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# CO-CHAIRS' REFLECTION

Ivy Koek & Pamela Morgan, NGO CSW/NY Co-Chairs

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO PRESENT THE NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, NEW YORK FORUM REPORT, WHICH GIVES AN OVERVIEW OF CIVIL SOCIETY'S PARTICIPATION DURING THE 2024 FORUM. AS THIS WAS OUR FIRST FORUM AS CO-CHAIRS OF NGO CSW/NY, WE WERE CERTAIN TO FACE A LEARNING CURVE, BUT THERE WERE SEVERAL UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES ALONG THE WAY, SUCH AS IN OUR ATTEMPT AT A NEW VIRTUAL PLATFORM.



Ivy Koek, Soka Gakkai International



Pamela Morgan, Zonta International

WITHOUT THE GRACE, SUPPORT AND PATIENCE OF ALL OF YOU, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO PULL OFF THIS FORUM. WE HOPE THIS REPORT CAN CAPTURE THE VIBRANCY, DEDICATION, AND IMPACT OF OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY'S ENGAGEMENT AT THE FOREMOST UN CONVENING TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

THE NGO CSW68 FORUM BROUGHT TOGETHER 12,300 ADVOCATES, ACTIVISTS, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS GLOBALLY TO DISCUSS, STRATEGIZE, AND COLLABORATE AROUND THE 68TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN PRIORITY THEME OF "ACCELERATING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS BY ADDRESSING POVERTY AND STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS AND FINANCING WITH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE."

WE RECEIVED A RECORD NUMBER OF OVER 900 PARALLEL EVENT APPLICATIONS! WE INTRODUCED A HEALING AND COMMUNITY SPACE FOR THE FIRST TIME, BROUGHT BACK THE ARTISAN FAIR AND HELD 8 CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS AT THE UN. CONVERSATION CIRCLES WERE HELD IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY, WITH THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SESSION OFFERED IN FOUR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES.

# CHAIR'S REFLECTION (CONT.)

EACH YEAR, THE FEEDBACK WE RECEIVE ON THE FORUM UNDERSCORES THE CRITICAL ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN DRIVING PROGRESS ON GENDER JUSTICE AND HIGHLIGHTS THE NEED FOR CONTINUED COLLABORATION AND INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE. AS YOU ARE ALL AWARE, THE FORUM IS AN INCLUSIVE SPACE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME, BEYOND THOSE WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFICIAL CSW SESSION. YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TRULY VALUABLE. THEY HAVE ENRICHED DISCUSSIONS AND PROVIDED A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR ONGOING ADVOCACY AND ACTION.

WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, SPEAKERS, ORGANIZERS, VOLUNTEERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND OFFICE STAFF INCLUDING OUR FORUM PRODUCER FOR A SUCCESSFUL FORUM. THE HEART YOU BRING TO YOUR WORK, YOUR PASSION, AND YOUR COMMITMENT ARE TRULY INSPIRING. IT GIVES US GREAT HOPE OF ACHIEVING OUR COLLECTIVE GOAL WHEN WE WITNESS SUCH COLLABORATION AND GOODWILL. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH UN WOMEN WAS A PART OF OUR SUCCESS AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT IN THE LEAD-UP TO AND THROUGHOUT THE CSW. WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR COLLABORATION WITH US AND THEIR COORDINATION BEHIND THE SCENES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT.

IN CLOSING, WE HOPE THIS REPORT SERVES AS A USEFUL RESOURCE FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN THE CSW PROCESS. LET US USE THESE INSIGHTS TO INFORM OUR STRATEGIES, STRENGTHEN OUR COLLABORATIONS, AND AMPLIFY OUR IMPACT IN THE PURSUIT OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN THIS REPORT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT TO GENDER JUSTICE.

IN SOLIDARITY,



*Pamela Morgan*

# ABOUT NGO CSW/NY

## WHO WE ARE



NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, NY (OR NGO CSW/NY) IS A CONVENER OF GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY FOR THE ANNUAL UN CSW AND GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY ADVOCACY. WE ARE A COALITION OF NGOS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED WITH GENDER EQUALITY AND THE RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. NGO CSW/NY'S MAIN PROJECT IS ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL NGO CSW FORUM IN ORDER TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE OFFICIAL UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN PROCESS IN NEW YORK.



# NGO CSW/NY

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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CO-CHAIR  
SOKA GAKKAI  
INTERNATIONAL



**PAMELA MORGAN**

CO-CHAIR  
ZONTA  
INTERNATIONAL



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PARA LA RECONCILIACION Y  
RECONSTRUCCION



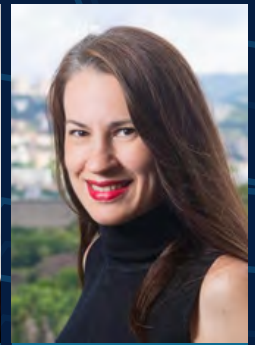
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TREASURER  
WOMEN'S REFUGEE  
COMMISSION



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SECRETARY  
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UNITED NATIONS  
FOUNDATION

## MEMBERS - AT - LARGE



**ROSEMARY  
BARBERET**

INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION



**LILIANE  
NKUNZIMANA**

BAHA'I INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNITY



**SULEKHA FRANK**

INTERNATIONAL  
ALLIANCE OF WOMEN

## PAST CHAIR, EX-OFFICIO



**HOURY GEUDELEKIAN**

UNCHAINED AT LAST



# WHAT WE DO

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## NGO CSW FORUM

THE NGO CSW FORUM IS THE CIVIL SOCIETY GATHERING THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW). CONSISTING OF HUNDREDS OF EVENTS THROUGHOUT TWO WEEKS, THE FORUM PROVIDES CIVIL SOCIETY THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESSES AND CSW SESSIONS WITHOUT ECOSOC-ACCREDITATION OR A UN GROUNDS PASS.

2



## MONTHLY MEETINGS

EACH MONTH, WE HOST A MEETING FOR OUR COMMUNITY WITH AN EXPERT ROUNDTABLE ABOUT A TOPIC RELATED TO GENDER EQUALITY. EACH YEAR, ALL OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ADDRESS THE CSW PRIORITY THEME IN SOME WAY TO ALIGN WITH THE CSW PROCESS. ALL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. [LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

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## COMMUNITY BUILDING

CREATING A SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE, AND EMPOWERED COMMUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US AT NGO CSW/NY. THROUGH OUR NGO CSW FORUM, MONTHLY MEETINGS, AND ONLINE PRESENCE, WE WANT TO BRING TOGETHER WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, FEMINISTS, AND GENDER EQUALITY ADVOCATES FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO WORK TOWARD GLOBAL EQUALITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS.



