



NGO CSW/NY May 2023 Monthly Meeting

Unpacking CSW67 Regionally and Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Regional Report-Backs Summary:

During the meeting, we split up into breakout rooms to discuss CSW67 outcomes by region. Here are some of each group's thoughts:

AFRICA

- We need to find ways to address logistical barriers to attendance in New York.
- A lack of cohesion in civil society makes it difficult to influence state governments and regions.
- We need to revitalize NGO CSW Africa for CSW68.

ASIA PACIFIC

- There is not enough information on what civil society in Asia Pacific can do to enter the CSW process.
- Individuals should reach out to larger actors such as UN Women to find entry points, but ultimately they may have to self-organize.

NORTH AMERICA AND EUROPE

- Technology assisted gender based violence not given a distinct phrase, but the topic was referred to throughout the Agreed Conclusions.
- There was no mention of sexual orientation or gender identity in the Agreed Conclusions; we need to push for this next year.
- NGO CSW Advocacy Toolkit could be helpful for implementation of the Agreed Conclusions.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

- Regional caucuses are important and should continue.
- We need to support the leadership so that people are empowered to participate in caucus meetings.

The Arab States/MENA breakout room was not attended, so there is no report-back from that region.