10-21 March, 2025

NGO CSW FORUM 69

BEIJING+30

INTERACTIVE HANDBOOK

NGO CSW New York

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WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

IVY KOEK & PAMELA MORGAN

Dear colleagues and friends,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to the NGO CSW69 Forum! As Co-Chairs of NGO CSW/NY, we are honored to convene this dynamic global gathering of advocates, activists, and changemakers committed to advancing gender equality and women's rights.

This year's Forum is especially significant as we mark the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action—a landmark framework that remains one of the most powerful blueprints for achieving gender justice worldwide. While we celebrate the progress made since the 1995 Fourth World Conference on Women, we also recognize the persistent and emerging challenges that demand our collective action.

As the world faces increasing crises, from conflicts and climate disasters to economic instability and attacks on human rights, the need for solidarity, resilience, and hope has never been greater. This Forum continues to serve as a space to unite voices, exchange strategies, and reaffirm our shared commitment to a world where gender equality is not just an aspiration, but a reality for all, and where women's rights are human rights!

Throughout this week, we encourage you to engage deeply, build alliances across generations and movements, and amplify the voices of those too often silenced. Whether you are joining us in person or virtually, your presence and contributions are vital to shaping the future for women and girls.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we honor the past, confront the present, and forge a path toward a just and equitable future.

With solidarity and hope,



Ivy Koek
Soka Gakkai International



Pamela Morgan
Zonta International

SAFETY AT THE FORUM

HOW TO HAVE A **SAFE & SECURE FORUM EXPERIENCE**
AS A PARTICIPANT

Respect & Inclusivity

Base all of your interactions at the Forum on a foundation of respect and inclusivity.

No hateful comments

NGO CSW/NY does not tolerate any hateful, discriminatory, or offensive comments or harassment.

Safety Guidelines

Follow and uphold our Safety Guidelines & Principles (pg.). Those who violate these guidelines will be removed from the Forum.

Reporting Structure

If you encounter an unsafe or uncomfortable situation, report it to NGO CSW/NY at virtualsafety@ngocsw.org and we will address the issue immediately.

Email us with any questions or concerns at:
info@ngocsw.org or virtualsafety@ngocsw.org

SAFETY GUIDELINES & PRINCIPLES

NGO CSW/NY is committed to ensuring that everyone has a fulfilling experience during the NGO CSW Forum. Our goal is to make this space as inclusive and productive as possible through a shared leadership model. Below are some guidelines for successfully navigating the forum, as well as principles to follow to assure a safe environment founded in respect and inclusivity. These principles apply to all of the NGO CSW Forum spaces, and NGO CSW/NY events.

- 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

COVID-19 Safety

Please be mindful of your health as well as the health of other attendees, especially those who may be immunocompromised or vulnerable to COVID-19 illness. If you feel ill at any point during the NGO CSW Forum or any NGO CSW/NY in-person events, please wear a mask. Information on COVID-19 testing in NYC can be found here.

Take care of you!

The NGO CSW Forum can be a fast-paced and dynamic environment, and it is okay to feel overwhelmed. It is okay to step away and take a break or try deep breathing exercises: inhale for four counts, hold for four counts, exhale for four counts, hold for four counts and repeat 10 times.

Please feel free to visit our Healing and Community space during the NGO CSW Forum!

Reporting harassment or violations of these guidelines

If you have experienced any form of harassment or encountered a hostile environment during the NGO CSW Forum or in any NGO CSW/NY spaces, please report the experience to safety@ngocsw.org immediately and we will address the situation. NGO CSW/NY has the right and responsibility to remove anyone who does not adhere to these guidelines and principles. Refunds are not given to those who are removed.

Email us with any questions or concerns at:
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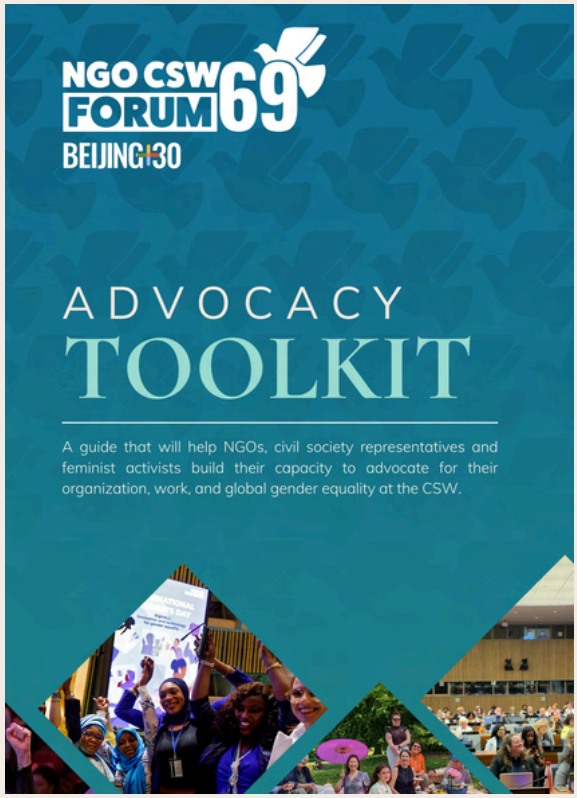
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SAFETY & SECURITY AT THE FORUM

