once on their progress at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), which is held every July at the UN. The dates for the HLPF in 2018 are 9-18 July. Further information about the SDGs is available online at sustainabledevelopment.un.org.

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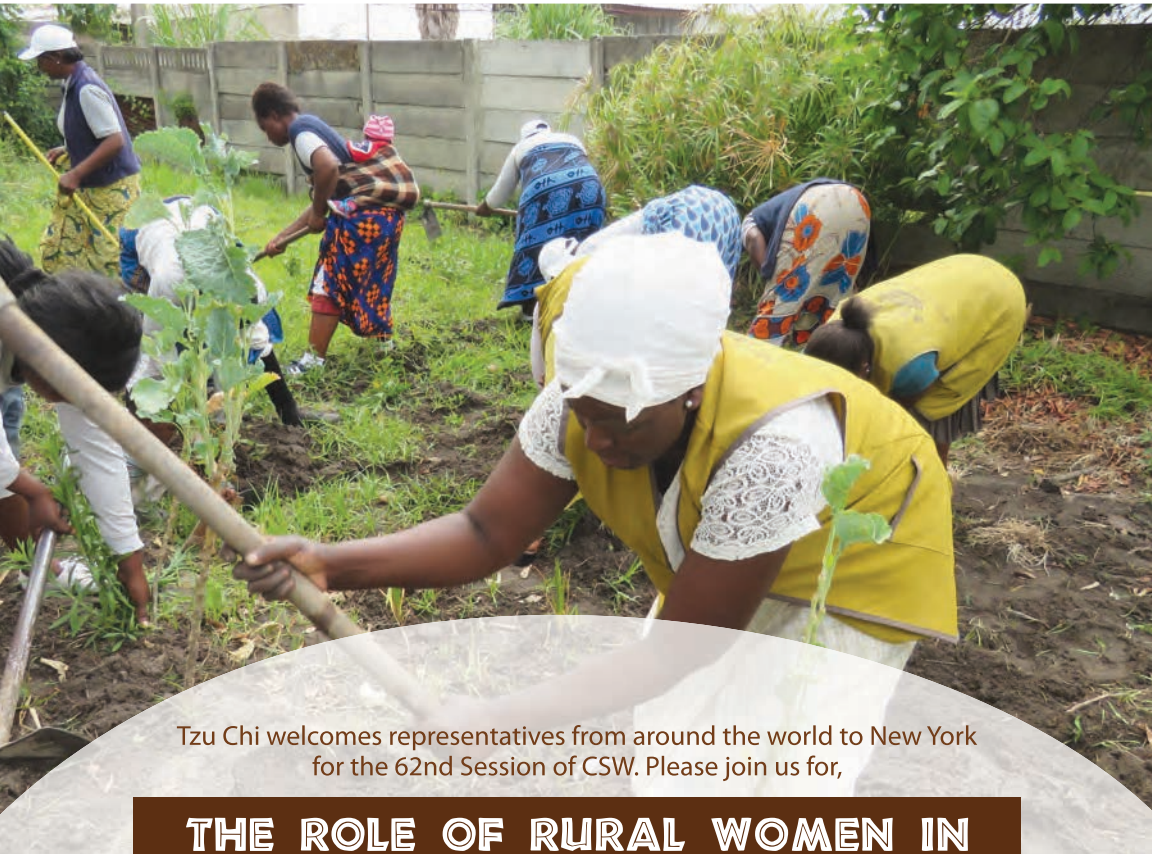


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Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

CSW62 Bureau and Constituents

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 62nd session (2018) of the Commission on the Status of Women are:

- H.E. Ms. Geraldine Byrne Nason (Ireland), Chair
- Ms. Koki Muli Grignon (Kenya), Vice-Chair
- Mr. Mauricio Carabali Baquero (Colombia), Vice-Chair
- Ms. Rena Tasuja (Estonia), Vice-Chair-designate
- Mr. Shah Asif Rahman (Bangladesh), Vice-Chair-designate

The CSW is constituted of 45 members elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of four years. Members, who are appointed by governments, are elected on the following basis: 13 from African states, 11 from Asian States, 4 from Eastern Europe states, 9 from Latin American and Caribbean states, and 8 from Western European and other states.

Term expires 2018

Bangladesh, Congo, Egypt, El Salvador, Ghana, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Tajikistan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay

Term expires 2019

Albania, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Columbia, Equatorial Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, Liechtenstein, Malawi, Mongolia, Spain

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Term expires 2020

Brazil, Eritrea, Guatemala, Kuwait, Nigeria, Norway, Qatar, Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom

Term expires 2021

Bahrain, Canada, Chile, China, Estonia, Ireland, Israel, Namibia, Niger, Peru, Tunisia

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)

The General Assembly created UN Women in 2010 to accelerate gender equality and empowerment of women. Four former parts of the UN system, Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), and United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), which had all focused exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment, merged to form UN Women – United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women. This consolidation into one organization has greater impact.

The main roles of UN Women are:

- To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, in its formulation of policies, global standards and norms;
- To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, and to forge effective partnerships with civil society;
- To lead and coordinate the UN system's work on gender equality as well as promote accountability, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress.

UN Women is the Secretariat of the Commission on the Status of Women. The Executive Director is Under-Secretary-General Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. She and her team work collaboratively with Member States, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), other UN agencies, academia and the private sector to advance these priority areas:

- Increasing women's leadership and participation;

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- Ending violence against women and girls;
- Engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes;
- Enhancing women's economic empowerment; and
- Making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting.

On March 14, 2018, UN Women launched its flagship report, "Turning promises into action: Gender Equality in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The report demonstrates through concrete evidence and data the pervasive nature of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere, and puts forth actionable recommendations on how to fulfil the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Here are some of the daunting statistics on gender equality (SDG 5):

- In 18 countries, husbands can legally prevent their wives from working
- In 39 countries, daughters and sons do not have equal inheritance rights
- 49 countries lack laws protecting women from domestic violence
- 19% of women and girls aged 19 to 49 have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner in the past 12 months
- Globally, 750 million women and girls were married before the age of 18

LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: EMPOWERING RURAL WOMEN AND GIRLS

by *Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka*

(Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
and Executive Director of UN Women)

Civil society's involvement in the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) provides an opportunity to galvanize critical advocacy and action around its priority theme: 'challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls'.

Gender and geographic inequalities mean that rural women and girls are disproportionately affected by poverty, exclusion and the effects of environmental and climate change. Rural women often work in low-paid, informal jobs with poor conditions and limited access to social protection, and their rights to land may be compromised by inadequate legal and policy frameworks, ineffective implementation, and discriminatory gender norms. A lack of infrastructure limits women's and girls' access to clean drinking water and safe sanitation facilities, while their distance from health services contributes to high rates of maternal death and poor reproductive and sexual health. Evidence also shows that harmful practices such as child marriage and FGM may be more prevalent in rural areas. These conditions are exacerbated by rural women's and girls' limited access to effective legal, judicial and institutional remedies.

Yet, we have ways to meet these challenges head-on. This year, the CSW review theme focuses on using media and information and communication technologies (ICTs) to advance and empower women and girls. When used by rural women and girls, technology is a powerful development tool and one of the greatest vehicles for change. Technology can bring women the chance to improve their livelihoods and to participate in ICT-enabled mobile learning, where they might otherwise not be able to access outside employment due to security concerns, remote location or cultural restrictions. It can help farmers adopt new agricultural methods and monitor markets. For example, in Rwanda UN Women's 'Buy from Women' project has used mobile technology to connect some 3,500 women farmers to information, markets and finance. And in Kenya, the mobile phone platform M-Pesa is helping to reach the unbanked and to bring women into the formal economy. Technology can also be a critical tool to connect and mobilize survivors of gender-based violence in rural areas where services are scarce.

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In order to capitalize on these opportunities, we need to work together to bridge the global gender digital divide. Right now, some 3.9 billion people remain offline – and they are predominantly rural, poorer, less educated and female. Infrastructure and technology tend to reach rural women and girls last, and low literacy and numeracy rates combined with economic, social and cultural barriers can make it difficult for poor rural women to access and operate mobile phones. However, we are also seeing progress, thanks to rapidly declining costs of renewable energy technologies and decentralized sustainable energy solutions, which have already begun benefiting rural women and girls.

The CSW provides a critical opportunity to advocate for greater investment in gender-responsive rural infrastructure and technology, the eradication of poverty, quality education, the achievement of universal health coverage, the elimination of harmful practices and the fulfilment of women’s rights to adequate nutrition and land. UN Women’s partnership with civil society is essential to our success in achieving all of these ambitions, so that no one is left behind.



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality
and the Empowerment of Women

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The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO CSW/NY)

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO CSW/NY) supports the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and UN Women. NGO CSW/NY is an untiring advocate with Member States for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the globe in support of the work of United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and UN Women. NGO CSW/NY supports the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, UN Security Resolution 1325, the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

NGO CSW/NY represents more than 100 member organizations and individuals concerned about the status of women and girls. Events at UN headquarters in New York are monitored on a daily basis with daily participation.

