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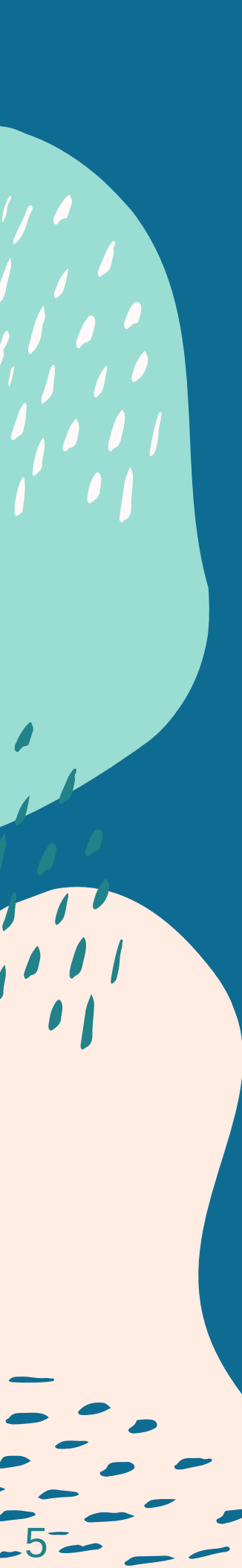
WELCOME *to the* NGO CSW65 VIRTUAL FORUM



WELCOME TO A NEW WORLD OF ADVOCACY AND ACTION!

Here we are after years of gathering women's voices at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN, we at NGO CSW/NY have gone fully virtual with our Forum for CSW65 due to the global pandemic. How can we recreate the energy that happens when women gather? That is up to all of us. We all know one of the most effective gatherings in our advocacy happened 25 years ago. Is it odd that we were forced to rethink advocacy precisely on the 25th anniversary of that event? I don't think so. The Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in Beijing changed the way gender equality was addressed in so many ways. Now we have an opportunity to recreate it again. After collecting our synergies from the NGO CSW64 Forum cancellation and postponing all events around Generation Equality Forum (GEF), we joined forces with our NGO CSW Co-Chairs in the Regions to experiment with this virtual platform to see how we can address all inequalities that Covid-19 has exposed.

We are planning the usual activities from our Forum like Consultation Day, Parallel Events, Conversation Circles, Caucuses, Youth Events and more! This year you will also learn and engage with GEF, Action Coalitions, Women, Peace and Security & Humanitarian Action Compact and Adolescent Girl Investment Plan, as well as other partners, GEF campaigns with UN Women, France and Mexico.



Our goal is to make this platform as inclusive and productive as ever with a shared leadership model. For that we need your help. Let us together work towards breaking silos and focus on concrete results while learning creative ways of mastering advocacy. We've learned so much from our predecessors and those who were in Beijing 25 years ago, yet I know for a fact there's so much more to learn from the next generation. Let's not just give the next generation lip service, let's make sure they have a safe space to engage and uplift us through intergenerational dialogue.

We can not keep doing what we've done in the past, it is time to truly create a new model, a model that does not discriminate, demean or disrespect one another. We must be ready to address any and all topics especially racism, LGBTQI+, marginalized women and girls, poverty and climate justice.

Finally, be sure to read and adhere to our Virtual Safety Guidelines and Principles, NGO CSW/NY has the right and responsibility to remove anyone who does not adhere to these principles. We have an opportunity to unite our voices against the tyranny of patriarchy, militarism and supremacy, let's use it in an effective way.

Thank you, looking forward to an exciting and result oriented CSW65!

H. Geudelekian

Houry Geudelekian,
NGO CSW/NY Chair



GLOBAL CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM 14 MARCH 2021

10AM - 12PM EDT:

NGO CSW/NY CONSULTATION DAY

12:30-2:30PM EDT | 5:30-7:30PM CET:

NGO CSW GENEVA CONSULTATION DAY

3 -5 PM EDT:

**NGO CSW LATIN AMERICA & THE
CARIBBEAN CONSULTATION DAY**

15 Mar 1:15-3:15AM EDT | 15 Mar 4:15-6:15PM AEDT:

NGO CSW ASIA/PACIFIC CONSULTATION DAY

NGO CSW/NY CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

WELCOME

GLOBAL PLANNING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS HOURY GEUDELEKIAN, NGO CSW/NY CHAIR & IVY KOEK, NGO CSW VICE CHAIR

INDIGENOUS RITUAL TO HONOR OUR ANCESTORS

BY DRA. T'KARIMA TICITL, PHD, CM, LM, PARTERA (XICANA INDIGENOUS)

CONVERSATION WITH CSW65 CHAIR & UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

H.E. MR. MHER MARGARYAN, CSW CHAIR; PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKA, UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; MODERATED BY US STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARI MANOOGIAN

GIRLS SPEAK OUT SLAM POETRY WITH WORKING GROUP ON GIRLS

CHALLENGES, HOPES & JOYS OF GEF

CIVIL SOCIETY SPEAKERS:

AMANI ARURI, YOUTH ACTIVIST; DIANA ABOU ABBAS, MARSA SEXUAL HEALTH CENTER; HIYA SHAH, GIRLS LEARN INTERNATIONAL; JENSINE LARSEN, WORLD PULSE; VIOLET SHIVUTSE, HUAIROU COMMISSION

GEF CORE GROUP SPEAKERS:

CHAMATHYA FERNANDO, GENERATION EQUALITY YOUTH TASK FORCE; ZONEZIWOH MBONDULO-WONDIEH, GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY ADVISORY GROUP; DELPHINE O, AMBASSADOR, SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM, FRANCE; NADINE GASMAN ZYLBERMANN, PRESIDENT, INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE LAS MUJERES MEXICO; LOPA BANERJEE, DIRECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY DIVISION & EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR, GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM, UN WOMEN

MUSIC BY UN ORCHESTRA

FAREWELL WITH MUSIC AND DANCING

WHAT DOES A VIRTUAL NGO CSW FORUM LOOK LIKE?