NGO CSW69 ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Read our NGO CSW69 Advocacy Toolkit which aims to help NGOs, civil society representatives and feminists build their capacity to advocate for their organization, work, and global gender equality at the CSW.



There are a myriad of ways for civil society to participate in the NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW. It is a great space for networking, sharing your organization's work, and learning about gender equality issues and actions. However, it's also a great place for advocacy within the UN and with Member States. While many NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW participants are seasoned experts in advocating in this space, there are new feminists and advocates coming into the NGO CSW Forum and CSW space every day!

NGO CSW/NY recognizes that the United Nations system can be overwhelming and newcomers may not know where to start, so we've created this Advocacy Toolkit to use as a starting point.

DOWNLOAD THE TOOLKIT

HANDBOOK ADS



The Museum of Understanding Through Tolerance and Inclusion (MUTTI) is co-hosting a parallel event with the Breaking Silent Codes Network and Australian Graduate Women Inc.

UNSEEN: TESTIMONIAL JUSTICE
FOR DIVERSE WOMEN WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, TUESDAY, 18 MARCH, 2025
CHURCH CENTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
2ND FLOOR, 777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NEW YORK

Our event will feature six Australian Women panellists who identify as First Nations, LGBTQIA+, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and/or having Disability who have lived experience of homelessness and now work in the homelessness sector. Their participation will highlight Australia's housing crisis by bringing personal and impactful stories to the global stage, offering key insights into the challenges faced by marginalised women who have experienced unexpected homelessness caused by social and systemic barriers. The women are members of the UNSEEN Women's Artist Group, and will also be exhibiting their cultural and creative practices to further demonstrate their resilience and the powerful advocacy they undertake in their communities.

Thank you to our supporters who have financially contributed to enabling Australian marginalised women to attend and speak at this event:

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SIDE EVENT CSW 69

SAVE OUR CITIES AND OUR PLANET THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

MARCH 17, 2025 | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
The Church Center - Chapel Room 1st Floor, 777 UN Plaza, NY

Co-moderatored by



SOON-YOUNG YOON
Founder and co-chair Cities for CEDAW History and Future Project



CECILE ROTH
United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)



H.E. **MARIA FERNANDA ESPINOSA**
Former president of the UN General Assembly, Ex. Director of GWL Voices and steering committee member C4UN



KATIE WARD PHILP
Commissioner and CAO, Pay Equity Commission, Canada



ESTHER EGHOBAMIEN-MSHELIA
CEDAW expert, Nigeria and founder of WADHI

And other representatives from UCLG and UN Habitat

Register here

ENGAGING THE UNITED NATIONS

HIGH-LEVEL STATEMENTS
& INFORMATION ABOUT THE UN CSW69



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H.E. MR. ABDULAZIZ M. ALWASIL

CSW69 CHAIR

I am deeply honored to chair the Commission on the Status of Women in 2025, a year of immense significance as we commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action— the most progressive blueprint for gender equality, rights and empowerment of all women and girls. From 10–21 March, the Commission's sixty-ninth session (CSW69) will provide a critical space for reflection on three decades of progress and persistent challenges in implementing the Platform for Action, as well as its integral role in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through a gender perspective.

2025 is a pivotal year for gender equality advocates and for the accelerated realization of gender equality, the rights and empowerment of all women and girls everywhere. It marks the 80th anniversary of the United Nations and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security.



Thirty years after the landmark Fourth World Conference on Women, the world has seen undeniable gains in advancing women's rights. However, persistent gaps and emerging challenges —exacerbated by global crises, conflicts, and structural inequalities—continue to hinder the full realization of gender equality. CSW69 is an opportunity to accelerate action, reinvigorate commitments, and forge innovative and collaborative solutions to dismantle the barriers that prevent women and girls from fully enjoying their human rights.