Every year in New York, NGO CSW/NY organizes NGO Consultation Day in preparation for the session on the UN Commission on the Status of Women that now takes place in March for two weeks. Activists gather from around the world to discuss issues pertaining to women and girls, to network, share strategies/best practices and to lobby governments to implement resolutions and treaties that they have signed. NGO representatives are brought together to caucus, issue joint statements and provide wording for the Agreed Conclusions of the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. For CSW62, NGO CSW/NY prepared a Zero Draft Document to amplify the voices of rural women and girls in the Outcome Document.

NGO CSW/NY participates at CSW meetings by conducting trainings and orientation for NGO representatives and, through its vast networks, keeps women worldwide apprised of gender-based issues. Monthly meetings feature UN and government speakers. Foremost, NGO CSW/NY promotes “women’s rights are human rights” at the UN and other international meetings.

Technology and Media in the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls

Section J of the Beijing Platform for Action specifically states, “Self-regulatory mechanisms for the media need to be created and strengthened and approaches developed to eliminate gender-biased programming. . . Women therefore need to be involved in decision-making regarding the development of the new technologies in order to participate fully in their growth and impact.” Although some rural women have been able to secure leadership

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positions in their respective fields, many still do not possess the power to influence decisions at the local, national and international levels, especially in the media and communications sector.

In addition to increased access to decision-making, all women - especially rural women - will benefit from increased gender sensitivity in media and communications. The lack of gender sensitivity in the media has also been fueled by gender stereotypes that marginalize women as technophobic and lacking technical capabilities. Rural women are oftentimes left behind due to the lack of inclusive policies that address their issues and concerns. The level of media accessibility and use by rural women must increase because media plays a significantly critical role in the improvement of their welfare. Additionally, media literacy acts as a powerful tool in eradicating roots of gender stereotyping, transforming traditional gender ideologies, dismantling patriarchal structures and achieving gender equality.

Male-dominated industries and sectors have also been suppressing and ignoring not only the needs of rural women but also women in general. Media should portray women as change-makers, rather than being occupied with dialogues that overemphasize women as victims and perpetrators.

“The lack of gender sensitivity in the media is evidenced by the failure to eliminate the gender-based stereotyping that can be found in public and private local, national and international media organizations.”

-- from BPfA, J235

In order to eliminate gender-based stereotyping in media, women must have a seat at the decision-making table at media organizations. According to statistics from UN Women, “Globally only 27% of top management jobs in media organizations are held by women, only 21% of filmmakers are women and only 23% of films feature a woman protagonist.” These statistics, however, overlook the urban-rural divide and what it means to rural women. The lack of women’s representation, gender stereotypes and women’s role that is portrayed in the media can greatly impact rural women and girls. Since women in rural areas remain more susceptible to violence instigated by male-dominated societies, they face significant barriers in making their voices heard through media. Access to media literacy and to digital platforms, community media, will make a tremendous impact on improving the lives of rural women in girls and certainly enhance a country’s economic gains.

New pathways for women include those found through online media. In addition to the need for women in top management jobs in media organizations, women should have more access to technology sector jobs

ADVANCING TOWARDS LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND

that are leading the way in the future of work worldwide and because of the lack of access to the internet, are leaving rural women behind.

“The global Internet user gender gap grew from 11% in 2013 to 12% in 2016. The gap remains large in the world’s Least Developed Countries (LDCs) — at 31%. In 2016, the regional gender gap is largest in Africa (23%) and smallest in the Americas (2%)” - International Telecommunications Unions, ICT Facts and Figures 2016.

Online media connects the fundamental societal pillars of science, education, and culture. Social media and internet technology accounts for a growing area of influence in every field, and especially in the way the world digests the news, perceives information and in the way the world creates and dispenses revenue. In order to achieve gender parity, the information gap for rural women must be eliminated, in part, by increasing access to internet connectivity and developing more women in technology-related jobs. Rural women are also left behind in areas that lack access to digital communications via mobile phones, a key device in especially the least developed nations that aid in everyday business, communications, and economic empowerment.

Improving access for rural women in communications and information technology will also improve access to economic empowerment for rural communities.

NGO CSW62 FORUM EVENTS



April Rubio

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Strategies for Empowering Rural Women

Monday, March 12, 2:30 pm

Church Center, 777 United Nations Plaza, 10th floor

Speakers: Barbara Adams, Global Policy Forum
María Graciela Cuervo, DAWN
Vidhya Das, Agragamee
Agnes Kirabo, Food Rights Alliance
Carolyn Sachs, Penn State University
Moderator: Stefanie Ehmsen, RLS-NYC

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CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

Program Emcees:

Rosalee Keech, The League of Women Voters of the United States, and Jackie Weatherspoon, US Women Connect

Priority Theme of CSW62:

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

Time	Description
9:00 - 9:15	Cultural Melodies from the Himalayas: Mager Indigenous Youth Dancers from Nepal
9:15 - 10:00	Welcome Messages and Conversation Susan O'Malley, Chair NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY, International Federation of Business and Professional Women Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women H.E. Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason, Permanent Representative Mission of Ireland; Bureau Chair, Commission on the Status of Women Conversation moderated by Lara Setrakian , News Deeply
10:00 - 10:25	Keynote Address Sizani Ngubane , Founder of Rural Women's Movement, South Africa
10:25 - 12:10	The Concerns of Rural Women Panelists: Gia Gaspard Taylor Network of Rural Women Producers, Trinidad and Tobago - climate Maria Luisa Mendonca Network for Social Justice and Human Rights, Brazil - land and property rights Lilly Be'Soer Voice for Change, Jiwaka Province, New Guinea - combating violence against rural and indigenous women and girls Ruth Faircloth Rural Migrant Ministry, New York State, migrant farmworkers Moderator: Esther Mwaura , GROOTS Kenya Respondent: Hon. Marilou McPhedran , Senator (Canada); Committees: Human Rights, Aboriginal Peoples, Security and Defense

CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

Time	Description
12:10 - 1:15	Lunch (participants on their own)
1:15 - 2:40	Media: Women's Stories for Empowerment and Change Sean Southey , pci media impact <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Four women, in four countries, through four different media. Their stories speak directly to the experience of women in different regions of the world using the power of storytelling to transform rural women's lives.2. Maximizing Impact with Interactivity: Seven Golden Rules for Storytellers.
2:40 - 3:00	CEDAW Award Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti and posthumous award to San Francisco Mayor Lee who was the inspiration and enabler of the first US CEDAW ordinance
3:00 - 3:20	Lavender Light Gospel Chorus

NGO CSW/NY SPONSORED EVENTS

Sunday, 11 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM	Consultation Day NGO CSW62 Forum	Borough of Manhattan Community College

Monday, 12 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
8:30 AM – 1:00 AM	CSW62 Orientation	Church Center - 2 nd Floor

Tuesday, 13 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	NGO CSW Reception and Networking	Rosenthal Pavilion, NYU Kimmel Center

Wednesday, 14 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
6:15 PM – 8:00 PM	Rural Women's Networking	Church Center - 2 nd Floor

Thursday, 15 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 PM – 4:00 PM	NGO CSW Forum Artisan Fair	Church Center - 2 nd Floor

Friday, 16 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	NGO CSW Rural Women and Friends Rally	Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 47 th Street and 1 st Avenue
6:15 PM – 7:45 PM	Young Professionals Talk Gender	Church Center - 10 th Floor

NGO ADVOCACY TRAINING & REGIONAL CAUCUSES

LUNCHTIME ADVOCACY TRAININGS OPEN TO ALL

Tuesday – Thursday, 13 – 15 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Lunchtime Advocacy Training	Church Center - 10 th Floor

Tuesday – Thursday, 20 – 22 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Lunchtime Advocacy Training	Church Center - 10 th Floor

NGO REGIONAL ADVOCACY TRAINING

Monday, 12 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Latin America / Caribbean	Church Center – 10 th Floor
12:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Asia / Pacific	Church Center – 2 nd Floor
4:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Africa	Church Center – 2 nd Floor
4:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Arab / MENA	Church Center – 10 th Floor

Tuesday, 13 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Europe / North America	Church Center - 2 nd Floor

NGO ADVOCACY TRAINING & REGIONAL CAUCUSES

NGO REGIONAL CAUCUS MEETINGS

Wednesday, 14 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Latin America / Caribbean	The Armenian Convention Center - Guild Hall
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Asia / Pacific	The Armenian Convention Center - Guild Hall

Thursday, 15 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Europe / North America	The Armenian Convention Center - Guild Hall
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Arab / MENA	The Armenian Convention Center - Guild Hall

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Africa	The Armenian Convention Center - Guild Hall
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Monday, 19 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Africa	Salvation Army - Downstairs
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Europe / North America	Salvation Army - Downstairs
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Arab / MENA	Salvation Army - Downstairs

Tuesday, 20 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Asia / Pacific	Salvation Army - Downstairs
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Latin America / Caribbean	Salvation Army - Downstairs

NGO CSW/NY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

PARALLEL EVENTS

Friday, 16 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
6:00 PM – 7:15 PM	Interfaith Service of Gratitude and Remembrance United Methodist Women, Temple of Understanding, United Religious Initiative, International Federation of Women in Legal Careers	Church Center - Chapel

SIDE EVENTS

Thursday, 22 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
4:45 PM – 6:30 PM	Empowering the Marginalized Rural Women and Girls Through Skill-based Training Mission of Bangladesh	UNHQ - Conference Room A

MORNING BRIEFINGS

Tuesday – Friday, 13 – 16 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Co-Sponsored by UN Women, the CSW Bureau, and NGO CSW	UNHQ