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NGO CSW FORUM AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE**



**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NGO CSW NY MONTHLY MEETINGS**



# GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS

## *for Gender Equality*

IN 2024, THE YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YLYP) PROGRAM, AN INITIATIVE BY NGO CSW/NY AIMED AT FOSTERING INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE AND EMPOWERING YOUTH ADVOCATES IN THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT, LAUNCHED AN INAUGURAL COHORT OF 20 GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS FROM DIVERSE REGIONS WORLDWIDE. THE PROGRAM SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF GENDER EQUALITY ADVOCATES. GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS ENGAGED IN VARIOUS ADVOCACY EFFORTS, SHARED THEIR STORIES THROUGH A MULTIMEDIA PUBLICATION, AND PARTICIPATED IN SIGNIFICANT EVENTS LEADING UP TO AND DURING CSW68.

*A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNER, WOMEN HAVE WINGS, FOR HELPING US TO MAKE THE GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP POSSIBLE AND THE UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION FOR HELPING US BRING TEN OF OUR FELLOWS TO NYC FOR CSW68!*





# MEET THE NGO CSW/NY GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS for Gender Equality



**SHRUTI SUHANI SINGH (16)**

Fiji Women's  
Rights Movement  
FIJI



**TENDO RACHEAL (24)**

RTN Digital  
Agency  
UGANDA



**CÉCILE ROTH (26)**

United Cities and  
Local Governments  
(UCLG)  
SPAIN



**AMANDA ARROYO-CABEZAS (27)**

Nosotras Women  
Connecting  
COSTA RICA



**LILA MANSOUR (24)**

BC Arabic Legal  
Support Centre  
CANADA



**ISHA MANDAL (25)**

Center for Migration  
and Gender Justice  
NEPAL



**TAHINA BOOTH (38)**

Grass Skirt  
Project  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA



**ADITI PADIYAR (32)**

Women First  
International Fund  
INDIA



**ASHNA BASU (29)**

Young branch of the  
Medical Women's  
International Association  
AUSTRALIA



**MARINA CSIKOS (30)**

Phiren Amenca  
International Network  
BELGIUM/HUNGARY



# MEET THE NGO CSW/NY

# GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS *for Gender Equality*



ELIZABETH MENDOZA MALDONADO (26)

Hiperderecho  
NGO  
PERU



NICOLE MICHÈLE MEDZUH SOJIP

Handicapés et  
Fiers  
CAMEROON



DANIELLA SOLANO MORALES (32)

CIPAC  
COSTA RICA



MOUFEEDA HAIDAR (31)

Restless  
Development  
LEBANON



KHONGORZUL BATBAYAR (24)

Mongol Ecology  
Center  
MONGOLIA



MARDHIA HUSSEIN

IMOK-Independent  
Media Organization in  
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IRAQ



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Human Rights  
PAKISTAN



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Southeast Asia  
INDONESIA



SENAMILE MADLALA (27)

Women's Legal  
Centre  
SOUTH AFRICA



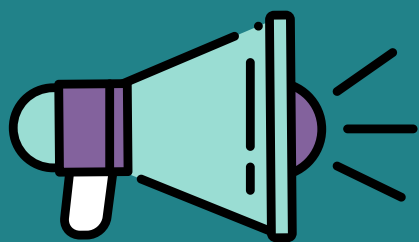
HILUX FOKOU NGOUMO (19)

Mifali  
CAMEROON



# GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS MULTIMEDIA PUBLICATION

AFTER THE FORUM, NGO CSW/NY & THE YLYPS PUBLISHED *YOUTH STORIES OF CHANGE: INSPIRING ANECDOTES OF YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS AROUND THE WORLD* TO SHARE THE STORIES, ACTIVISM, AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS OF THE FIRST-EVER COHORT OF GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS FOR GENDER EQUALITY. WE COMPILED MULTIMEDIA SUBMISSIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COHORT RANGING FROM PAINTINGS, TO PERSONAL ESSAYS, TO POEMS. THESE STORIES SHOWCASE THE INSPIRING JOURNEYS OF YOUNG PEOPLE STRIVING TO CREATE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL.



[CLICK HERE](#) TO READ  
INSPIRING YOUTH  
STORIES!



**YOUTH STORIES OF CHANGE**  
INSPIRING ANECDOTES OF YOUTH  
CHANGEMAKERS AROUND THE WORLD

BY THE INAUGURAL COHORT OF THE NGO CSW/NY  
GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS

# OVERVIEW OF THE NGO CSW FORUM & THE UN CSW



# WHAT IS THE NGO CSW FORUM?

THE NGO CSW FORUM IS ORGANIZED BY AND FOR GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND FEMINISTS TO CONNECT THEM WITH THE OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (UN CSW) PROCESS.

WITH OVER 750 EVENTS, THE NGO CSW FORUM INFORMS, ENGAGES, AND INSPIRES GRASSROOTS EFFORTS AND GENDER EQUALITY ADVOCACY AROUND THE WORLD. WHILE THE NGO CSW FORUM RUNS PARALLEL TO AND COMPLEMENTS THE UN CSW, IT IS A SEPARATE PROCESS WITH SEPARATE ORGANIZERS.



## WHAT IS THE CSW?



THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW) IS AN OFFICIAL COMMISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH FOCUSES ON THE RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY. IT'S AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY CONSISTING OF 45 MEMBER STATE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UN. AS THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CSW, UN WOMEN (AN OFFICIAL UN AGENCY), SUPPORTS ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK.

EACH YEAR, THE ANNUAL CSW SESSION, WHICH TAKES PLACE FOR TWO WEEKS IN MARCH IN NEW YORK, FOCUSES ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC RELATED TO GENDER EQUALITY KNOWN AS THE "PRIORITY THEME." AT THE END OF THE TWO WEEKS, AN OUTCOME DOCUMENT IS PRODUCED ON THE THEME.



# NGO CSW FORUM

- CIVIL SOCIETY GATHERING PARALLEL TO THE UN CSW & OUTSIDE OF THE UNHQ
- ORGANIZED BY NGO CSW/NY (A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION)
- HOSTS PARALLEL EVENTS AND OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY-LED EVENTS, ACTIVITIES & SPACES
- RECOMMENDATIONS PREPARED BY CIVIL SOCIETY TO INCLUDE IN THE CSW OUTCOME DOCUMENT
- FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



# UN CSW

- OFFICIAL UN COMMISSION AT THE UNHQ
- COORDINATED BY UN WOMEN (A UN AGENCY)
- HOSTS OFFICIAL SIDE EVENTS ORGANIZED BY UN AGENCIES, MEMBER STATES & CSOS
- OUTCOME DOCUMENT NEGOTIATED BY MEMBER STATES
- ONLY ECOSOC-ACCREDITED ORGS CAN OFFICIALLY REGISTER

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# 68TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW68)

THE 68TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN TOOK PLACE FROM 11 - 22 MARCH 2024. ALL FORMAL SESSIONS WERE HELD IN-PERSON AT THE UN HEADQUARTERS IN NYC WHILE SIDE EVENTS WERE HOSTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY.