The NGO CSW65 Forum in March 2021 will be virtual. So what does that mean?

WORKING WITH THE NGO CSW'S IN THE REGIONS

We'll be working with the NGO CSWs in the Regions to ensure a global, inclusive, and accessible Forum.

VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS

There will still be opportunities to host Parallel Events virtually through a simple application. Applications open on 16 November.

NGO CSW FORUM EVENTS

We will still have many of the programs and events that make the Forum special like Global Consultation Days, a Virtual Artisan Marketplace, Advocacy Trainings, Conversation Circles, and a digital handbook.

ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP

We'll also be hosting an Advocacy and Research Group that is open to the global NGO CSW community.





VIRTUAL SAFETY GUIDELINES & PRINCIPLES

NGO CSW/NY is committed to ensuring that everyone has a fulfilling experience with the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum. Our goal is to make this platform as inclusive and productive as possible through a shared leadership model. Below are some guidelines for successfully utilizing the virtual platform, as well as principles to follow to assure a safe environment founded in respect and inclusivity.

- Use welcoming and inclusive language.
- Commit to open dialogue and transparency. Remain driven by our collective mission of advancing gender equality, feminism and women's rights. Build a culture of excellence, compassion, integrity, and honesty.
- Respect one another. Listen, avoid assumptions, enable different opinions. Critique ideas, not people.
- Allow everyone to participate. Don't dominate the conversation and honor time limits.
- Show empathy toward other participants.
- Respect the diversity of languages, opinions and expertise, while acknowledging that sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, transphobia, global North domination and other institutionalized forms of oppression exist.
- Honor confidentiality and "I" statements ("I" instead of "they," "we," or "you"). Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing.
- Be positive and seek unity. Build people's ideas up rather than knocking them down, and refrain from personal attacks.
- This is a space where the voices of the marginalized are amplified and given "expert" priority when recounting their own experiences. Their experiences of oppression are not up for debate or to be refuted in any way.
- This is an antiracist space meaning that we welcome, value and revere an intersectional approach to feminism. An anti-racist space requires that all of us need to consider our positionality and work actively not to replicate white patriarchal structures including subjugating voices of Black women and women of color.

NGO CSW/NY will not tolerate harassment of any kind including but not limited to:

- Offensive comments related to gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, mental illness, physical appearance, political affiliation, age, race, national and/or ethnic origin, immigration status, language, religion, or indigeneity.
- Deliberate intimidation
- Sustained disruption of discussion
- Continued one-on-one communication after requests to cease.

The background of the page features a photograph of the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York City. The building is a tall, modern skyscraper with a distinctive grid-like facade. In the foreground, a row of flags from various member states is visible, set against a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A dark teal horizontal band is overlaid on the image, containing the title text.

ENGAGING THE UN

- **Welcome Message from the CSW65 Chair**
- **Statement by Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka**
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Welcome Message from the CSW65 Chair

It is my great pleasure to connect with the vibrant NGO community on the upcoming sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which I am honoured to chair for a second year.



After the scaling down of the sixty-fourth session of the Commission due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, we all hoped to see the full CSW community of government delegations, civil society and other stakeholders from across the world gathered in New York this year. Sadly, the pandemic continues to impose limitations on the conduct of intergovernmental meetings at United Nations Headquarters. As a result, the sixty-fifth session will take place in a hybrid format with largely virtual meetings.

In spite of this new reality and taking into account the limitations posed by the pandemic, the Bureau of the Commission prepared a full and substantive agenda, with ministerial round tables, the general discussion, interactive dialogues on the priority and review themes, and negotiations on the agreed conclusions.

Women play an important role in public life as well as outside of formal public institutions through civil society organizations and other forms of civic engagement, including in the media, labour unions, and academia. Through these channels, women and gender equality advocates successfully promote legislation and mechanisms to advance gender equality, and to eliminate laws that discriminate against women and girls. Young women and girls are leading movements calling for broader economic, social and environmental justice and systemic reforms.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a profound shock to societies and economies. It has also exposed and exacerbated gaps in women's leadership and participation in decision-making. Its gender-specific dimensions are visible across every area of life, not least because of the shadow pandemic of gender-based violence. This year's CSW priority theme, "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls", is therefore very timely. The sixty-fifth session provides an opportunity to come up with strong action-oriented policy recommendations and ensure that we build back better towards a future that is more equal, resilient and sustainable.


As Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, I look forward to the continued engagement of civil society towards our common goal of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, everywhere.

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan

Permanent Representative of Armenia to the UN, CSW65 Chair

UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka

A circular portrait of Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka, the Executive Director of UN Women. She is wearing a blue headwrap and a blue and green patterned top. The portrait is set against a light blue background with a white circular border.