Monday – Friday, 19 – 23 March

TIME	DESCRIPTION	VENUE
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Co-Sponsored by UN Women, the CSW Bureau, and NGO CSW	UNHQ

CSW62 ORIENTATION SESSION

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PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

8:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Measuring Women's Empowerment: The Never-Ending Story?	National Democratic Institute (NDI)	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Advancing the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Rural Adolescent Girls	Advocates For Youth	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
One Village at a Time: Capacity Building, Education & The Right to Health	International Health Awareness Network	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Investing in the Hardest to Reach Girls: Challenges and Opportunities	Save The Children	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Thinking Beyond Borders: Empowering Rural African Women Especially Widows	African Heritage Women In Education and Empowerment (AHWEE)	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
CSW62 Orientation Session	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Rural Women Empowered by Implementation of UN SC RES 1325	WUNRN-Women's UN Report Network	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
The Role of Media in Promoting Women's Rights to Freedom of Religion and Expression	NGO Committee On Freedom Of Religion or Belief	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Women of Faith Speaking to Structural Change: Empowering Rural Women	Temple of Understanding, United Religions Initiative, NGO Mining Working Group	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Using Technology and Innovation to Bridge the Rural/Urban Digital Gap	YWCA USA	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Eco-Village Movement: Pioneering Sustainable Livelihoods	Women's Rehabilitation Center (WOREC) Nepal	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

10:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Indigenous Women Transforming Power	MADRE	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Internet Generation as Pioneer: Rural Women's Opportunities & Challenges	Foundation For Women's Rights Promotion and Development	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Health: Building Care Responsiveness to Realities/ Potential of Rural Women	NGO Health Committee	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
The Plight of Rural African Girl in Accessing Quality Education	Helpline Foundation For The Needy Abuja	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Can We Achieve Gender Equality in a Context of Criminalization?	Amnesty International	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Violence Against Women in Rural Areas; Support Shelters Offer	Global Network Of Women's Shelters (GNWS)	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Latin America/Caribbean Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Rural Women's Leadership: Development Practices & Movement Building to Secure Land Rights	Huairou Commission	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Praise, Prayer and The Wisdom of Rural Women	The New Seminary	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Rights, Voice, Dreams and Friendship: How Teenage Girls Achieve Empowerment	Young Women's Development Groups	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Challenges of Women's Emancipation in Rural Areas: When the Culture is Violence	Wales Assembly Of Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

12:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Solutions to the Multilayered Issues Faced by Rural Women	Soroptimist International	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
What Works to Tackle Early Child Marriage & Empower Rural Women and Girls?	International Development Research Centre (Canada)	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Economic Empowerment of Rural Women through Access to Innovative Financing and Effective Partnership	Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
#DoneWaiting: Organizing for Rural and Indigenous Women in Canada	Canadian Labour Congress	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Empowering Rural Girls and Women through Innovative Nursing/Midwifery Interventions	Nightingale Initiative For Global Health	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Asia/Pacific Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Latin American/Caribbean Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Digitalization-innovation-technology: Fundraising and Supports For Rural Women	Union Of Hungarian Women Association	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Getting to Impact: Engaging Rural Liberian Women in Forest Governance	World Resources Institute	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Beyond the Hashtags: Measuring Gender-Based Violence among Rural Women	Women For Women International	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

2:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Empowerment of Women and Girls with Disabilities Through Access to Education and Technologies	Rehabilitation International	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Rural Women Resisting Land Grabs in Uganda: Research Launch	Womankind Worldwide	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Rural Women in a Changing World	Finnish Federation Of Graduate Women	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Women Leaders Advancing Human Rights and Shaping Standards: Evolving Openings	ESCR-Net - International Network For Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
WLR: What strategies for rural women's and girls' empowerment?	Women in Law and Development in Africa - Afrique de l'Ouest (WiLDAF-AO)	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Asia/Pacific Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Strategies For Empowering Rural Women and Girls	Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung—New York Office	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Empowerment Stories and Interfaith Actions	United Religions Initiative	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Availability, Affordability, Accessibility To Clean and Safe Water For Rural Women	Uganda Women's Network (UWONET)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Harnessing Women's Rights to Natural Resources to Advance the Status of Rural Women	Gender and Environment Working Group of Washington DC	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall
Ending Child Marriage in the U.S. and Globally: Progress, Pitfalls and the Place of News Media	Unchained At Last	Salvation Army	Auditorium

PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

4:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
North Korean Women - Desperate Conditions in Rural DPRK and China	Working Group On North Korean Women	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Women as Subjects, Consumers and Thought Leaders of Media	Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
The Accelerator for Political and Public Rural Women Leadership: From Social Involvement to Ad Hoc Coalitions	WePower – Women's Electoral Power For The Advancement Of Women's Leadership In Israel (R.A.)	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Women Address Violence through Law Enforcement Access & Support	International Police Executive Symposium	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Intersecting Grassroots Radio and New Technologies to Reach Rural and Refugee Women	Women Graduates-USA	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Africa Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Arab States/MENA Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Young Women Stand up be Counted	African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET)	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Fostering Social and Economic Well-being of Girls in Rural Communities Through Sports	Women's Rights and Empowerment Partnerships In Africa (WREPA)	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Cultivating Resilience in Women & Girls through Yoga	International Day Of Yoga Committee At The UN	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Highway of Tears: Gender Based Violence in Rural/Northern Canada	YWCA Canada	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Monday, 12 March

6:15 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Africa Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Arab States/MENA Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being for the Advancement of Women	World Federation For Mental Health	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Steps Towards Blooming Communities and Workplaces in the Cut Flower Sector in East Africa	Hivos	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Faith Leaders Dialogue on Preventing GBV and Ending Child Marriages in Rural Communities	YWCA Kenya	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

8:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Morning Briefing	NGO CSW/NY	UNHQ	Conference Room 4
E-Learning Advances Rural Women	National Rural Women's Coalition	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Making The Case For A New Legally Binding Treaty on Violence Against Women and Girls	Wales Assembly Of Women	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Transition Ecologique et Climat : Les Femmes Rurales En Première Ligne	Adéquations	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Canada's Indigenous and Immigrant Rural Women and Girls	Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW Canada)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Te Wairua OTika – The Spirit Of Justice	Far North Safer Community Council (NZ)	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Rural women and Corporate Human Rights Abuse: Feminist Perspectives On Accountability	Association For Women's Rights In Development (AWID)	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
'They Say I Ruin Families': Women's Human Rights Defenders' Experience of Backlash	Australian Women Against Violence Alliance	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Building New Solidarities: Rural & Urban Women against Sexual Exploitation	CAP International	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Meditation and talk on 'Empowerment of Rural Women through Education to Escape the Cycle of Poverty	SMVA Trust	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Addressing Violence against Rural and Indigenous Women - Challenges and Strategies	International Public Policy Institute	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Social Media: Online Violence and Collaborations	The Advocates For Human Rights	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Workplace Sexual Harassment: Challenges to Gender Equality for Migrant Worker Women	Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

10:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Celebrating Rural Women In Nigeria: From Zero To Heroines	Change Managers International Network	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Women in Development: Intersections, Interactions and Innovations on SRHR	Planned Parenthood Global	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Education for Sustainable Development: A Tool to Empower Rural Women and Girls	Dianova International	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
The Role of Rural Women in Climate Change Resilience	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Preventing Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Rural South Sudan	Nonviolent Peaceforce	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Women Halting War on North Korea: The Promise for All of RES 1325 and Feminist Foreign Policy	UMW	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Tax and Gender Justice – Empowering Rural Women in Mining-affected Communities	Global Alliance For Tax Justice	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
The Participation of Women in England's Rural Community Governance	Anglican Communion Office At The United Nations	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Empowering Rural Caribbean Women and Girls on issues of Gender Equality, Reproductive Health & Rights	GROOTS Trinidad and Tobago	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Opportunities and Challenges for Rural Women in the Global Community	Canadian Federation Of University Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Towards Equality for Rural and Remote Women in Canada	Canadian Women's Foundation	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

12:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Integrating Business Services and Policy Reform as Rural Empowerment Strategy in Palestine	YWCA Of Palestine	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Agricultural Commercialisation, Food Security and Gender Equality: Exploring Linkages	Gender Centre, Graduate Institute Of International and Development Studies, Geneva	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Taxing Rural Women in Developing Countries: Worst and Best Practices	Feminist Legal Studies Queen's, Faculty Of Law, Queen's University, Canada	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
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Disability, Violence and Survival of Rural Women Globally	UN Women National Committee Australia	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Eliminating Poverty through Education and Rural Women's Empowerment	International Council Of Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Lunchtime Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Conflict in Myanmar: Structural drivers and gendered impacts	Association For Women's Rights In Development	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Power of Digital Technology for Accountability in Public and Political Affairs By Rural Women	GROOTS Kenya	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Rural Women and Agenda 2030: Caring for People, the Planet and Peace	Popular Education Network Among Women Latin America and the Caribbean -REPEM	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Como Enseñar Sobre La Salud (How To Teach Health)	Concern America	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

2:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Leveraging on ICT to Accelerate the Impact of Women Economic Empowerment Programs in Africa	HACEY Health Initiative	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Japanese Gender Equality Policies, From the Viewpoint of Young Women	YWCA Of Japan	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Collaborative Practices Rooted in Shared Responsibility for Women's Empowerment	Women's Global Connection	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Leaving No One Behind: Unions Organising for Rural Women and Girls	International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Women/Girls and Media: Power, Storytelling and #MeToo	Pathways To Peace	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
N.America/Europe Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Economic Empowerment of Rural Women through Government and Corporate Procurement	International Federation Of Business and Professional Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Saudi Women Advocating Their Rights 1990-2017, A Voice Unsilenced	Center For Women's Global Leadership	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Investing in Rural Women's Leadership: A Solution to Counter Marginalization	Collective For Research and Training On Development - Action CRTD.A)	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Maternal and Parental Leave Policies Omit Rural Women	International Association of Schools of Social Work	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Chapter J: Women and the Media – a Pending Agenda	Red Internacional De Periodistas Con Visión De Género (RIPVG)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
How Legal Mechanisms Promote the Rights of Rural Women	International Federation Of Women Lawyers (FIDA)	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

4:30 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Women's Rights and Impact Cinema: Moving from Empathy to Action	Women's Voices Now, Inc.	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Strengthening Gender Just Disaster Management – Global Experiences For Future eTech-response	Stree Aadhar Kendra	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Empowering Marginalized Adolescent Girls, a Tool to Achieving Gender Equality in Nigeria.	Tabitha Cumi Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Boosting Livelihood Improvements Through Women's and Girl's Empowerment and Leadership	Oxfam International	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Women of Faith Speak Out on Engaging Religious Leaders	Episcopal Relief & Development	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
N.America/Europe Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Using Body Confidence Advocacy to Empower Rural Girls	World Association Of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Girls' Political Empowerment: Strategies and Technologies for Engaging Girls	Girls Learn International	Salvation Army	Auditorium
From 1% to 100%: Creating Change in Pakistan through Entrepreneurship	Marshall Direct Fund	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Rights-Based Approaches to Resources and Labor Markets for Rural Women	International Center For Research On Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Violencia Contra Mujeres Periodistas	Red Internacional De Periodistas Con Visión De Género (RIPVG)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Gender Identity and Expression, Feminism and the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls	International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 March

6:15 PM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Gender, Race and Climate Change: Rural Realities at the Intersection	National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP)	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
"She is Working": Rural and Urban women Want to Work	Women Entrepreneurs Association Of Turkey KAGIDER	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Technology and Media Empowerment of Girls to Mentor their Community	Voices Of African Mothers. Org	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Supporting Rural LBT Women's Movement-building in the Global South	Taiwan Tongzhi Hotline Association	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Empowering Rural Women Through Educational, Health and Vocational Centers	Pleasant Gathering	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Wednesday, 14 March

8:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Morning Briefing	NGO CSW/NY	UNHQ	Conference Room 4
Progressive Integration of Immigrant Women into Diverse Societies	Raindrop Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Using Technology to Empowering Rural Women	International Federation Of Social Workers	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Risks Rural Women and Girls Face: Achieving Gender Parity through Combatting Gender-based Violence	Dining For Women	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Making SRHR Matter for Rural Women	Asian - Pacific Resource and Research Centre For Women (ARROW)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
The Pad Project: A Short Documentary Screening and Discussion	The Feminist Majority Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Little Stones' Documentary Screening: Art & Media for Gender Equality	Driftseed	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Mind-Shift: Sustainable Approach to Education for Girls in Rural, Patriarchal India	Educate Girls	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Global Call to Implement the Anti-Violence Against Women Act	African Views	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Frontline Leadership: Rural Women in the Anti-Fracking Movement	UNANIMA International	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Transformation of Ukraine: Opportunities for Rural Areas Women	Agricultural Firm Zarya	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN) Panel Discussion	Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Accelerating Gender Equality Campaign to End Women's Poverty	YWCA of Nigeria	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

PARALLEL EVENTS

Wednesday, 14 March

10:30 AM

TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Migrant Women in Sweden and Gambian Women Invest in Local Initiatives	The National Federation Of International Immigrant Women's Associations	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
How Women Make Cities Smarter? Education, Empowerment and Policies.	Urban Diversity and Mobility Research Center	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Women Empowerment as Important, Challenging Steps in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS in Iran.	Society For The Protection and Assistance Of Socially Disadvantaged Individuals	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Sex, Power and Money: The Plight of Rural Women Globally	Association For Trauma Outreach & Prevention, Meaningfulworld: ATOP Meaningfulworld	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Reclaiming SRHR - Why Commodification in Women Must be Addressed in SRHR Policies	Swedish Women's Lobby	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Key to Rural Women & #39's Empowerment Is Implementation of UN SC Resolution 1325	United Methodist Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Women as Change Makers: Empowering Stories of Rural Women and Girls	International Presentation Association	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Media & ICTs: Tools to Prevent Trafficking of Women & Girls	NGO Committee To Stop Trafficking	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Challenges of Rural Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	Fundacion Estudio Investigacion De La Mujer / NGO CSW LAC	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Rural Women at the Core of Effective Climate Change Response	Centre For Community Economics and Development Consultants Society - CECOEDECON	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Feminist Futures: Exploring Alternative Pathways for Politics, Society and the Economy	Society for International Development (SID)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Awareness to Action: Nurturing the Seeds of Change	Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Women, Agriculture and the Vital (R)evolution in US Farming	Women's International League For Peace and Freedom	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Re-Imagineering Women & Girls Leading in Agriculture and Nutrition	WANDA: Women Advancing Nutrition Dietetics and Agriculture	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
accountABILITY: Advancing the Rights of Historically Excluded Women and Girls	Women Enabled International	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Older Women/Widows: Beyond Poverty AND Violence: Programs/Policies	International Network For The Prevention Of Elder Abuse (INPEA)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Human Trafficking & CEDAW: Meeting Challenges & Utilizing Opportunities!	United Nations Association of the USA	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Stand Up - Speak Up, Now Is The Time	Network Of Rural Women Producers Trinidad and Tobago	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel
The HerStory Campaign: Championing Girl-Driven Community Change	LitWorld	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Lunchtime Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Women Doctors: Achieving Gender Equality/Empowerment in the Rural Setting	Medical Women's International Association	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Latin America & Caribbean Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Diversity of Experiences of Rural Women in Canada: Feminist Intersectional Research and Action	The Canadian Research Institute For The Advancement Of Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Rural and Indigenous Women's Leadership in Community Development	Coady International Institute	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Why Do So Many Feminists Love Sexist Korean TV Dramas	National YWCA Of Korea	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Policy and Legislative Intervention on Empowering the Girl Child	Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC)	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Grace Under Fire: Sexual Harassment and Violence in Rural Australia	YWCA Canberra	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Legal and Social Protection for Rural Women and in Agriculture	Center For Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance (CEWLA)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Economic Empowerment of Rural Women Entrepreneurs through Online Business Incubation	TCF Global	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Roots of Empowerment: Land Rights to Rural Women	Landesa (Rural Development Institute)	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Rural, Remote and Indigenous Women: Feminists Demand Ecological and Climate Justice	Diva for Equality	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Photo.Poem: An Empowering Artistic Exercise for Achieving Gender Parity	Project 1948 Foundation	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Asia/Pacific Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Increasing Prosperity for Rural Women: Implementing ended SDGs targets in many goals	UK NGO CSW Alliance	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Promoting Rural Women's Leadership and Gender Equality: Leave No Women and Girls Behind.	Beyond Beijing Committee- Nepal	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Equality Through Technology: Human Trafficking Survivors Reclaiming Life	Sisters Of Charity Federation	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
The Transformation of the Macau Women Through Times-from WGAM perspective	The Women's General Association Of Macau	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Faith-based Leadership For Women and Girls	Presbyterian Church (USA)	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Earth and Body: Owning Land and Body Control	Coordination Française Pour Le Lobby Européen Des Femmes	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
We Rise! We Rise! We Rise Together!	Women's World Summit Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Beyond a Pretty Face: Tackling Gender Bias in Media Industries	Zonta International	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Media and Information Technologies: A Double-edged sword For Women's Advancement	Reporters Without Borders (RSF)	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Finding A Common Thread: Rural Women and the SDGs	National Council Of Women Of The United States	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Empowering Rural Women through Education, Training and Health Care	Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization Of America, Inc.	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Raising Pacific Young Women's Voices through Transformative Feminist Leadership	World Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Without Abortion it's Not Comprehensive: Sexuality Education for Rural Youth	Ipas	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Women`s Human Rights Defenders Under Attack	FOKUS Forum For Women and Development	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Feminist Services Empowering Rural Women: Responses to Violence Against Women	Centre For Non-Violence	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Using Volunteer Lawyers to Improve the Lives of Rural Women	International Action Network For Gender Equity and Law (IANGEL)	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Challenging Impunity and GBV against Women Journalists and Media Workers	International Federation Of Journalists	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Leveraging Technology for Girls Empowerment in Africa	Rozaria Memorial Trust	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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Thursday, 15 March