## PRIORITY THEME



ACCELERATING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS BY ADDRESSING POVERTY AND STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS AND FINANCING WITH A GENDER PERSPECTIVE

## REVIEW THEME



SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS, ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

## AGREED CONCLUSIONS



THE COMMISSION ADOPTED AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON 22 MARCH 2024 AFTER TWO WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MEMBER STATES. READ THE DOCUMENT [HERE](#).

# SAFETY GUIDELINES



**SAFETY FIRST**

MAINTAINING A SAFE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS CONTINUES TO BE A TOP PRIORITY FOR NGO CSW/NY. CONTINUING OUR PRACTICE FROM LAST YEAR, ALL PARTICIPANTS AUTOMATICALLY AGREED TO OUR SAFETY GUIDELINES WHEN THEY REGISTERED FOR THE NGO CSW68 FORUM. THESE GUIDELINES EMPHASIZE RESPECT, INCLUSIVITY, COMPASSION, AND TRANSPARENCY TO CREATE A SAFE, WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ATTENDEES. IF YOU ENCOUNTERED HATEFUL OR UNSAFE SITUATIONS ON OUR PLATFORM, PLEASE EMAIL [SAFETY@NGOCSW.ORG](mailto:safety@ngocsw.org) AND OUR STAFF WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE IMMEDIATELY.

## SAFETY & SECURITY AT THE NGO CSW FORUM



NGO CSW/NY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING BOTH A SAFE AND FULFILLING EXPERIENCE AT THE NGO CSW FORUM. WE PROVIDED A RESOURCE FOR BOTH FORUM PARTICIPANTS AND PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZERS OUTLINING INFORMATION AND TIPS ON HOW TO HAVE A SAFE AND SECURE EXPERIENCE AT THE FORUM. SEE THE RESOURCE ON THE NEXT THREE PAGES. YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD THE RESOURCE [HERE](#).

ADDITIONALLY, IN ORDER TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SAFETY FOR PARTICIPANTS AT THIS YEARS' FORUM, WE HELD A DE-ESCALATION TRAINING FOR OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THIS PROVIDED THE TECHNIQUES NEEDED TO CALMLY DE-ESCALATE DISRUPTIVE OR POTENTIALLY UNSAFE SITUATIONS, PROTECTING THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE AT THE FORUM. WE ESPECIALLY THANK THE NYC COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND FOR PROVIDING THE TRAINING.

# HOW TO HAVE A SAFE & SECURE NGO CSW68 FORUM EXPERIENCE AS A PARTICIPANT

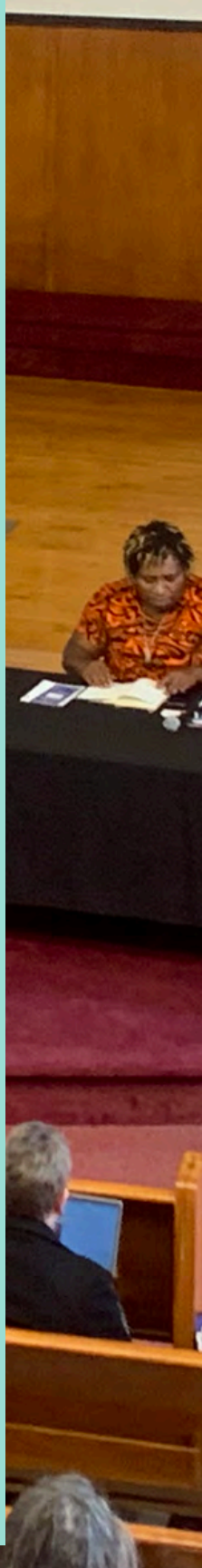


**1** RESPECT AND INCLUSIVITY: BASE ALL OF YOUR INTERACTIONS AT THE FORUM ON A FOUNDATION OF RESPECT AND INCLUSIVITY.

**2** NO HATEFUL COMMENTS: NGO CSW/NY DOES NOT TOLERATE HATEFUL, DISCRIMINATORY, OR OFFENSIVE COMMENTS OR HARASSMENT.

**3** VIRTUAL SAFETY GUIDELINES: FOLLOW AND UPHOLD OUR SAFETY GUIDELINES. THOSE WHO VIOLATE THESE GUIDELINES WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE FORUM.

**4** REPORTING STRUCTURE: IF YOU ENCOUNTER AN UNSAFE OR UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION, REPORT IT TO NGO CSW/NY BY EMAILING [SAFETY@NGOCSW.ORG](mailto:safety@ngocsw.org).



# HOW TO HOST A SAFE & SECURE VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENT



## 1 HOSTING VIRTUAL EVENTS

LESS INTERACTION IS MORE SECURE

- DISABLING THE CHAT AND Q&A, USING A ZOOM WEBINAR INSTEAD OF A ZOOM MEETING, AND KEEPING PARTICIPANTS MUTED ARE ALL EFFECTIVE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR EVENT SECURE.

## 3 LIMIT ZOOM- BOMBING

TO LIMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF “ZOOM-BOMBING” INTERRUPTIONS:

- REQUIRE REGISTRATION FOR YOUR EVENT INSTEAD OF PUBLISHING THE DIRECT LINK ONLINE.
- DISABLE PARTICIPANTS; ABILITY TO RENAME THEMSELVES.
- DISABLE PARTICIPANTS’ ABILITY TO SCREEN SHARE.
- DISABLE PARTICIPANTS’ ABILITY TO UNMUTE THEMSELVES DURING NON-INTERACTIVE PARTS OF THE EVENT.

## 2 SAFE PARTICIPATION

HERE’S SOME TIPS ON HOW TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS SAFELY.

- HAVE MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM MONITOR AND MANAGE CHAT FEATURES.
- ENSURE YOUR PARTICIPANTS VIEW AND UNDERSTAND OUR VIRTUAL SAFETY GUIDELINES.
- HAVE MEMBERS OF YOUR TEAM PREPARED TO REMOVE DISRUPTORS FROM YOUR EVENT AS NEEDED.

## 4 PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS

TO PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, ACTIVISTS, OR MINORS:

- ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO KEEP THEIR VIDEO OFF AND USE AN ALIAS.
- ENSURE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE AWARE IF YOUR EVENT IS RECORDED.
- BEFORE TAKING PHOTOS, GET CONSENT FROM YOUR AUDIENCE.



# HOW TO HOST A SAFE & SECURE IN-PERSON PARALLEL EVENT

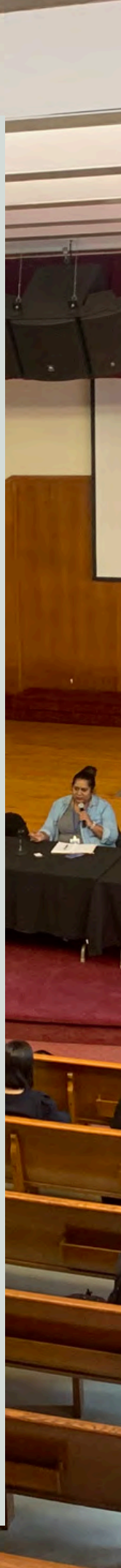


## 1 LOOK FOR STAFF:

- NGO CSW STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT FORUM VENUES. AT THE CCUN, OUR OFFICE IS ON THE 6TH FLOOR. AT THE SALVATION ARMY, WE WILL BE STATIONED IN THE LOBBY.
- FORUM VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE IN BETWEEN EVENTS TO HELP PEOPLE MOVE IN AND OUT OF EVENTS AND SET UP EQUIPMENT.