The year 2020, which marked the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action, was a moment when the world came together to face the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. We knew that all hands had to be on deck to mitigate the spread and impact of a virus that was ravaging communities and threatening to set back years of progress to human development. It was also a moment when we saw the immeasurable contributions of women. Whether as frontline and healthcare workers or tireless mobilizers for racial and gender justice, the critical role of women's leadership in public life cannot be understated.

As we explore this theme during the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, we recognize the influential role that women also play in public life outside of formal public institutions, including through women's organizations and feminist movements, and as social justice activists. The pandemic has exposed deeply rooted gender and racial inequalities within social, political and economic systems globally. We saw how, even amidst lockdowns, activists across racial, gender and class lines took to the streets around the world to protest police brutality. Many of these social movements were led by women activists – including young women and women of colour – who were determined to send a clear signal that racism, inequality and discrimination would no longer be accepted. Such expressions of global solidarity represent not just collective outrage, but the hope that together we can finally begin to reckon with the systemic inequalities that hold us back.

But there is still much work to be done to ensure that women have equal access to leadership and decision-making roles at all levels, and to counter the high levels of gender-based violence directed at them both online and offline. The world is a very different place today than it was at the same time last year, and we will continue to feel the reverberations of COVID-19 for some time to come. As we reconfigure our response to this new reality, we must use the lessons learnt from the past year to identify opportunities for building back greener, equitable, gender-responsive and inclusive. We must turn the crisis into a metamorphosis moment to support the invaluable leadership and contribution of women to human development.

A huge part of this is supporting the leadership of a new generation of young people, many of whom were born after the Beijing conference in 1995. Youth are at the forefront of global action for change around the world, both in responding to the pandemic and in working to address the systemic inequalities that it has unearthed. We must continue to listen to them and invite them to the table as equal partners. UN Women's National Gender Youth Activists, a network of grassroots activists from diverse backgrounds, and the upcoming Generation Equality Forum, in which the work of civil society and young people play such a pivotal role, will help nurture the spirit of intergenerational partnership and leadership that we need to achieve the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.

As we look back on 10 years since the establishment of UN Women, we see signs of renewed hope. As Dr Martin Luther King said, we must allow ourselves to believe that while the arc of the universe is long, it bends toward justice. If we make a stand together in solidarity we can get there together and ensure that we are indeed Generation Equality.

- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngucka

UN Women Executive Director

Statement by **LOPA BANERJEE,**

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



We are now on a rapid road to the Generation Equality Forum and beyond in 2021. As we go forth on this ambitious journey we carry essential lessons from 2020.

To begin, the COVID-19 virus enacted what can only be described as a scorched earth policy, leaving in its wake, plundered communities, ravaged healthcare systems and sowing grave discord in the social fabric of nations and communities. Alongside the mayhem that the pandemic unleashed on the global community, it also exposed the systemic inequities, many of which are along racial lines, and the true nature of vulnerabilities of many marginalized communities, who are where they are through deliberate, methodological and intended efforts to leave some behind. It is against this backdrop that we see the continued strength of women's staunch activism, voice and agency.

Women continue to bear the brunt of the impact of the virus as it continues to erode and threaten gender equality that has been so hard fought by feminist movements. Statistics reveal to us that women have shouldered the burden more so than their male counterparts. Globally, women perform on average three-quarters, or 76.4 per cent, of the total amount of unpaid care work. In some countries that adds up to women spending 11 times more time than men on unpaid care work. This has only increased during the pandemic. In countries with weak health systems, it is women who are stepping up to care for the sick at home, often at considerable risk to their own health. Women are also more likely than men to be laid off from their jobs.

Alongside the COVID-19 response, as the winds of change increasingly pick up speed and volume, and as more global citizens recognize the relevance of social movements such as Black Lives Matter and the #SayHerName campaign, what is also noteworthy is the fact that these types of movements are part of the broader discourse on fundamental human rights and equality. What is also becoming apparent is that no one group can go it alone. For change to occur, there needs to be collective mobilizing of voice, unified under the single banner of human rights, gender equality, justice, dignity and respect. If change is to be meaningful, tangible and sustainable, this collective voice must be diverse, expansive and leaving-no-one-behind, for everyone has a role to play.

We will not achieve gender equality unless all of society is involved. Partnership building is also about solidarity, joining forces for a collective good. This is what the Generation Equality Forum (GEF) is about - engaging a diversity of actors and placing civil society and youth leadership at the centre of a multistakeholder movement for gender equality.

UN Women is committed to ensure that its work responds to and reflects the needs of young women and girls and gender non-conforming people in 2021 and beyond.

Therefore, 2021 is an opportunity to reset the clock. This CSW, with its focus on women's leadership is a pivotal moment to emphasize the new feminist models of solidarity, partnerships, actions and accountability that this moment calls for. The Generation Equality Forum responds to this, creating bridges between older and young generations in a more effective way; harnessing youth energy, creativity and critical thinking to challenge the status quo; and bringing together the next generation of gender equality activists in a stronger feminist movement.

The Generation Equality Forum, which takes place in March (Mexico City) and June (Paris) of this year is about consolidating a collection of voices to ignite change. Only when we work together, with collective intention and unison, can we achieve more and only then can we be more.