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Morning Briefing	NGO CSW/NY	UNHQ	Conference Room 4
Economic Empowerment of Women with Focus on Rural Women	IFBPW - BPW Egypt - National Council of Women of Egypt	UNHQ	Conference room 7
Mitigator or Exacerbator of Violence?: Exploring the Role of Social Media in Addressing Gender based Violence & Torture	Centre For The Study Of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Through Young Eyes – A Look into Gender Equality	Hong Kong Federation Of Women (HKFW)	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Identité juridique pour Autonomisation des Femmes/Filles en Milieu Rural	Regards De Femmes	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Women and South-South Corporation: Feminist Analysis from BRICS and Emerging Economies	Programme On Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Nurses: Voice to Lead, Health & Climate Change; Achieving the SDGs	International Council Of Nurses (ICN)	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
African Heritage Women In Education and Empowerment	New Future Foundation	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
The Mass Incarceration of Rural and Indigenous Women in Canada	Institute For International Women's Rights - Manitoba	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Country Justice/City Justice: Perspectives of Women Judges	International Association Of Women Judges	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Rural Women's Resistance to Closing Civic Space	Urgent Action Fund Sister Funds (UAFs)	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Unlocking Her Time: Clean Cooking Solutions to Empower Rural Women	Global Alliance For Clean Cookstoves	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Que Reste t-il à Faire Pour L'autonomisation Des Femmes Et Des Filles En Milieu Rural ?	SERVITAS Cameroon	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Circles Empowering Rural Women and Girls for a Sustainable Future	Earth Child Institute	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
What Women Leaders Must Do to be More Visible in the Media	GW Center For Excellence In Public Leadership	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Maid Strong: It's Up to Me campaign	Inwelle Study and Resource Centre	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Strengthening The Capacity Of Women: Gender Mainstreaming	Friede-Institut Für Dialog	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Mobile Learning Centers for Girls in Rural Africa	Career Girls	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Empowering Rural Women And Girls Behind Digital Curtains	Women's Intercultural Network	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
#MeToo: Rural Women, Migrant Women, Sexual Assault, Access to Justice	United Methodist Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel
Voices for all Rural Women Leaders	United Methodist Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
The Role of Media in Advancing Gender Equality	Baha'i International Community	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
"CEDAW's Role in Advancing the Status of Rural Women "	International Federation Of Women In Legal Careers (FIFCJ)	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Five countries' gender equality projects to empower Rural Women and Girls	Pan-Pacific & Southeast Asia Women's Association	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Unlocking Collaborative Voices of Global South Activists	Eastern Caribbean Alliance for Diversity and Equality (ECADE)	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Storytelling Strengthens Resilience of DV Survivors	National Rural Women's Coalition	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Women's Human Rights Advocacy in a Time of Backlash	Women's Human Rights Education Institute (WHRI)	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Make Development Effective for Rural Women	Coordinadora de la Mujer	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Empowering Rural Women: Granting Universal Rights to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services	Socialist International Women	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Engaging Women & Girls: Arts, Culture & Social Change (featuring. South African Performing Arts Group)	Buddha's Light International Association	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Education and ICT with Rural Women in Rwanda and Australia	Graduate Women International	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel
Artisan Fair	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Lunchtime Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Advancing Gender Equality Through Community Base Organizing and Global Advocacy	NGO Committee On Human Rights	Salvation Army	Auditorium
N. America/Europe Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Importance of the Media Especially to Rural Widows: To Ensure Last Woman First	Widows Rights International	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Economic Empowerment of Women	Hawa Society For Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall
Opportunities for Social and Economic Empowerment for Girls Who Experienced Marriage	Rozaria Memorial Trust	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
The Rural Woman and Technological Advancement: Sustainable Legal Stratagems	IBA Women Lawyers' Interest Group	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Domestic Violence Risk Assessment Development in Georgia - GRADA	Global Rights For Women	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
International Sporting Events as Driving Forces behind Prostitution and Trafficking	MÄN Men For Gender Equality, Sweden	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Agricultural Women Workers Organizing To Increase Equality and Empowerment	Solidarity Center	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
#NordicFeminisms - Dispatches From The North	Feminist Network Norden	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Widowhood: "You Will Get Nothing" and the Poverty Guarantee	Global Fund For Widows	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel
Artisan Fair	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Bridging the Gap : Voluntary National Reporting to Advance Women's Rights	Asia Pacific Women's Watch	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
The Depiction of Women and Women Leaders in Film, History and Society	U.S. National Committee For UN Women	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Arab States/MENA Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Challenges & Opportunities in Empowering Rural Girls for SDG5	Women's Freedom Forum	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Mentorship for Entrepreneurial Opportunity to Enhance Gender Equality	Empowerment For Sustainable Resilience	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Women's Access, Participation and Portrayal in ITC and MEDIA	JERA International	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Counties for CEDAW: North Carolina Experience	WHRI (Women's Human Rights International Association) and WomenNC	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Stepping Up Innovation, Collaboration and Advocacy to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence	Stand To End Rape Initiative	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Accelerating an End to Child Marriage: Girls as Drivers of Change	UNICEF USA	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Do You Have Faith in SDGs? Faith Sensitive Gender Justice	Lutheran World Federation	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Empowering Girls Everywhere: Pathways to End Violence Against Children	World Vision	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Artisan Fair	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
On behalf of Themselves: Syrian Women Activists Organizing for Justice	Global Fund For Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Situation of Venezuelan Women and Girls' Rights	Mujeres En Línea	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Wisdom, Water and Rural Women: Unmuting Women's Voices	Salesian Missions	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Africa Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Sex Workers Speak: Communications Technologies for Our Global Empowerment	Best Practices Policy Project	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Women's Community Work as Sacred Work	Mouvement International Pour L'Union Fraternelle Entre Les Races Et Les Peuples (UFER)	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Global Survey on the Living Conditions of Rural Women	The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)	267 Fifth Avenue	Midtown Loft and Terrace

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The Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls to Achieve Peace and Security	Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS)	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Rural Women's Conversation Circle	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Indigenous Women on the Front Line for Gender Equality (Implementing SDG5)	International Work Group For Indigenous Affairs	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Gender and Media: Policy Dimensions and a Research Agenda	Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMAG)	Salvation Army	Auditorium
How Research Institutes in Africa Can Support Rural Women /Girls	Wellesley Centers For Women, Wellesley College	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Young Women and the Challenges of the 2030 Agenda	Gilberto A.C.	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
The Role of Media in Representing Prostitution	Coalition Against Trafficking In Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Grassroots Rural Women Fighting Poverty in the U.S.	Rural Development Leadership Network	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Access to Water as the Key Driver for Economic Empowerment of Women	BPW Brazil - Soroptimist International - Women for Water	UNHQ	Conference Room 12

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Morning Briefing	NGO CSW/NY	UNHQ	Conference Room 4
Empowerment of Rural Women - What Can Media Do?	International Media Support	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Fostering Women's Leadership: A Union's Perspective	Elementary Teachers' Federation Of Ontario	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Expanding Space: Protecting the Role of CSO Representatives at CSW	Equality Rights Alliance	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
What's driving violence against women and girls in rural settings?	South African Medical Research Council	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
From Survivors to Changemakers: Asian Girl Activists Overcoming Trauma	The Garden Of Hope Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Empowering The Rural School Girl Against Human Trafficking	West Africa Network For The Protection Of Children (WAN)	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Mobilizing Faith and Changing Social Norms for Women and Girls	The Carter Center	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Media Space and Women Journalists as Human Rights Defenders	World Federation Of Ukrainian Women's Organizations	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
We Believe Together Mothers & Daughters Can Reach Gender Equality	Women News Network (WNN)	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Contemporary Solutions for The Feminist Movement in Russia	St Petersburg Feminist Collective	Salvation Army	Downstairs
The Intangible Benefits of Tangible Humanitarian Aid	Latter-day Saints Charities	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Challenges and Opportunites of in the Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls through Religion	Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministries	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Opportunities and Challenges Faced by Pastoralist Women in Achieving Gender Equality	Indigenous Resource Management Organization	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Transforming Society through Empowerment of Rural Women	International Council of Women	UNHQ	Conference Room 11