## 2 PROTECTING PARTICIPANTS:

- ENSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS ARE AWARE IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE PHOTOS OR RECORD YOUR EVENT.
- AT THE START OF YOUR EVENT, REMIND PARTICIPANTS OF OUR SAFETY GUIDELINES.



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# HIGHLIGHTS

## MORE THAN 12,300 PARTICIPANTS



### 15% OF PARTICIPANTS WERE YOUTH\*



\*Under 35

### ATTENDEES FROM 94 COUNTRIES



NEW

## 44%

OF ATTENDEES  
WERE NEW TO  
THE NGO CSW  
FORUM



## 51%

OF PARTICIPANTS  
WERE FROM THE  
GLOBAL SOUTH

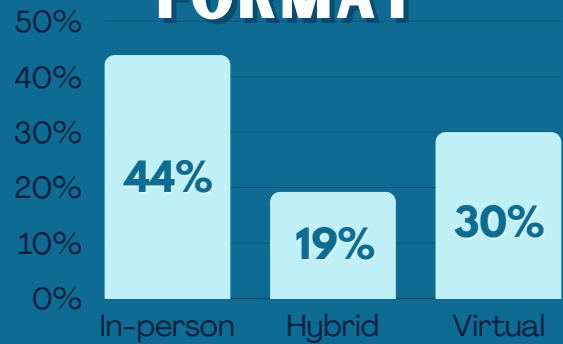
**61%**

**PARTICIPANT ORGANIZATIONS WERE ECOSOC-ACCREDITED**

**91%**

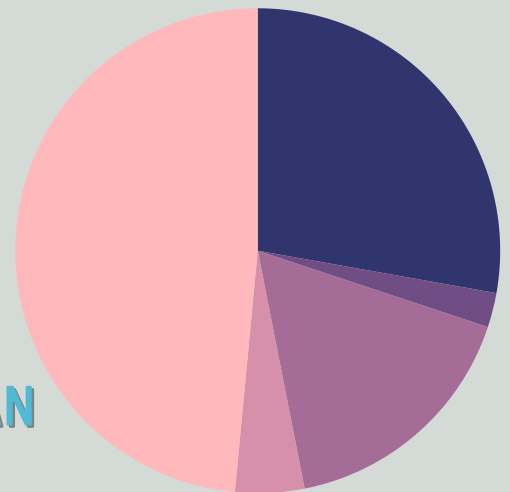
**OF ATTENDEES FOUND THE FORUM PRODUCTIVE**

## BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPATION FORMAT



## REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

- 28% AFRICA
- 2% ARAB STATES/MENA
- 17% ASIA PACIFIC
- 5% LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN
- 49% NORTH AMERICA & EUROPE



## PARTICIPANTS' TOP 3 ASPECTS OF THE FORUM

**PARALLEL EVENTS**

**68%**

**CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS**

**42%**

**NETWORKING**

**50%**

# PREPARATION FOR THE FORUM

ORGANIZING A HYBRID, TWO-WEEK FORUM WITH SUCH A SMALL TEAM IS A HUGE UNDERTAKING REQUIRING MONTHS OF PREPARATION AND PLANNING. IN THIS SECTION, LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW NGO CSW/NY ORGANIZES THE NGO CSW68 FORUM AND HELPS PREPARE PARTICIPANTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND FULFILLING EXPERIENCE.

## PLANNING PROCESS

TO ORGANIZE THE NUMEROUS ASPECTS THAT MAKE UP THE FORUM, NGO CSW/NY FORMS SUBCOMMITTEES MADE UP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GLOBAL NGO CSW LEADERSHIP, AND NGO CSW/NY MEMBERS TO TACKLE THE PLANNING OF EACH EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR PROGRAM. THE MAJORITY OF THE DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO PLANNING THE FORUM ARE VOLUNTEERS, AND WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXECUTE THE FORUM WITHOUT THEM. LED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTED BY THE PROGRAM MANAGER AND INTERNS, THE SUBCOMMITTEES' WORK CAME TOGETHER TO FORM THE ENTIRE NGO CSW68 FORUM EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING THE PARALLEL EVENTS, NGO CSW/NY EVENTS, RESOURCES, PREPARATORY TRAINING EVENTS AND TUTORIALS, COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SHARING, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS AND MORE!





# TRAININGS AND TUTORIALS

TO HELP PARTICIPANTS GET THE MOST OUT OF THE VIRTUAL PORTAL, VFAIRS, WE AND OUR PARTNERS AT VFAIRS WORKED TOGETHER TO PREPARE SEVERAL TUTORIAL VIDEOS AND HELD THREE LIVE TRAINING SESSIONS LEADING UP TO THE FORUM. THIS PROVIDED OUR COMMUNITY WITH HELPFUL GUIDANCE ON HOW TO SET UP THEIR EVENTS, EXHIBIT BOOTHS, AND HANDBOOK AD PAGES ON THE VIRTUAL PORTAL, GUIDANCE ON NAVIGATING THE PORTAL'S DIFFERENT PAGES AND FEATURES, AS WELL AS A CHANCE TO ASK US QUESTIONS IN REAL TIME DURING THE TRAINING EVENTS.

91% OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS FOUND THE TRAININGS WE PROVIDED TO BE HELPFUL. THE TRAINING RECORDINGS AND TUTORIAL VIDEOS CAN ALL BE FOUND ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL [HERE](#).

## FOR PARTICIPANTS

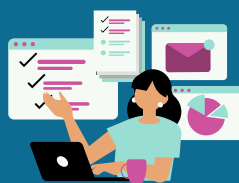
NGO CSW68 FORUM PARTICIPANT TRAINING



## FOR PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZERS

PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZER TRAININGS

1. PART 1 (INTRO)
2. PART 2 (VIRTUAL)
3. PART 3 (IN PERSON)



## FOR EXHIBITORS & SPONSORS

TRAINING FOR EXHIBITORS & HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS



# VIRTUAL CONSULTATION DAY

EACH YEAR, NGO CSW/NY HOSTS A CONSULTATION DAY EVENT ON THE SUNDAY BEFORE CSW TO KICK OFF THE NGO CSW FORUM AND PREPARE ATTENDEES FOR THE UPCOMING CSW AND FORUM. THIS YEAR, THE VIRTUAL EVENT FOCUSED ON THE CSW68 PRIORITY THEME: *DIGITAL TECH AND INNOVATION*. THE PROGRAM INCLUDED A HIGH-LEVEL CONVERSATION BETWEEN UN OFFICIALS, EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND FEMINIST ENTERTAINMENT! READ [THE PROGRAM](#) AND WATCH [THE RECORDING](#).





# YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES

## FOR NGO CSW68

EACH YEAR, THE YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HOST AN EVENT SERIES LEADING UP TO THE CSW AND NGO CSW FORUM. THE SERIES AIMS TO PREPARE YOUTH TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE EXPERIENCE AT THE CSW. THE EIGHT EVENTS IN THE SERIES INCLUDE INFORMATIONAL PANELS, ADVOCACY TRAINING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NETWORKING SESSIONS. THIS YEAR, THE YOUTH PREP SERIES WAS PREPARED AND PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF OUR INAUGURAL COHORT OF GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS.

CHECK OUT THE SERIES BELOW, WATCH [HERE!](#)

<b>JAN 24</b>	<b>HOW YOUTH STORYTELLING FOR GENDER EQUALITY CAN RENEW LEADERSHIP, FROM THE LOCAL TO THE GLOBAL</b>
<b>JAN 31</b>	<b>HOW TO FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN AN INTERSECTIONAL AND INCLUSIVE APPROACH.</b>
<b>FEB 07</b>	<b>AMPLIFYING VOICES THROUGH ADVOCACY: ESSENTIAL ROLE OF GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM</b>
<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>MIGRANT VOICES WITH GENDERED LENS</b>
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>SHAPING PERSPECTIVES: POSITIVE TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH</b>
<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>LOCAL STORIES, GLOBAL IMPACT: BLEEDING FREE FROM PREJUDICE</b>

# NGO CSW68 FORUM COMMUNICATIONS

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE THE NGO CSW68 FORUM AND PROVIDE OUR CONSTITUENCY WITH THE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES THEY NEEDED FOR A SUCCESSFUL FORUM EXPERIENCE, HAVING A COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE WAS ESSENTIAL.

THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MET WEEKLY TO DISCUSS AND LAY OUT COMMUNICATIONS PLANS FOR THE NGO CSW68 FORUM. THIS INCLUDED:



## SOCIAL MEDIA

BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE FORUM, SOCIAL MEDIA WAS A CRUCIAL TOOL FOR INFORMING ATTENDEES ABOUT FORUM TRAININGS, OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AND NGO CSW/NY ACTIVITIES DURING CSW. DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT WAS STRONG; ON INSTAGRAM, WE REACHED OVER 3,000 INDIVIDUALS WITH OUR POSTS DURING THE FORUM ALONE, AND GAINED OVER 300 NEW FOLLOWERS FROM THE FORUM ALONE.

## EMAIL CAMPAIGNS



COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGNS WERE PLANNED AND EXECUTED FOR EVENTS AND INFORMATION LEADING UP TO THE FORUM, SUCH AS THE NGO CSW/NY'S MONTHLY MEETINGS, OUR YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES, AND NGO CSW68 FORUM TRAINING EVENTS.



## DIGITAL RESOURCES

IN ADDITION TO OUR DAILY CALENDAR OF FORUM ACTIVITIES, WE PROMOTED OUR DIGITAL HANDBOOK TO OUR PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZERS, EXHIBITORS AND HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS.



# ADVOCACY FOR THE FORUM

THIS YEAR, NGO CSW/NY REAFFIRMED ITS COMMITMENT TO ADVOCACY AND PARTICIPATION BY PROVIDING TRAINING TOOLS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH OTHERS. CSW68 WAS ANOTHER YEAR OF ADVOCACY AT THE CENTERPOINT OF THE NGO CSW FORUM, WHERE SO MANY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED THAT THEY COULD BUILD THEIR ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM AS A RESULT OF WHAT THEY LEARNED AT THE FORUM. OUR ADVOCACY TOOLKIT AND ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSIONS PROVIDED VITAL INFORMATION ON EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH CSW PROCESSES AND OUR ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH GROUP PRODUCED EVIDENCE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ZERO DRAFT OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT.

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(Left to right: Pamela Morgan, Co-Chair, NGO CSW/NY; Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvand, Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, UN Women; Lopa Banerjee, Director of Civil Society Division, UN Women; Ivy Koek, Co-Chair, NGO CSW/NY)



# ENGAGEMENT WITH MEMBER STATES

NGO CSW/NY HOSTED THE CHAIR OF CSW68 AT ONE OF OUR CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS, WHERE CRITICAL UPDATES ON OUTCOME DOCUMENT NEGOTIATIONS WERE SHARED WITH ATTENDEES. YOUTH DELEGATES GAVE CRITICAL NEGOTIATIONS UPDATES AT OUR YOUTH CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING, AND OTHER MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES GAVE INSIGHTS AT OTHER BRIEFINGS WE GAVE.

PARTICIPANTS TOO FELT THAT MEMBER STATE ENGAGEMENT WAS SIGNIFICANT; 33% OF PARTICIPANTS CAME AWAY FROM THE FORUM FEELING THAT THEY COULD BETTER ADVOCATE MEMBER STATES AND GOVERNMENTS BASED ON WHAT THEY LEARNED FROM THEIR EXPERIENCE.





# ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

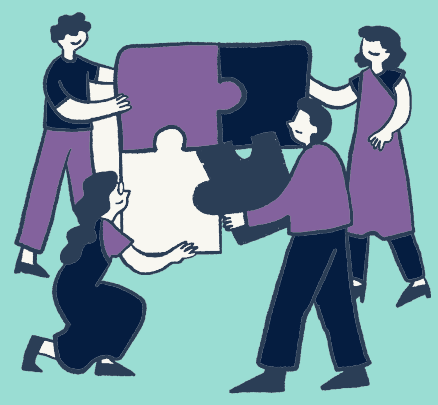
CSW68 SAW ANOTHER ITERATION OF OUR SIGNATURE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT, A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING AND ENGAGING IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THE TOOLKIT IS DESIGNED TO HELP NGOS, CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES, AND FEMINISTS BUILD THEIR CAPACITY TO ADVOCATE FOR THEIR ORGANIZATION, WORK, AND GLOBAL GENDER EQUALITY AT THE CSW.

THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT PRESENTS ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE UN SYSTEM AND CSW PROCESS, AND PROVIDES ADVOCACY RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED DURING CSW NEGOTIATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, IT OFFERS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING SOCIAL MEDIA SKILLS, WHICH CAN BE A VALUABLE TOOL IN ADVOCACY EFFORTS. OVERALL, THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT IS A BENEFICIAL RESOURCE FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEX WORLD OF THE UN AND CSW PROCESSES AND ADVOCATE EFFECTIVELY FOR GENDER EQUALITY.



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# ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSIONS



NGO CSW/NY HELD AN ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION PRIOR TO THE FORUM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DIFFERENT WAYS TO ADVOCATE FOR YOUR WORK AND ORGANIZATION AT THE NGO CSW FORUM AND THE UN CSW. THE EVENT INCLUDED ADVOCACY TIPS AND TRICKS, INFO ON HOW TO ENGAGE IN THE CSW68 NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS, AN OVERVIEW OF OUR ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP, AND AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR NGO CSW68 ADVOCACY TOOLKIT.