- Lopa Banerjee,

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

65TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

PRIORITY THEME:

WOMEN'S FULL AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION AND DECISION-MAKING IN PUBLIC LIFE, AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE, FOR ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

REVIEW THEME:

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND THE LINK TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF THE SIXTIETH SESSION)

[READ MORE HERE.](#)



WHAT IS CSW?

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), is a global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women. The Commission was established by an ECOSOC resolution in 1946 with a mandate to prepare recommendations on promoting women's rights in the political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Council on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women's rights.

The Bureau of the Commission plays a crucial role in facilitating the preparation for, and in ensuring the successful outcome of the annual sessions of the Commission. Bureau members serve for two years. The members of the Bureau for the 65th session (2020) of the Commission on the Status of Women are:

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan (Armenia), Chair (Eastern European States Group)
- Ms. Jo Feldman (Australia), Vice-Chair (Western European and other States Group)
- Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi (Algeria), Vice-Chair (African States Group)
- Mr. Na Sang Deok (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific States Group)
- Vice-Chair for the Latin American and Caribbean States Group; to be nominated

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
UN WOMEN'S WEBSITE.

UNITED NATIONS GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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

GENERATION EQUALITY: REALIZING WOMEN'S RIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE



To mark the 25th anniversary, UN Women launched a new, multigenerational campaign: Generation Equality: Realizing women's rights for an equal future. The campaign demands equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end to sexual harassment and all forms of violence against women and girls, health-care services that respond to their needs, and their equal participation in political life and decision-making in all areas of life.

NGO CSW/NY and our Chair, Houry Geudelekian, was tasked by UN Women with the role of global civil society convener for the campaign, including the Generation Equality Forum (GEF).

The Generation Equality Forum is a multi-stakeholder gathering convened by UN Women, co-chaired by France and Mexico, and in partnership with global Civil Society, represented by the Advisory Group to the Core Group (CSAG).

The CSAG serves as the representative of civil society's priorities for the GEF by guaranteeing coequal participation of civil society with the other members of the Core Group. It was created to ensure that diverse women's rights and feminist organizations can engage meaningfully in the GEF process. The CSAG was chosen through a civil society-led process by a selection committee of 5 volunteers from the Advisory Working Group. They selected 21 members from 136 applicants representing diverse genders, generations, regions and backgrounds.



As convener of the global Advisory Working Group, NGO CSW/NY is also happy to help facilitate the work of Melissa Upreti and Soon-Young Yoon with Krishanti Dhamaraj who are the drivers of the Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan (fwMAP). This process is rooted in a rights-based approach as well as in global consensus documents, such as international treaties, human rights mechanisms, and international commitments. The fwMAP’s objective is to facilitate consultations with global civil society to determine the priorities and recommendations of those feminist and women’s movement activists on the ground. Through these consultations, the drivers hope to break silos and create new, innovative alliances between different constituencies and themes within the global feminist and women’s movement. Through building a creative, action-oriented, brave and safe space, the fwMAP can help transform norms and power structures without reinventing the wheel.

By working together as global civil society, we hope to progress towards gender equality by linking across silos of activism to create a common framework and build the power of women’s rights movements. We are not looking to abandon our own thematic and issue-based work, but we must look for points of convergence to join forces around common goals.

More resources on Generation Equality:

- [NGO CSW/NY'S DECK ON GENERATION EQUALITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY](#)
- [GENERATION EQUALITY FORUM WEBSITE](#)
- [GENERATION EQUALITY SOCIAL MEDIA PACKAGE](#)



VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS

For the up-to-date schedule of the virtual Parallel Events to date, follow [this link](#).





NGO CSW/NY EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS



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KEY:

Conversation Circle

Anti-Racism Session

Regional Caucus

Civil Society Briefing

All event times are in EDT timezone

Click on the title of each event to register.

March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>14</p> <p>NY Consultation Day 10am-12pm</p> <p>Geneva Consultation Day 12:30-2:30pm</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean Consultation Day 3pm-5pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Asia/Pacific Consultation Day 1:15am-3:15am</p> <p>Orientation & Advocacy Training 9-11am</p> <p>Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Working Group on Girls 8-9:30am</p> <p>Exhale to Inhale Yoga & Relaxation 12:30-1pm</p> <p>North America & Europe 2-3pm</p> <p>Feminist Movements & Leadership 4-5:30pm</p> <p>Developing Black Women Leaders 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Africa 7-8am</p> <p>Violence Against Women 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Arab States/MENA 7-8am</p> <p>Economic Justice and Rights 9-10:30am</p> <p>Exhale to Inhale Yoga & Relaxation 12:30-1pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Civil Society Briefing 8-9am</p> <p>LGBTQ+ 9-10:30am</p> <p>Future of Education 4-5:30pm</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean 6-7pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Asia/Pacific 2-3am</p> <p>Nasrin Film Discussion 10-11am</p> <p>Socially Relevant Film Festival 11am-12pm</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Briefing with NGO CSWs & UN Women in the Regions 8-9am</p> <p>Women & Youth, Peace, & Security 9-10:30am</p> <p>Feminist Action for Climate Justice 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Africa 7-8am</p> <p>Maternal Health & Black Women in the US 9-10:30am</p> <p>Exhale to Inhale Yoga & Relaxation 12:30-1pm</p> <p>Interfaith Service of Remembrance 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Asia/Pacific 2-3am</p> <p>Human Trafficking 8:30-10am</p> <p>Anti-Racism 10-11:30am</p> <p>North America and Europe 5-6pm EST</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Exhale to Inhale Yoga & Relaxation 12:30-1pm</p> <p>Anti-Racism Workshop 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Arab States/MENA 7-8am</p> <p>Joyful Disruption Rally 12-1pm</p> <p>Latin America & the Caribbean 5-6pm</p>	<p>27</p>

Calendar subject to change



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CONSULTATION DAY

Join NGO CSW/NY's Consultation Day for education, conversation, storytelling, and entertainment to prepare for the upcoming CSW.