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Investing and Empowering Young Women and Girls through ICT Skills Development and STEAM education	Misión Mujer A.C.	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Successful Integration Policies for Refugee Women: The Role of Civil Society and Local Authorities	Women and Democracy Association	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Grassroots Women Leaders Building Peace within Communities	Isis-Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Exit Strategies: Laying Foundation for Ongoing Local Women's Leadership and Gender Equality	The Hunger Project	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Gender Responsive Public Services to Empower Rural Women and Girls Affected by Climate Change	Public Services International	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Gender Transformative Community Mobilization to Prevent GBV: Two Prevention+ Cases	Sonke Gender Justice	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Engaging the Rural Family: The Vital Role of Education	Women's Federation For World Peace, International	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
#MetooOnline - Workshopping Solutions to Counter Cyber Violence against Women	International Association Of Women In Radio and Television	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Women 20: How to impact G20 about Women's Issues	Fundacion Estudio E Investigaci3n De La Mujer	Salvation Army	Auditorium
The Rights of Rural Widows: Let Them Not Be Left Behind	Widows For Peace Through Democracy (WPD)	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Expanding Opportunities of Rural Girls to Prevent and Respond to Threats of Violence	Ilitha Labantu	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Defending our Land: The Extractivist Model and its Impact on the Lives of Rural Women	United Nations Association Of The United States Of America - San Diego Chapter	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Who's Left Behind?: Marginalised Caribbean Women's Inclusion & Access to Information	Herstoire Collective	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Effect of Anti-democratic Legal Changes Particularly on Rural Women's Lives, Challenges Through Struggle	Kirmizi Biber Dernegi (Red Pepper Association)	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Missing in Action: Engaging The Most Marginalized Girls in Sports	Women's Sports Foundation	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
The Role of Education to Achieve Gender Equality Among Refugee Women in the United States	Dialog Institute Of The Southwest	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Rural Women Resisting State Impunity and Criminalization	Urgent Action Fund - Latin America	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Read Your Pain: Survivor Monologues from Social Media	Read Your Pain	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Leveraging of Media and ICT to End Child Marriage	Joy For Children - Uganda	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Women Using Technology to Advance Agency, Advocacy, Capacity and Peace	femLINKpacific	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Empowering Rural Women - Civil Society and Family Planning	Norwegian Women's Public Health Organization	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Women Workers Organizing and Transforming Power Structures in the Changing World of Work	AFL-CIO	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Intersectional Feminism: Sharing Leadership in Women's Peace and Security	Women's International League For Peace and Freedom	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Rural Women's Empowerment, Strategies and Challenges of Women's NGOs	International Alliance Of Women	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
National Action Plans on Business and Human Rights: Best Practices and Lessons for Developing and Implementing Gender Responsive NAPs	Uganda Association Of Women Lawyers (FIDA Uganda)	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Case Studies for Economic Empowerment of Rural Women from New Zealand	New Zealand Human Rights Commission	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Global Funding Solutions from Social Entrepreneurs	OneMama.Org	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
Female Genital Mutilation: Advancing Awareness and Advocating for Global Action	Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
A New Gender Equality Index: Share Your Views	Equal Measures 2030	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Shifting Norms for Gender Justice: Evidence on What Works	Overseas Development Institute	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Pushing Back: Strategies for Combating Violence Against Women in Politics	Liberal International	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
CWLA Caucus of CABOM for the Empowerment of Rural Women	Catholic Women's League Of Australia	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Communication Content Rooted in Rural Women's Experiences: An Interactive Event	PCI Media Impact	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Reclaiming Faith and Family by the LGBTIQ Community: The Ethics of Reciprocity Project	International Fellowship Of Reconciliation (IFOR)	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Multimedia Instruments to Link Africa and Europe to End FGM/C	Associazione Italiana Donne Per Lo Sviluppo	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Media and Women's Rights: The Double-edged Impact of Information Technology	Sisterhood Is Global Institute/ Jordan	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Autonomisation Des Femmes/ Filles Rural dans la Province du Nord Kivu en RDC	Ligue Pour La Solidarité Congolaise	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
The Intersection between Gender Equality and Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls: A Case Study	Women's Right To Education Programme	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Innovating Use of the Media for Rural Women and Girls	Pacific Rim Institute For Development Education	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Safer Social and Digital Inclusion for Women Experiencing Violence in Rural and Regional Landscapes	WESNET	4 W 43rd Street	Aqua Room
My Body, My Choice: Reproductive Health Rights for Women's Economic Empowerment	Forum For Women In Democracy	4 W 43rd Street	Blue Room
Women Empowerment and Democracy: How Authoritarian Rules are Hindering Women Empowerment Prospects	Pacifica Institute	4 W 43rd Street	Gallery
Gender Equity & ICT: Resources for Impact, Action and Education	American Association Of University Women (AAUW)	4 W 43rd Street	Green Room
Girl Child Marriage and Gender Equality in Nigeria	Jubilee Campaign	4 W 43rd Street	Social Hall
Disrupting Discrimination: San Francisco Tech Tools to Advance Gender Equity	San Francisco Department On The Status Of Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Addressing Exploitation and Human Trafficking through Community Organising	Global Alliance Against Traffic In Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Making the Media Female: Action to Make the Face and Feeling of the Media Female	National Alliance Of Women's Organisations	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Combating Human Trafficking from Rural/Vulnerable Communities - Exploring the Role of Technology	Women's Consortium Of Nigeria (WOCON)	Salvation Army	Downstairs
Reaching the Unreachable: Last Mile Internet Connectivity to Rural Women Leaders	Centre For Social Research	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
Beyond #Me Too - Protecting Silence Breakers and Changing Social Norms	Human Rights Now	The Armenian Convention Center	Vartan Hall
Rural Women in Portuguese Speaking Countries and Communities: Challenges and Opportunities	Portuguese Platform For Women's Rights	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Annual Service of Remembrance	United Methodist Women	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Mental Health of Rural Women Following Disaster and Conflict	NGO Committee On Mental Health	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor

Young Professionals Talk Gender	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
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Gender Equality in Leadership: Strategies for Making Global Progress	Society For Industrial Organizational Psychology	The Armenian Convention Center	Guild Hall
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Rural Women's Leadership in Agenda 2030	Rural Women's Association "Alga"	The Armenian Convention Center	Yerevan Hall
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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Global Maternal Wellbeing: Accessibility, Affordability, Dignity and Respect	The Mothers Legacy Project	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor

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Financing for Women's Rights: Time for a Paradigm Shift	NGOCSW/AFRICA	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Transformation of Conflicts through the Victims of Sexual Violence in Rural Area of DRC	FFC	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Accessing Resources to Advance Women's participation in Democratic Processes in Kenya	Kenya Women Holding	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Pregnancy and Child Maternity Forced an Obstacle to the Empowerment of Girls	The Latin American and Caribbean Committee For The Defense Of Women's Rights	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor

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Monday, 19 March

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Morning Briefing	NGO CSW/NY	UNHQ	Conference Room 4
Socio-Economic Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls	Journalists and Writers Foundation	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Women Empowerment and Gender Equality: Issues and Challenges in Africa	Mariya Tambuwal Development Foundation	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Empowering Girls Through Education and Leadership to Become Change Makers	Educate Girls Globally	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
The Role of Women in Japan Now	GAHT-US Corporation	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
New Equality Initiatives for Rural and Urban Women and Girls	International Sociological Association (ISA)	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Connecting the Disconnected: Enabling Rural Women Creators in Tech	AnitaB.Org	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Social and Economic Empowerment Among Women Living in Marginalized Areas	Imam Ali's Popular Students Relief Society	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Empowering Rural Women: Gender Pathways to Holistic Health	Concepts Of Truth Inc.	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Confronting Female Violence and Vulnerabilities in Nigeria and South Sudan	Widows Development Organisation (WiDO)	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Wind River: Violence Against Indigenous Women in Rural America	Indian Law Resource Center	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Amplifying Voices and Choices: Pathways to Ensuring Rural Gender Equity	Armenian International Women's Association	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Religious Freedom: The Key to Equality & Rural Women's Empowerment	Worldwide Organization For Women	Salvation Army	Auditorium
Africa Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
Empowerment of Women and Girls Globally through ICT and STEM	American Psychological Association	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Rural Women in Meru and Kilifi Counties as Drivers of Accountability and Transformative Change	Center For Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW)	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Providing Tools for Empowering FGM Survivors through Information Technologies	The George Washington University Milken Institute School Of Public Health	Church Center for the United Nations	Drew Room
Human Trafficking in America: Risks for Women and Girls in Rural Areas & Faith-Based Prevention	New York Board Of Rabbis	Salvation Army	Auditorium
N.America/Europe Regional Caucus	NGO CSW/NY	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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Where does Reconciliation Start in Reference to Rural Women?	Foundation For Subjective Experience and Research S.E.R.	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
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Lunchtime Advocacy Training	NGO CSW/NY	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
Incubating Next-Gen East Asian NGOs to Lift Up Rural Women & Girls	Woodenfish Foundation	Salvation Army	Auditorium
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Lifelines: The Poetry of Human Rights	Women's Learning Partnership (WLP)	Church Center for the United Nations	Chapel
Women Empowerment and Human Rights	Health Aid For All Initiative	Church Center for the United Nations	Second Floor
Strengthening Gender Policies for a Toxics-free Planet for Rural Women	Women Engage For A Common Future	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
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Tomorrow's Woman in Diplomacy Using Tomorrow's Media and Information Technology	Center For UN and Global Governance Studies, The School Of Diplomacy, Seton Hall University	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor
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Social media: An Effective Tool for Empowering Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Harassment	Embrace Relief	Salvation Army	Auditorium
#WeHealTogether: Fostering True Equality through Gender Equity and Reconciliation	Gender Equity and Reconciliation International	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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What She Thinks, She Becomes	INWES APNN - The Society of Taiwan Women in Science and Technology (INWES APNN -TWiST)	Salvation Army	Auditorium
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TITLE	SPONSOR	VENUE	ROOM
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Debunking the Myth that Islam Requires Female Circumcision	KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers For Human Rights	Church Center for the United Nations	Tenth Floor

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Addressing Sexual Violence through Technology & Crowdsourced Data	Red Dot Foundation	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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Artivism: Healing and Community Stories through Art	Lehigh University	Salvation Army	Downstairs

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Brave Women, Bridge-Building Leaders: Leadership Development for Women and Girls	NextLEVEL Leadership	Salvation Army	Auditorium
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GLOBAL SURVEY OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF RURAL WOMEN

The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) is inviting all women-focused NGOs and partner organisations to participate in and contribute to the Global Survey of the Living Conditions of Rural Women. This survey was first undertaken by ACWW in 1935, and we feel now is a crucial time to revive this initiative.

We are celebrating the launch of the Global Survey in New York in March 2018, during the meetings of CSW62. We are pleased to invite you to join us at this launch event, and to learn more about the Global Survey.