**WATCH THE ADVOCACY TRAINING  
RECORDING**





# ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP'S CSW68 SIX KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



THIS YEAR, THE ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP (ARG) COLLABORATED WITH GLOBAL CIVIL SOCIETY TO CREATE REPRESENTATIVE AND RESEARCHED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CSW OUTCOME DOCUMENT. THIS YEAR, THE ARG PROVIDED 5 KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND A YOUTH RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE PRIORITY THEME OF ADDRESSING POVERTY AND STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

**1** A JUST AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC MODEL THAT INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALLEVIATE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' POVERTY IS PARAMOUNT.

**2** PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH A GENDER SENSITIVE CURRICULUM FREE OF HARMFUL GENDER STEREOTYPES AS WELL AS MAKING CURRICULA AND PEDAGOGIES RELEVANT FOR TODAY AND FOR TOMORROW.

**3** ENGAGE THE MOST IMPOVERISHED AND MARGINALIZED WOMEN AND GIRLS IN EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATELY FINANCED POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MULTIPLE AND INTERSECTING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES.



**4** A FEMINIST, GENDER ANALYSIS NEEDS TO BE INCORPORATED INTO ECONOMIC POLICIES TO INCLUDE ITS DIFFERENTIATED IMPACT ON WOMEN, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF COLONIALISM.

**5** GOVERNMENTS MUST RECOGNIZE AND ADDRESS SOCIAL SERVICES SUCH AS HEALTH, EDUCATION, WATER AND SANITATION, AMONG OTHERS, WHILE LOWERING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEBT LEVELS THAT HAVE BEEN INCREASING TO ALARMING, UNPRECEDENTED LEVELS.

**6** YOUTH, ADOLESCENT'S AND GIRLS' ENGAGEMENT IS CRITICAL TO FORMULATING, DESIGNING, AND DEVELOPING POLICIES AND PROGRAMS REGARDING POVERTY, FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND OTHER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.



NGO CSW 68

# FORUM PROGRAM







# PARALLEL EVENTS

ONE OF THE KEY COMPONENTS AND THE MOST POPULAR ASPECT OF THE NGO CSW FORUM IS THE PARALLEL EVENTS. EACH YEAR, WE INVITE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE GLOBE TO APPLY TO HOST A PARALLEL EVENT, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ECOSOC STATUS. THESE EVENTS ARE TOTALLY ORGANIZED BY THE HOST ORGANIZATION AND ADDRESS THE CSW PRIORITY THEME IN SOME WAY.

PARALLEL EVENTS NOT ONLY PROVIDE A SPACE AND VOICE FOR CSOS WHO MAY NOT HAVE A VOICE AT OR ACCESS TO THE UN, BUT THEY ALSO ALLOW FOR EDUCATION AND GALVANIZING AROUND DIFFERENT ISSUES AND TOPICS WITHIN THE FEMINIST AND WOMEN'S MOVEMENT. PARALLEL EVENTS ARE TOTALLY FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THIS YEAR, THE FORUM HELD IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL PARALLEL EVENTS.

# PARALLEL EVENT STATS



**800+**  
**PARALLEL  
EVENTS**

**68%**

**OF PARTICIPANTS SAID  
PARALLEL EVENTS WERE  
THEIR FAVORITE PART OF  
THE FORUM**



**62%**

**OF PARTICIPANTS SAID  
PARALLEL EVENTS WERE THE  
MOST BENEFICIAL ASPECT OF  
THE FORUM**



# CONVERSATION CIRCLES

CONVERSATION CIRCLES ARE SEMI-STRUCTURED VIRTUAL SPACES THAT ADDRESS DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CSW PRIORITY THEME. WE HOSTED SIX CONVERSATION CIRCLES THIS YEAR – ONE FOR EACH OF THE SIX CATEGORIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS PRODUCED BY THE ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH GROUP. FACILITATORS GUIDED ATTENDEES THROUGH PARTICIPATORY ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT OUR MOST PRESSING ISSUES. THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POVERTY CONVERSATION CIRCLE ENGAGED PARTICIPANTS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, AND ARABIC. IN ADDITION, THE YLYPS HOSTED THEIR FIRST EVER YOUTH CONVERSATION CIRCLE, WHICH ENGAGED THE IN-PERSON ATTENDING GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWS AND WAS BROADCASTED LIVE FROM CCUN.

NOT ALL CONVERSATION CIRCLES WERE RECORDED, BUT YOU CAN WATCH THE AVAILABLE RECORDINGS BELOW.

## CONVERSATION CIRCLE RECORDINGS

- EDUCATION AND POVERTY
- GENDER BIAS IN ECONOMIC POLICY
- DEBT CRISIS & ITS IMPACT ON WOMEN
- WOMEN'S POVERTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE
- SOCIAL JUSTICE AND POVERTY (ENG)
- YOUTH PANEL CONVERSATION CIRCLE



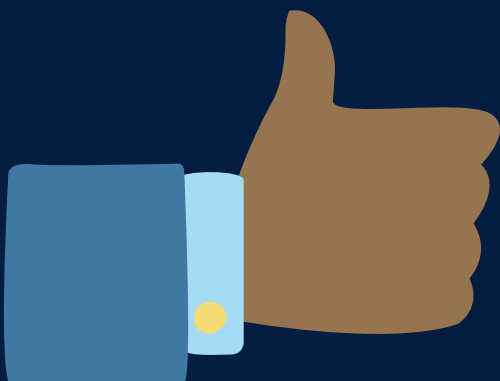
# CONVERSATION CIRCLE STATS

## MOST ATTENDED CONVERSATION CIRCLE



## WOMEN'S POVERTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

**45%** OF FORUM PARTICIPANTS  
ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE  
CONVERSATION CIRCLE



**96%**

OF CONVERSATION CIRCLE  
PARTICIPANTS WERE  
SATISFIED WITH THE  
SESSION(S)



# REGIONAL CAUCUSES

REGIONAL CAUCUSES WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE NGO CSW68 FORUM, HOSTED BY THE GLOBAL NGO CSWS, THE EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA CAUCUS, AND THE WOMEN & GIRLS OF AFRICAN DESCENT REGIONAL CAUCUS. THESE SESSIONS WERE INFORMAL, LOOSELY-MODERATED SPACES FOR PARTICIPANTS TO DISCUSS AND REFLECT UPON REGIONAL ADVOCACY AND THEIR REGION'S MOST RELEVANT AND PRESSING ISSUES. EACH REGIONAL CAUCUS HAD TWO SESSIONS, ONE DURING THE FIRST WEEK AND ONE DURING THE SECOND. THIS YEAR, WE EXPANDED THE CAUCUSES TO INCLUDE AN LGBTQIA+ CAUCUS, AND A WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT CAUCUS.

REGIONAL CAUCUS SESSIONS WERE NOT RECORDED. HOWEVER, YOU MAY GO TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL TO WATCH RECORDING FROM PAST YEARS.