Sunday, 14 March 2021

10AM - 12PM EDT



ORIENTATION *and* *ADVOCACY TRAINING*

Learn the ins and outs of the
CSW and UN advocacy!

This is a great session for those who have never before attended a CSW and is new to the space or for anyone who needs a refresher!



[REGISTER](#)

Monday, 15 March 2021
9AM EST

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

A place to raise issues and exchange ideas on 10 different topics in a semi-structured space during CSW65. Participants from around the globe are welcome. Join us! Each conversation will present a specific topic related to the Generation Equality Action Coalitions, Compact and other emerging issues, guided by two co-facilitators who are experts on the topic. Participants will be encouraged to be engaged in discussion either live or by chat. **Registration is required and will be capped at 200 people.**

Monday to Friday, 15-22 March
9-10:30am EST and from 4:00-5:30pm EST

CONVERSATION CIRCLE SCHEDULE

Click on each title to register.

Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights

15 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Working Group on Girls

16 March | 8-9:30AM EDT

Feminist Movements & Leadership in the Time of COVID-19

16 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Violence Against Women

17 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Economic Justice & Rights

18 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

LGBTQ+

19 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

Future of Education

19 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Women, Youth, Peace & Security

22 March | 9-10:30AM EDT

Feminist Action for Climate Justice

22 March | 4-5:30PM EDT

Human Trafficking

24 March | 8:30-10AM EDT

Anti-Racism

24 March | 10-11:30AM EDT



EXHALE TO INHALE

YOGA & RELAXATION

**Prioritize self-care with Exhale to Inhale
in this 30-minute chair yoga practice.**

All you need is a chair, your breath and any comfortable clothing. We will guide you through a trauma-informed practice comprised of gentle yoga movements, meditation, and breath awareness practices. Our practice is rooted in safety, simplicity, and choice-making, so you can expect plenty of opportunities to honor your bodies needs, moment to moment.

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
DURING THE NGO CSW65 FORUM
12:30-1:00PM EDT**

REGIONAL CAUCUSES

Discuss your region's most relevant and pressing issues and advocacy at regional caucuses happening throughout the NGO CSW65 Virtual Forum.

AFRICA

[17 March, 7-8am EDT](#) | [23 March, 6-7pm EDT](#)

ARAB STATES/MENA

[18 March, 7-8am EDT](#) | [26 March, 7-8am EDT](#)

ASIA/PACIFIC

[20 March, 2-3am EDT](#) | [24 March, 2-3am EDT](#)

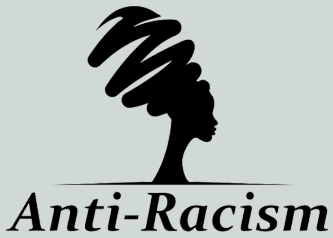
LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

[19 March, 6-7pm EDT](#) | [26 March, 5-6pm EDT](#)

NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE

[16 March, 2-3pm EDT](#) | [24 March, 5-6pm EDT](#)

Click on each event to register.



ANTI RACISM SPACE

ON THE NGO CSW65 VIRTUAL PLATFORM

16 MARCH
6-7:30PM

DEVELOPING BLACK WOMEN LEADERS: THE STORY OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.

23 MARCH
9-10:30AM

MATERNAL HEALTH AND BLACK WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES

24 MARCH
10-11:30PM

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: ANTI-RACISM

25 MARCH
4-5:30PM

ANTI-RACISM WORKSHOP

Click on the titles of each event to register.

VISIT THE ANTI-RACISM SPACE ON THE NGO CSW65 VIRTUAL FORUM PLATFORM [HERE](#).

CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS

Click on event titles to register.



19 MARCH
8-9AM EDT

CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING

Join this civil society briefing to learn about CSW65 negotiations. Panelists will include CSW Bureau members and the UN Women Executive Director.

22 MARCH
8-9AM EDT

BRIEFING WITH NGO CSWS AND UN WOMEN IN THE REGIONS

Join this discussion about the process and outcomes of CSW consultations from a regional perspective. Panelists will include representatives from the NGO CSWs in the Regions and UN Women regional offices.

JOYFUL DISRUPTION RALLY

26 MARCH | 12-1PM EDT

Join global feminist activists for a Joyful Disruption of the status quo! We will speak up and amplify you from all corners of the world with hashtags, videos and more! We will celebrate and acknowledge the work that still needs to be done! We will also 'Pass the Torch' from NGO CSW65 Forum to the #GenerationEquality Mexico Forum!

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VIRTUAL ARTISAN FAIR

Shop authentic handmade fashion, home, and jewelry accessories during the NGO CSW65 Forum! Global artisans who support NGOs with women-focused initiatives can apply to sell their goods through our virtual platform during the two-week Forum. All proceeds go to the artisans or their organizations.