We know that the voices of rural women are the hardest to hear, and we want to change this. The data from this survey will be published, presented at key international forums, reviewed and refreshed on a three-year cycle.

The forum and following survey will give a ground-breaking data pack on conditions of rural women. Data will support funding bids (for ACWW members, other NGOs, and partners) and help set the agenda and influence policy on rural women for global bodies. It is linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the 3-yearly cycle will build data, identify changes over time, and identify the impacts of local initiatives, funding and social changes.

ACWW has a network of more than 9 million rural and non-rural women globally. We are proud to be collaborating with WAITRO (the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organisations) and will continue to build a global network of responses throughout 2018, especially as we move towards the International Day of Rural Women in October.

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UNITED NATIONS GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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BPfA	Beijing Platform for Action
CCUN	Church Center of the United Nations 777 UN Plaza (44th Street & First Avenue)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CoNGO	Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations
CSW	United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DPI	United Nations Department of Public Information
DPKO	United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations
ECOSOC	United Nations Economic and Social Council
GA	General Assembly
GFMD	Global Forum on Migration and Development
HLD	High Level Dialogue
HLPF	High Level Political Forum
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
NGOCSW	NGO Committee on the Status of Women (New York, Geneva, Vienna, Africa, Asia Pacific, Caribbean and Latin America)
PPPs	Public Private Partnership
QCPR	Quadrennial Comprehensive Policy Review
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SG	United Nations Secretary-General
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNDS	United Nations Development System
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNWomen	United Nations Entity on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women



Wednesday, March 14, 2018 - New York, NY
United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
CSWNGO Panel Event 4:30pm: We Rise! We Rise! We Rise Together!
Venue: 4 W 43rd Street, Room: Social Hall

Women's Marches were virtually instigated and individually responded to becoming the largest resistance demonstration in history. Women as individuals and as a gender are rising and empowering each other in circles, marches and conferences. Together women have the potential of moving humanity toward an evolutionary egalitarian era in human history. A **UN Fifth World Conference on Women (5WCW)** would accelerate this through role modeling, information, and inspiration. Women and girls together and individually are the only force that can change the hearts and minds of men whose psychology and politics are moving humanity toward a new Dark Age.

For women to become empowered and equal, courage and voice need to be mobilized in individuals who find they are supported when they do, such as the #metoo movement. **Political will** at the top depends on participation of women, media attention and grass-roots activism. There is a growing momentum for change and resistance to change. 5WCW is needed for progress toward equality and diversity.

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 Moderator: Rosemary Williams

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6.15 PM, THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

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THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN REPRESENTING PROSTITUTION



A discussion on the media's role in representing - *and misrepresenting* - the reality of the global sex trade.

Come and listen to women who've lived prostitution in the United States, Europe and Africa.

Ask questions and join the discussion about how the experience of prostitution is falsified by naiveté and romanticism in the entertainment world, by bias and ideology in the mainstream media, and learn about the real world impact of these narratives on women's lives.

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"Mahila" tells three stories of empowerment in India's rural Dalit communities. For ages, Dalit women have suffered from triple oppression: from discrimination based on their gender, their caste and their impoverished economic class.

The women of "Mahila" represent a movement that is changing the face of India. They have found a rare voice and an important standing in their communities and the wider India.

@GSIJP | @GSSIFoundation | #MahilaFilm | www.fondazionebuonpastore.org

Advocating for financial resilience, justice, human rights and gender equality to support the dignity of all girls and women.

Film produced by the Good Shepherd International Foundation with the support of OAK Foundation and Misencara

#READYTO DECIDE

Empower girls, end the HIV epidemic

Thousands of girls and women are contracting HIV every day – because they're not able to choose what happens to their bodies. If we're to end the HIV epidemic, we must end gender inequality.



In sub-Saharan Africa, gender-based violence is fuelling a sharp rise in HIV among adolescent girls and young women aged 10 to 24.

Those who are raped, abused or forced into relationships or marriage are three times more likely to get HIV. The risk doubles for those who experience violence at the hands of their partner. In many cases, a girl's first sexual experience will not happen by choice.

The world's Global Goal on gender equality (SDG5) demands that we end all violence against women and girls. It's time for her to decide. For her human rights to be honoured. For her voice to be heard.

Will you add your voice to hers – and in doing so, empower all girls and young women?



Join the movement!

The #READYtoDecide campaign supports **READY**: a youth-led movement that mobilises young people globally to demand their right to a healthy life – whatever their circumstances, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.



READYMovement

Demand equality for girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa. Find out more at aidsalliance.org/ready-to-decide



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NGO CSW PARALLEL EVENT

LITTLE STONES

Documentary Screening: Art + Media for Gender Equality

This documentary follows the uplifting stories of four women using rap, graffiti, dance, and fashion to empower women and girls around the world.

- ◆ See creative solutions in action
- ◆ Meet the filmmakers and featured artists
- ◆ Get inspired!

58-MINUTE SCREENING OF "LITTLE STONES" FOLLOWED BY PANEL DISCUSSION



FEATURED ARTISTS



SISTER FA / Genital mutilation in SENEGAL



PANMELA CASTRO / Domestic violence in BRAZIL



SOHINI CHAKRABORTY / Sex trafficking in INDIA



ANNA TAYLOR / Gender-based poverty in KENYA

March 14
8:30-10 a.m.

Church Center
for the United Nations
Second Floor
777 United Nations Plaza

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4th World Conference of Women's Shelters

The 4th World Conference of Women's Shelters (4WCWS) will bring together 2,000 people from 120 countries to network and share ideas on how to strengthen shelters and end violence against women.

Taipei, Taiwan
November 4-7, 2019

Hosted by:



www.worldshelterconference.org



NGO-CSW event

Violence against women and girls in rural areas and the support shelters offer

Organizers: Global Network of Women's Shelters and The Garden of Hope Foundation

Date: 12 March
Time: 10:30 AM
Venue: CCUN
Room: 2nd Floor

 The Garden of Hope Foundation



Grand Master and International Grand Commander

SOVEREIGN MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE OF JERUSALEM (OSMTH)

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes To:
The Commission on the Status of Women-62nd Session and NGO CSW-NY

The Sovereign Military Order Temple of Jerusalem (OSMTH) works with the senior leadership of different nations, and with other Non-Governmental Organizations [NGO] to provide humanitarian aid. Our bridge building skills include facilitating, mediating and advocating conflict-prevention and resolution by providing subject matter experts and supporting organizations in the fields of religious and international diplomacy.

Since 2002, OSMTH is the only Templar organization recognized as a United Nations NGO in Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC. OSMTH supported the campaign of UN Women to “Leave no one behind” during the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence.

We are proud to now support the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the NGO CSW Parallel Events at the United Nations in New York City and wish you a most successful Forum.

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Thomas P. Curtis, GCTJ, GMTJ
International Grand Commander



Brigadier General Patrick E. Rea, GCTJ, GMTJ, USA
(Ret)
Grand Master of the Order

OSMTH IN ACTION





Parallel Event

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO EMPOWER RURAL AND MOUNTAIN WOMEN

Presenters

- * **Dr. Rusty Butler**, The Russian Academy of Natural Sciences
- * **Dr. Baldomero Lago**, Vice Rector for Global Engagement, Utah Valley University
- * **Ms. Wendy Jyang**, Utah China F.I.S.H.&D.&C
- * **Mr. Matthew Rands, Mr. Derek Garfield, Mr. Dylan Genes, Mr. Rob Smith, Ms. Monica English, Ms. Amelia Cope, Ms. Hannah Barlow**, Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University
- * **Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev, Dr. Debjani Chakravarty, Dr. Sarah Hall, Dr. Lynn England**, Utah Valley University

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DATE: March 20, 2018

TIME: 8:30 AM

VENUE: Church Center for the United Nations

ROOM: Tenth Floor





50 MILLION
GIRLS AND
WOMEN ARE
"MISSING"
FROM INDIA'S
POPULATION.



200 MILLION
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WORLDWIDE.
-The U.N.

ENDING GENDERCIDE TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY AND EMPOWER RURAL INDIAN FEMALES

MONDAY, 19 MARCH
CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS
4:30PM, 2ND FLOOR

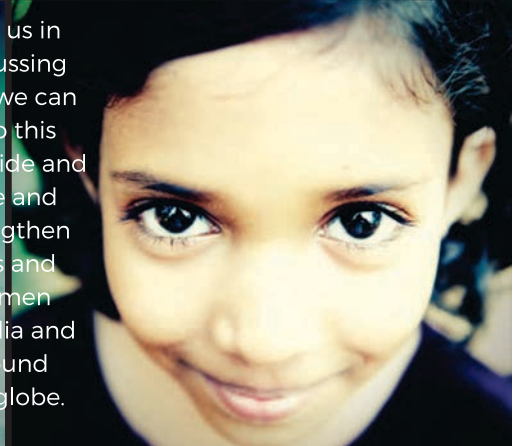
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WE INVITE YOU
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INCUBATING NEXT-GENERATION EAST ASIAN NGOS TO LIFT-UP RURAL WOMEN & GIRLS



**Tuesday, March 20th
12:30pm**

**Location: Salvation Army,
Auditorium, 221 E. 52nd St.**

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How can you leverage
partnerships and share resources
to empower and scale emerging
NGOs? How can grassroots NGOs
magnify their impact and
success?