# REGIONAL CAUCUS STATS

**MOST  
ATTENDED  
REGIONAL  
CAUCUS:**



**AFRICA**

**49%**

**OF FORUM  
PARTICIPANTS  
ATTENDED AT  
LEAST ONE  
REGIONAL  
CAUCUS**



**91%**

**OF CAUCUS ATTENDEES  
FOUND THE SESSION(S)  
PRODUCTIVE**







# CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS

THROUGHOUT THE TWO WEEKS OF THE FORUM, NGO CSW/NY HOSTED A CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING NEARLY EVERY DAY INSIDE THE UN HEADQUARTERS AND LIVE-STREAMED ON UN WEBTV. EACH BRIEFING ADDRESSED VARIOUS TOPICS IN ADDITION TO UPDATES ON THE CSW68 OUTCOME DOCUMENT NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS BY SPEAKERS REPRESENTING MEMBER STATES, UN WOMEN, AND CIVIL SOCIETY. WE ALSO TOOK QUESTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT EACH SESSION.

## CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS RECORDINGS

- REGIONAL FOCUS: TUESDAY 12 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE & FFD: WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- BEIJING+30 & CEDAW: THURSDAY 14 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: FRIDAY 15 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- YOUTH BRIEFING: MONDAY 18 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- AGENDA EQUALITY: TUESDAY 19 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#)
- NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE: WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH | NOT RECORDED
- CSW REVITALIZATION & SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE: THURSDAY 21 MARCH | WATCH [HERE](#).



# CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING STATS



**42%**

**OF FORUM  
PARTICIPANTS SAID  
THE CIVIL SOCIETY  
BRIEFINGS WERE  
THE MOST  
BENEFICIAL PART OF  
THE FORUM**



**59%**



**OF FORUM  
PARTICIPANTS  
ATTENDED AT  
LEAST ONE CIVIL  
SOCIETY BRIEFING**

**93%**

**OF BRIEFING  
ATTENDEES  
WERE  
SATISFIED  
WITH THE  
SESSION(S)**





# EXHIBIT BOOTHS

FOR THE FOURTH YEAR, WE HOSTED VIRTUAL EXHIBIT BOOTHS ON THE NGO CSW FORUM VIRTUAL PORTAL. THIS VIRTUAL FEATURE IMITATES A TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON EXHIBITION HALL WITH DIFFERENT "BOOTHS" THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN VISIT.

ORGANIZATIONS, GROUPS, AND COALITIONS WERE INVITED TO PURCHASE A BOOTH, WHERE THEY COULD ADD INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR ORGANIZATION, UPLOAD PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AND FILES, COLLECT CONTACT INFORMATION FROM VISITORS, AND HOST EVENTS. DURING THE TWO WEEKS OF THE FORUM, PARTICIPANTS COULD VISIT EACH OF THE EXHIBIT BOOTHS TO MEET WITH LIVE REPRESENTATIVES AND LEARN ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION.





# HANDBOOK ADS

THE NGO CSW68 FORUM INTERACTIVE DIGITAL HANDBOOK PROVIDED FORUM ATTENDEES A GUIDE ON EVERYTHING HAPPENING DURING THE TWO WEEKS. THE HANDBOOK INCLUDES EXCLUSIVE STATEMENTS BY THE CHAIR OF CSW, UN WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE NGO CSW/NY CHAIR, AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL VIPs. IT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF NGO CSW/NY'S EVENTS AND THE FULL SCHEDULE OF PARALLEL EVENTS, AS WELL AS ADVERTISEMENTS FROM OUR HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS.

EVERY YEAR, ORGANIZATIONS AND PARALLEL EVENT ORGANIZERS ARE ABLE TO SPONSOR A HANDBOOK AD TO PROMOTE THEIR WORK AND/OR PARALLEL EVENT. BEFORE COVID-19, HANDBOOK ADS ONLY INCLUDED A GRAPHIC TO INCLUDE IN THE NGO CSW FORUM HANDBOOK AND ON OUR WEBSITE. SINCE 2021, WE HAVE EXPANDED WHAT SPONSORING A HANDBOOK AD INCLUDES BY ALLOWING HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS TO ALSO HOST A UNIQUE PAGE ON THE NGO CSW FORUM VIRTUAL PORTAL. THESE HANDBOOK AD PAGES INCLUDE A LOGO, DESCRIPTION, PHOTOS, HANDOUTS, AND MORE!

**SEE THE NGO CSW68 FORUM  
 HANDBOOK AD SPONSORS**

**NGO CSW68**

# **INTERACTIVE DIGITAL HANDBOOK**

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**DOWNLOAD THE NGO CSW68 FORUM INTERACTIVE HANDBOOK**



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# OUTCOMES OF THE FORUM

REFLECTING ON THE NGO CSW68 FORUM AND NEXT STEPS



# WHAT DID THE FORUM DELIVER?

## ADVOCACY

OUR ADVOCACY TOOLKIT FOR CSW68 WAS DESIGNED TO HELP NGOS, CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES, AND FEMINISTS BUILD THEIR CAPACITY TO ADVOCATE AT THE UN AND CSW. WE ALSO HOSTED AN ORIENTATION AND AN ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION PRIOR TO CSW68 TO PREPARE EVENT ATTENDEES ON HOW TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND PRODUCTIVE EXPERIENCE AT THE FORUM.

OUR UN ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP (UNWG) TOOK THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVOCACY & RESEARCH GROUP (ARG) TO SHARE OUR ADVOCACY PRIORITIES BEFORE CSW68 WITH MEMBER STATES, FOSTERING OUR EXISTING AND SEEKING OUT NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH MISSIONS. UNWG MET WITH 21 MISSIONS AND 2 UN OFFICES THIS YEAR. THE ARG RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ALSO SHARED WITH ALL 45 MEMBER STATES ON THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

OUR YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMUNITY IS OVER 4,000 STRONG. OUR YOUTH CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFING DURING THE FORUM, CO-LED BY UN WOMEN, WAS VERY WELL-ATTENDED AND INFORMED YOUTH CSW PARTICIPANTS ON THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS (STRAIGHT FROM YOUTH DELEGATES THEMSELVES) AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES.



THIS FORUM SAW THE LAUNCH OF OUR FIRST COHORT OF THE GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, A COLLABORATION BETWEEN NGO CSW'S YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YLYPS) AND OUR PARTNER, WOMEN HAVE WINGS. 20 FELLOWS SELECTED FROM NEARLY 500 APPLICATIONS FROM YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WERE CHOSEN FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO GENDER EQUALITY, THE DIVERSITY OF EXPERIENCE THAT THEY BRING TO THE UN, AND THEIR ABILITY TO INSPIRE OTHERS.



IN PREPARATION FOR THE FORUM, OUR FELLOWS LED OUR YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES, FOCUSING ON DIFFERENT ADVOCACY TOPICS WITH REGIONAL FOCUSES AROUND THE WORLD. THE SERIES PREPARED YOUTH TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL AND EFFECTIVE EXPERIENCE AT THE CSW. WATCH THE AVAILABLE RECORDINGS [HERE](#).