**14-26 MARCH 2021
DURING THE NGO CSW65 FORUM**

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Commission on the Status of Women

WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE · EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING

15-26 MARCH 2021 | END VIOLENCE · ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY | #CSW65



7TH ANNUAL CSW INTERFAITH SERVICE OF

Remembrance & Gratitude

March 23, 2021 • 4:00 P.M. EST • Virtual Event

REGISTER HERE: bit.ly/interfaith-service

Join us in a loving remembrance for those who have gone before us and who continue to inspire our lives. Everyone is invited to add a name to the Memory Book.



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NGO CSW NY CO-SPONSORED EVENTS



**THE POWER OF YOUNG WOMEN TO LEAD: “YOUNG WOMEN’S STORIES—
FOSTERING LEADERSHIP” PROJECT REPORT LAUNCH**
Tuesday, 16 March, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM EDT

WHY VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PARLIAMENTARIANS SHOULD CONCERN US ALL
Tuesday, 16 March, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

**FORCED MARRIAGE IN THE U.S.: A SCREENING OF “KNOTS”
AND DISCUSSION WITH ITS STARS**
Tuesday, 16 March, 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM EDT

A PRESENTATION SKILLS WORKSHOP: WOMEN... SPEAK UP!
Wednesday, 17 March, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT

**DIVERSITY AND WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP:
CONTRIBUTIONS TO AN EFFECTIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE**
Friday, 19 March, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM EDT

NASRIN FILM DISCUSSION
Saturday, 20 March, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT

SOCIALLY RELEVANT FILM FESTIVAL
Saturday, 20 March, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM EDT

NGO CSW/NY EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS

FEMINIST AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENT ACTION PLAN EXHIBIT BOOTH EVENTS

- **Women’s Human Rights for Peace and Security— How Can You Educate Better?**
- **Cities for CEDAW: Local Gender Equity Now And Going Forward**
- **Gender Justice for the UN Decade of Action and GEF**
- **Opening of the Beijing+25 Online Books**

WHO IS NGO CSW/NY?

NGO CSW/NY facilitates a platform for the voices and leadership of feminists and women's rights organizations globally who lobby for their inclusion in the UN deliberations in pursuit of gender equality.

We envision a world without sexism, sexual violence, or discrimination against women and girls, where economic, political, and social policies encourage their empowerment and wellbeing.



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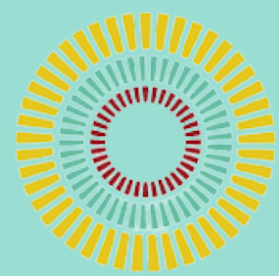
Exhale
to Inhale



WOMEN
HAVE WINGS



The
Working
Group on
Girls



WORLD PULSE



FORMER CHAIRS OF NGO CSW/NY

2015-2019 | SUSAN O'MALLEY

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

2011-2015 | SOON-YOUNG YOON

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2007-2011 | VIVIEN PENDER

INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTICAL ASSOCIATION

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1999-2003 | LESLIE WRIGHT

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF GIRL GUIDES, ZONTA INTERNATIONAL

1999 JUNE-AUG | ELEANOR BROWN

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

1995-1999 | SUDHA ACHARYA

ALL INDIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

1991-1995 | MARY POWER

BAHA'I INTERNATIONAL

1982-1991 | KAY FRALEIGH

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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

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HANDBOOK

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Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America
presents

Acknowledging and Valuing Women IN PROFESSIONS OF CARE

A parallel event at the Commission on the Status of Women Conference



Monday, March 19th, 2021 at 9 AM EST



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The Role of Women in Faith Based Organizations

16 MARCH, 10:30 EDT / 15:30 CET / 16:30 IST

TUESDAY
16
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WOMEN'S RIGHTS & SUSTAINABILITY:

Roadmap to
Institutional Legal Reforms

A United Nations CSW65 Virtual Parallel Event
with a distinguished panel of world-renowned discussants,
UN Entities & Member State Reps; Accredited Global NGOs, Int'l Civil Society Stakeholders *et al*

TIME:
12:30PM EST | 7:30PM GMT | 8:30 PM WAT | 1:00AM +1 IST

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All are cordially invited.



23
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BEIJING+25+1:

Global Responses to
Effective Engagement of Women
in Governance

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VIRTUAL FORUM

JUSTICE ON THE FRONTLINE: TACKLING GENDER INJUSTICE DURING THE PANDEMIC

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

11AM EDT

Join us for a conversation among grassroots justice practitioners and special guests Mary Robinson, Nadine Gasman Zylbermann, & Liv Tørres!

The panel will have simultaneous translation in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese



Human Rights Advocacy: Educating and Empowering Women's Voices

Join this panel discussion and learn about critical issues impacting human rights around the world. Topics include human trafficking, indigenous women of the Shipibo-Konibo tribe in the Amazon Rainforest, death penalty, immigration policies and health-care disparities. The discussion will center within the framework of the UN sustainability goals and the universal declaration of human rights through the adoption of service-learning tools in the promotion of women's rights.

Friday, March 19, 9:30-11:00 AM (CDT)

Registration required for NGOForum <https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw65/>

Set your agenda with our events.