How can collaboration positively
impact rural women and girls?
Let's discuss and learn together!



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RURAL WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT – STRATEGIES AND CHALLENGES OF WOMEN'S NGOs

The Case of South Africa and India

Join us for this important parallel event

.16 March 12:30 PM

The Armenian Convention Center, Guild Hall



Keynote speaker:

Sizani Ngubane

- Founder of Rural Women's Movement of South Africa
- CSW62 Forum Woman of Distinction Awardee, nominated by International Alliance of Women (IAW)

Other speakers:

Rakesh Dhawan, President of All India Women's Conference, who created a services Trust which aims at improving the lives of village residents in particular women and girls through a holistic development programme in India.

Bhavna Joshipura and **Jyotsna Kapur**, both members of All India Women's Conference

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF WOMEN: Equal Rights – Equal Responsibilities

www.womenalliance.org

IAW/IAF is in consultative status, category general, with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, enjoys participatory status with the Council of Europe, and is a member of the European Women's Lobby



CSW62 PARALLEL EVENTS

Investing in Rural Women's Leadership: A Solution to Counter Marginalization

March 13, 2:30 PM • Salvation Army, downstairs

Hosted by WLP Lebanon/Collective for Research & Training on Development – Action (CRTD-A)

Women and girls bear the brunt of development failures and suffer most from the absence of infrastructure in rural areas, compounded by the impact of traditional gender roles, constrained mobility, discriminatory laws, and limited access to education. Panelists from the Middle East and Africa will argue that investing in and nurturing leadership and collective action among rural women have the ability to bring about changes in women's positions, increase access to services, increase access to and control over land, and bring women to decision-making circles to address endemic crises in rural areas.

Media and Women's Rights: The Double-edged Impact of Information Technology

March 16, 2:30 PM • Salvation Army, downstairs

Hosted by WLP Jordan/Sisterhood Is Global Institute/Jordan (SIGI/J)

While women's rights activists and women human rights defenders have used both traditional media and new digital technologies to expand the outreach of their messages, these two conduits remain laden with misogyny and continue to be exploited as tools to intimidate, harass, threaten, and silence women. This panel will share effective practices in using media and IT, discuss how to advocate for laws that criminalize gender-based violence and discrimination perpetrated through technology, and highlight strategies to ensure media does not reproduce inequalities.

Lifelines: The Poetry of Human Rights

March 20, 2:30 PM • Church Center of the United Nations (CCUN), Chapel

Since 2003, WLP's Lifelines series has linked poetry and prose to the struggle of realizing women's human rights. Featuring readings by leading women poets, the event connects the listener to testimonies that inspire and build solidarity among feminist activists everywhere. As in years past, Abena Busia—Ghanaian Ambassador to Brazil, professor, and author of two poetry collections—will moderate the event.



Learn more about our culturally-adapted empowerment training curricula and documentaries at
learningpartnership.org



Leadership Development for Women and Girls

You will leave this practical workshop with a tool kit of research, resources, and strategies for inspiring and training girls and women to lead.

4:30pm
Friday, March 23rd, 2018
Salvation Army Auditorium
221 E. 52nd Street
NY, 10022



Ellen Duffield is the Director of the Leadership Studio at Muskoka Woods, NextLEVEL Leadership, and the BRAVE Women and Girls Initiative. She is the

author of **BRAVE Women: Building Bridges to Transformation**, which brings together 35 years of research, stories, and exercises to help women become the leaders our world needs, and offers insights into how organizations can create environments where both men and women can thrive.

www.bravewomen.ca
www.nextlevelleadership.ca
www.theleadershipstudio.ca

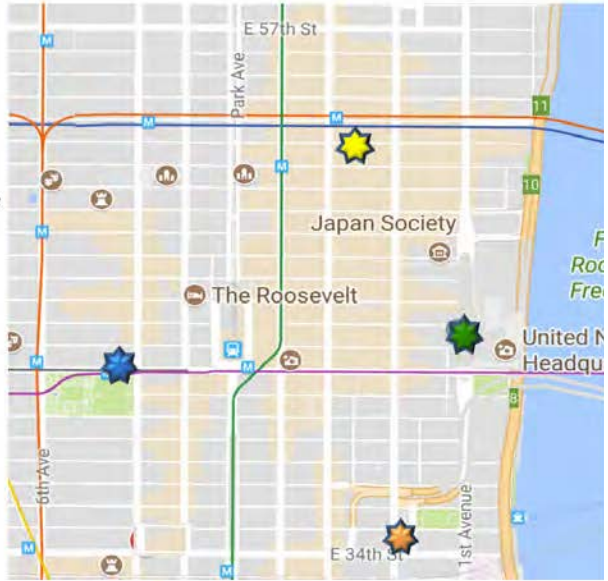
Complementary sample of girl's and women's leadership development guides will be given to the first 100 participants.

**LEADERSHIP**


Maps and Addresses

Parallel Events:

-  *Church Center of the United Nations*
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
-  *Salvation Army*
221 E 52nd Street
New York, NY 10022
-  *The Armenian Convention Center*
(Armenian Cultural Center)
630 2nd Ave
New York, NY 10016
-  *4W43*
4 W 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036




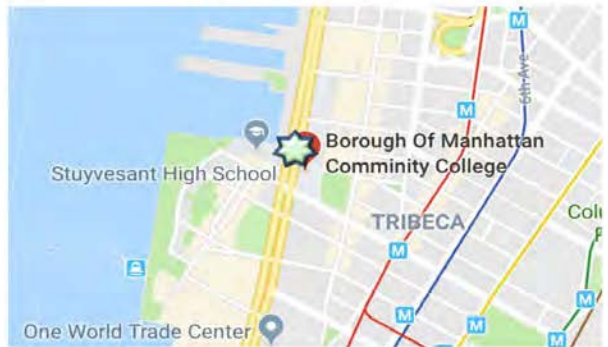
Reception:

-  *NYU Kimmel Center*
60 Washington Square
New York, NY 10012



Consultation Day:

-  *BMCC Tribeca*
Performing Arts Center
199 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007



Transportation

Parallel Events:



Church Center of the United Nations

777 United Nations Plaza

New York, NY 10017

Subway Station: Grand Central – 42 Street Station (4, 5, 6, 7, S train)

Bus Station: E 42 St/1 Av (M42; X21)



Salvation Army

221 E 52nd Street

New York, NY 10022

Subway Station: Lexington Av/53 St (E and M train)

Bus Station: 3 Av/E 52 St (M101; M102; M103)



The Armenian Convention Center

(Armenian Cultural Center)

630 2nd Ave.

New York, NY 10016

Subway Station: 33 St (6 train)

Bus Station: E 34 St/2 Av (BM5; M15; M34; M34A)



4W43

4 W 43rd Street

New York, NY 10036

Subway Station: Grand Central – 42 Street Station (4, 5, 6, 7, S train)

Bus Station: 5 Av/w 43 St (0028)

Reception:



NYU Kimmel Center

60 Washington Square S.

New York, NY 10012

Subway Station: West 4 St – Washington Square (A, B, C, D, E, F, M train)

Bus Station: E 8 St/University Pl (M1; M2; M55; M8)

Consultation Day:



BMCC Tribeca

Performing Arts Center

199 Chambers Street

New York, NY 10007

Subway Station: Chamber St (1, 2, 3 train)

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Silent Tears

Disability, violence, and survival
of rural women globally



Tuesday 13 March 2018
12:30pm - 2pm Social Hall
4 West 43rd Street
New York NY 10036

Silent Tears Forum: Panel Discussion and Q&A

This CSW62 parallel event engages experts from the international disability community who have taken part in the Silent Tears Project, to discuss violence perpetrated globally against disabled women and girls. Universally, disabled women and girls experience many barriers and discriminations impacting on their daily lives. They are more likely to experience violence, and in rural areas, this is compounded by geographical and social isolation. The panellists have experience of disability and violence either professionally or personally. Together, they create a 'borderless' conversation to identify and discuss courses of action to facilitate change for disabled rural women and girls impacted by violence.



<https://registersilenttears.eventbrite.com.au>

The International Federation of Business and Professional Women

Canada's Indigenous and Immigrant Rural Women and Girls

13 March | 8:30 - 9:15 am | 4 W 43rd St | Green Room

BPW Canada

Economic Empowerment of Women Focusing on Rural Women through Government and Corporate Procurement

13 March | 2:30 - 4:00 pm | CCUN | 10th Floor

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The International Federation for Business and Professional Women is a global Network present in more than 100 countries on all continents founded in 1930 by Dr. Lena Madesin Phillips. BPW International develops BPW develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women on all levels through advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world.

Economic Empowerment of Women with Focus on Rural Women

15 March | 8:30 - 9:15 am | UNHQ | Conference Room 7

IFBPW - BPW Egypt - National Council of Women of Egypt

Hosted by: The Mission of Egypt to the UN

Access to Water as the Key Driver for Economic Empowerment of Women

15 March | 6:30 - 7:15 pm | UNHQ | Conference Room 12

BPW Brazil - Soroptimist International - Women for Water

Hosted by: The Mission of Brazil to the UN | Supported by: DIFD, UK

To RSVP, go to www.bpw-international.org

BPW: Empowering Women to Realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)