FORUM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT WAS STRONG VIRTUALLY, WITH OUR YOUTH PREPARATION SERIES IN ADVANCE OF CSW68 ACCUMULATING OVER 600 YOUTUBE STREAMS, AND OUR FIRST YOUTH CONVERSATION CIRCLE WAS THE SECOND-MOST STREAMED CONVERSATION CIRCLE OUT OF THE SIX WE HOSTED DURING THE FORUM.

# LOOKING AHEAD & CONNECTING THE DOTS



## ADVOCACY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CSW68 AGREED CONCLUSIONS

*THE CSW68 IS OVER, BUT OUR WORK IS NOT DONE!*

AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE FORUM AND CSW, WE SHIFT OUR EFFORTS TO ANALYZING THE CSW OUTCOME DOCUMENT AND ADVOCATING FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION. OUR APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE MONTHLY MEETINGS FOCUS ON THIS POST-CSW WORK. THROUGHOUT THE THREE MEETINGS, WE HEAR FROM CIVIL SOCIETY EXPERTS, CSW BUREAU MEMBERS, UN WOMEN, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS DEBRIEFING THE CSW NEGOTIATIONS PROCESS AND THE RESULTING OUTCOME DOCUMENT. WE ALSO HEAR FROM PARTICIPANTS ABOUT THEIR REFLECTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CSW AND HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT ON A REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL.

ALL OF OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR [YOUTUBE CHANNEL!](#) CHECK THEM OUT TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SINCE THE FORUM.



# POST FORUM MONTHLY MEETINGS



## APRIL

WATCH OUR [APRIL MONTHLY MEETING](#), WHERE WE HOSTED A DEBRIEF OF THE CSW68 OUTCOMES. WE LOOKED AT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE CSW68 WITH SPEAKERS FROM MEMBER STATES, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND OTHER UN SPACES. WE HELD A RICH DIALOGUE ON THE [CSW68 AGREED CONCLUSIONS](#) NEGOTIATIONS WHERE WE HEARD CIVIL SOCIETY REFLECTIONS ON THE FORUM AND UN ENGAGEMENT. WE ALSO SET THE SCENE FOR LOOKING FORWARD TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION, THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE, AND BEIJING +30. [SEE THE FULL PROGRAM HERE.](#)

## MAY & JUNE

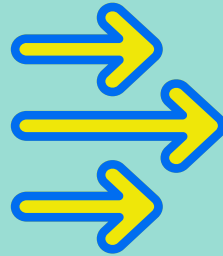
[WATCH](#) OUR MAY MONTHLY MEETING, PART 1 OF A TWO-PART SERIES, WHERE WE BEGAN WITH A DISCUSSION ON THE NGO CSW/NY SURVEY ON CSW REVITALIZATION CONDUCTED IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF 2024 FOLLOWED BY REPORTS ON GENDER EQUALITY AT THE UN CIVIL SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI FROM NGO CSW/NY CO-CHAIR & PARTICIPANTS. WE THEN FOLLOWED THE GENDER EQUALITY THREAD FROM THE UN CSC TO THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE, WHERE WE HEARD ABOUT HOW CIVIL SOCIETY CAN ENGAGE TO ENSURE ROBUST AND MEANINGFUL COMMITMENTS ON GENDER EQUALITY IN THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE. [SEE THE FULL PROGRAM.](#)

[WATCH](#) OUR JUNE MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE FINAL ITERATION OF OUR TWO-PART SERIES, WHERE WE HEARD FROM ADVOCATES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM REGIONAL NGO CSWS ABOUT THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR B+30. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FOCUS ON GENDER ACROSS UN PROCESSES AND CROSS-CUTTING MECHANISMS, THIS DIALOGUE CENTERED ON HOW TO ENGAGE IN GENDER ADVOCACY TO ENSURE THAT THESE MECHANISMS ARE INTERDEPENDENT AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING. [SEE THE FULL PROGRAM.](#)

# THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

## WHAT IS IT?

THE SUMMIT IS A HIGH-LEVEL EVENT, GATHERING PROMINENT WORLD LEADERS FROM VARIOUS NATIONS TO COLLABORATE ON FORGING A NEW INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS. THIS CONSENSUS AIMS TO DELIVER A BETTER PRESENT FOR ALL HUMANITY AND SAFEGUARD THE FUTURE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. THOSE PRESENT AT THE SUMMIT WILL WORK TOWARD CREATING A PACT FOR A FUTURE THROUGH SHARED GOALS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IN ADDRESSING THE PRESSING ISSUES OF OUR TIME.



IN AN INCREASINGLY INTERCONNECTED WORLD, EFFECTIVE GLOBAL COOPERATION IS CRITICAL TO OUR SURVIVAL. HOWEVER, ACHIEVING THIS COOPERATION IS NO SMALL FEAT. THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF MISTRUST BETWEEN NATIONS, COUPLED WITH THE RELIANCE ON OUTDATED STRUCTURES AND FRAMEWORKS, POSES SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES. MANY OF OUR INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND STRUCTURES WERE ESTABLISHED IN A DIFFERENT ERA AND NO LONGER REFLECT THE COMPLEX AND RAPIDLY EVOLVING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REALITIES OF TODAY.

THE SUMMIT SEEKS TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES HEAD-ON, PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR OPEN DIALOGUE, INNOVATIVE THINKING, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW STRATEGIES. BY FOSTERING A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, THE EVENT AIMS TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS, REBUILD TRUST, AND CREATE MORE EFFECTIVE MECHANISMS FOR GLOBAL GOVERNANCE. THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO ENSURE A SUSTAINABLE, PROSPEROUS, AND PEACEFUL FUTURE FOR ALL.

THE SUMMIT WILL TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK CITY FROM SEPTEMBER 22-23, WITH ACTION DAYS SEPTEMBER 20-21.

READ MORE ABOUT THE SOTF [HERE](#), AND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ACTION DAYS [HERE](#).

## OUR WORK

IN THE ZERO DRAFT OF THE OUTCOME DOCUMENT OF THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE OUTCOME DOCUMENT, THE PACT FOR THE FUTURE, CHAPTER 5 DISCUSSES TRANSFORMING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE. PART OF THIS SECTION DISCUSSES THE REVITALIZATION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING AND COLLABORATING WITH PARTNERS, COLLEAGUES, AND FELLOW CIVIL SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVES TO IMAGINE WHAT THIS COULD LOOK LIKE; HOW THE CSW COULD BE REIMAGINED TO BETTER FULFILL ITS MANDATE.

IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY OF 2024, WE CONDUCTED A SURVEY TO GAUGE CIVIL SOCIETY'S OPINION AND THOUGHTS AROUND THIS.

SEE THE PRESENTATION ON THE RESULTS OF THAT SURVEY [HERE](#), AND OUR [TWO-PAGER](#) SUMMARIZING OUR FINDINGS!

# CSW69 & BEIJING+30

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