Learn more of global and local
<https://sites.google.com/view/satoun/home>



Join us at the Girls Global Mini Summit

March 19 & 20 at 11:15, following UN-CSW Panel
<http://bit.ly/3bkryxa>



Youth-Led Advocacy for Gender Equality: A Model for Global Summits

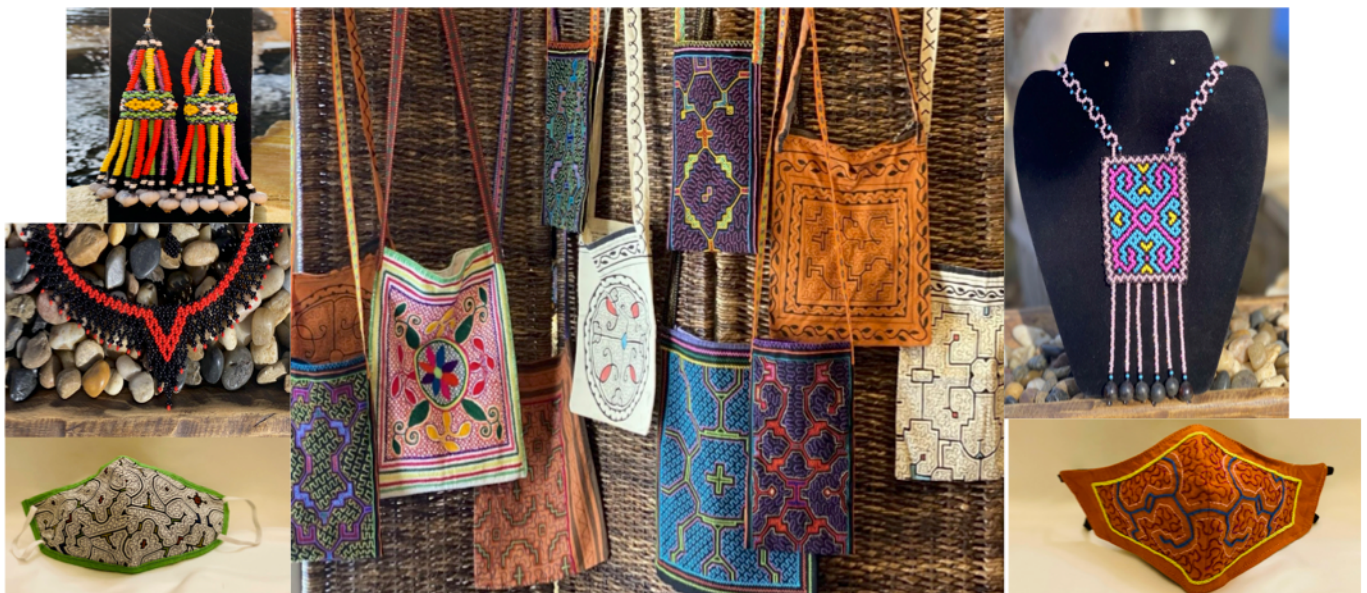
Join this panel discussion and learn about women's issues worldwide based on eight years of data from the Girls Global Summit (GGS) in Texas. Learn about firsthand experiences by attendees, interns and facilitators along with a toolkit modeled after the Generation Equality Roadmap outlining the aspects that serve to best prioritize female leadership and empowerment

Saturday, March 20, 9:30-11:00 AM (CDT)

Shipibo-Konibo Women of Cantagallo Community Handmade Kené Artwork

The Shipibo-Konibo women are an indigenous people from the Peruvian Amazon rainforest. They are renowned for their distinctive geometrically-decorated textiles created by women.

Learn more at the website below



See more & Shop: <https://sites.google.com/view/arte-demadres-shipibas>

GLOBAL WOMEN'S SPORT ADVOCACY GROUP

FEATURING:

- WomenSport International (WSI)
- The International Working Group (IWG) on Women & Sport
- Women's Sports Foundation (WSF)
- International Association of Physical Education and Sport for Girls and Women (IAPESGW)
- The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)

Parallel Event: "Collaboration builds sport's contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Empowerment and Education".

Reserve your spot to hear from:



Dr Carole Oglesby
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WSI



Game G. Mothibi
IWG



**Karen Issokson-
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Dr Kari Fasting Ph.D
WSI



Diane Huffman
WSI



**Dr Rosa López de
D'Amico Ph.D**
IAPESGW



Rachel Froggatt
IWG

Come join us now!

TIME: 24 MARCH 2021
DATE: 3PM- 5PM EST

To find out more visit:

<https://iwgwomenandsport.org/global-womens-sport-advocacy-organisations-to-present-together-at-un-csw65/>

WHRC

Women's Human Rights Campaign

Saturday 20th March 2021
2pm to 4pm GMT

<https://ngocsw65forum.us2.pathable.com/meetings/virtual/558w8wW9>

Parallel Event: "Defending Women's Rights which are set out in the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination (CEDAW) against Women adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 18 December 1979"

Reserve your spot to hear from:



Sheila Jeffreys
Radical lesbian
feminist
author and
activist, UK



Gunda Schumann,
Lesbisches
Aktionszentrum
(LAZ), Germany



Marie-Claire Faray,
Freelance
Consultant on
Gender and Human
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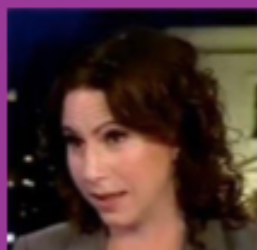
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Kathleen
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anthropologist,
Canada



Maria Binetti,
academic in the field
of Philosophy and
Feminist Philosophy,
Argentina



Kara Dansky,
Women's Human
Rights Campaign
Chair, Committee on
Law and Legislation,
USA



Eugenia Rodrigues
representing "No
Corpo Certo" ("In
The Right Body"),
Brazil

And

Anna Kerr, Australia

Linda Louis, India

To find out more visit our booth in the Exhibit Hall to network and chat.

We would love to see

you!

<https://www.womensdeclaration.com/>

Announcing the Global Launch of the

SPEAK

Young Women's Vocal Empowerment Curriculum and Training Manual

This curriculum guides participants through a series of vocal exercises, group activities, collaborative skit building and deep reflection to support them in self and civic advocacy. It culminates with a public sharing in which young women identify community challenges and author and enact new solutions.

Get **FREE** access at www.SPEAK.world

Learn more at our Parallel Event

Vocal Empowerment Curriculum for Young Women's Civil Voices

This workshop will provide introductory training for facilitators to lead this curriculum in their own communities.

MARCH 22ND • 10 AM - 12 PM EST



JOIN WLP EVENTS AT THE NGO CSW65 FORUM

March 16 at 11:00 AM EST
"Amman Principles" for the National Mechanisms for Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment
Hosted by WLP Jordan/SIGI-J

March 17 at 12:30 PM EST
Women's Rights in Morocco 25+1 Years after Beijing
Hosted by WLP Morocco/ADFM

March 18 at 9:00 AM EST
Root Causes of Women's Economic Inequality: Discriminatory Family Laws
Hosted by WLP

March 23 at 9:00 AM EST
Amplifying Women's Voices in Peacebuilding Processes
Hosted by WLP Nigeria/CEADER

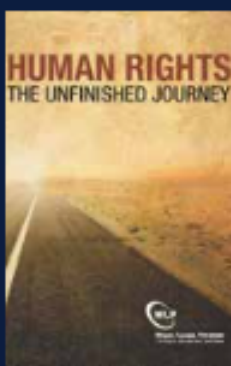
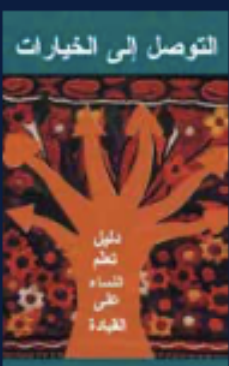
March 25 at 12:30 PM EST
Social Protection for Vulnerable Women During Crisis
Hosted by WLP Jordan/SIGI-J



GLOBAL CRISES REQUIRE FEMINIST SOLUTIONS



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AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

The American Bar Association (ABA) salutes the sixty-fifth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status Of Women and the NGO CSW65 Forum. The ABA Representatives and Observers to the United Nations, ABA Rule of Law Initiative, ABA Commission on Women in the Profession, and ABA Center for Human Rights are proud to support the rule of law and the global advancement of the rights of women and girls. The American Bar Association is the world's largest voluntary professional organization with more than 350,000 members and is a consultative NGO with the United Nations.

For inquiries about ABA's Global Programs, please contact David Dettman at david.dettman@americanbar.org.

Do you have ideas about how the ABA can work with the UN?
The ABA's Representatives and Observers to the UN can be reached at sherry.garay@americanbar.org.

NGO CSW65 Forum Panels

DIGNITY RIGHTS LAW IN PRACTICE

Tuesday
March 16, 2021
1:30 to 3:00 pm EDT

The inherent right of each person to dignity is affirmed in the UN Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, human rights treaties, and more than 160 constitutions worldwide. Our fundamental right to individual dignity forms the core foundations of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies governed by the rule of law.

GENDER-LENS INVESTING STRATEGIES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AS LEADERS

Wednesday
March 17, 2021
1:30 to 3:00 pm EDT

Investors increasingly understand that gender equality, women's rights, and women's empowerment through meaningful participation and inclusion as decision-making leaders are crucial to realizing the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

JUDGES VOICES: THE PANDEMIC'S IMPACT ON WOMEN'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Thursday
March 18, 2021
1:30 to 3:00 pm EDT

The pandemic has disproportionately impacted women and juveniles, creating new barriers to access to justice and increasing the dangers of domestic violence, sexual assaults, and sex trafficking. What are some strategies for courts, justice sector actors, and civil society organizations to meet the challenges?

REVERSING THE SHRINKING SPACE FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Friday
March 19, 2021
1:30 to 3:00 pm EDT

Recent trends demonstrate erosion to democratic systems of governance at national levels, exacerbated by social inequalities brought about by the pandemic and a decline in the rule of law. Learn about the role of lawyers, bar associations, and the judiciary in reversing rule of law breakdowns and the shrinking political space for women's rights defenders.



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KimboCare

**Health Equity for Advancing
the Empowerment of Women
in Vulnerable Communities**

What is KimboCare?

KimboCare enables anyone to fund access to quality healthcare for those who cannot afford it, with transparency. We are united through aim to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals by promoting community health, well-being and gender equality.

With its innovative blockchain-enabled concept “Health Credits”, KimboCare drives exceptional healthcare outcomes for all, especially women and children in financially underserved communities.

**Parallel Event
March 16
5pm GMT**

Sign up at
<http://bit.ly/3bGnZly>

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