In preparation for the Beijing+30 review, 161 Member States have conducted comprehensive national-level reviews to assess progress and identify remaining gaps in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. At the regional level, the five United Nations regional commissions have undertaken in-depth assessments, highlighting persistent inequalities and key priority areas for action.

These findings will inform the discussions at CSW69, ensuring that our deliberations are rooted in evidence and a shared global vision for gender equality.

Civil society, youth, and feminist movements have been at the heart of this process, demonstrating unwavering commitment to advancing gender justice. Across regions, multi-stakeholder consultations, youth forums, and civil society dialogues have generated invaluable insights and reinforced the urgency of collective action. Their mobilization underscores the power of partnership—when governments, civil society, youth, and the private sector work together, transformative change becomes possible.

As Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women, I look forward to an ambitious and action- oriented session—one that not only celebrates achievements but also sparks renewed determination to confront structural barriers and accelerate progress. This milestone anniversary is not just a moment of reflection; it is a call to action. Together, we must ensure that the vision set forth in Beijing remains a living reality for all women and girls, everywhere.

MS. SIMA SAMI BAHOUS

UN WOMEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thirty years ago, the world came together in an unprecedented historical moment of solidarity, pledging to uphold the rights and dignity of all women and girls. The Beijing Platform for Action emerged as a transformative roadmap for achieving gender equality, articulating our shared ambitions and the conditions necessary for women's and girls' empowerment.

The Platform set forth bold aspirations that have since driven policy changes across critical areas, including education, health, peace, climate justice, media, political participation, economic empowerment, and ending violence against women and girls. To this day, it remains a powerful blueprint for gender equality and a key driver of progress on the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As we mark three decades of advocacy and action, we recognize the extraordinary changes the Beijing Platform for Action has catalyzed worldwide. It has inspired a new generation of youth-led movements, fueled national efforts to end violence and abuse against women and girls, and empowered women to lead in peacebuilding. Yet, even as we celebrate these achievements, we acknowledge that the pace of progress remains unacceptably slow, with persistent and emerging challenges threatening hard-won gains.

Across the globe, stubborn inequalities endure, and women's rights face pushback—and, in some cases, regression. Governments are grappling with urgent global crises, from fragile economies and the climate emergency to rising armed conflicts, democratic erosion, and backlash against gender equality. Now more than ever, we must reaffirm our commitment to collective action and demand real progress.

2025 presents a historic opportunity to move from commitment to implementation, injecting urgency into delivering on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, SDG 5 and the broader 2030 Agenda. Yet, for many, gender equality efforts remain buried in the maze of global commitments, frameworks, and institutional processes that too often fail to translate into real change.

In response, UN Women is championing six high-impact actions designed to reduce poverty, amplify women's voices and choices, and enhance their safety, while uniting actors across sectors and regions.

These six actions were drawn from the priorities identified in 159 National Beijing +30 review reports and are:

- A digital revolution: Bridge the Digital Gap.
- Freedom From Poverty: Through Social Protection and the care economy
- Zero Violence: End all forms of violence against women and girls
- Full and Equal Decision Making Power: Through participation, accountability, and gender-responsive institutions;
- Peace and Security: Advance peaceful, inclusive societies and women's leadership in peace and security;
- Climate justice: ensure an inclusive green and blue transition

Plus, putting adolescent girls and youth at the heart of these six actions to ensure their voices, needs, and leadership are central to advancing these goals.

Achieving meaningful progress on these priorities will require a bold and collective effort. UN Women will continue to deepen its engagement with civil society organizations, frontline responders, women's rights groups, and young leaders—whose advocacy and leadership are driving forces for transformative change.

Guided by our Strategic Plan 2022–2025, we are strengthening our global presence to be more action-oriented, agile, and responsive to the lived realities of women and girls worldwide. On the road to gender equality, there will be pebbles that test our footing, stones that slow our pace, and boulders that block our path. But we must remain resolute, pushing forward with conviction and the unwavering spirit of those who came before us.



The tireless advocacy of civil society has been the engine of many of the gains we celebrate today. UN Women was founded in partnership with you. We will continue this journey alongside you, standing shoulder to shoulder with the women's movement. Because at our core, we believe that transformative change is only possible through collective, feminist action.

CSW INFO

WHAT IS THE 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..

TThe Bureau for the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2025) comprises the following members:

- H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil (Saudi Arabia), Chair, Asia and Pacific States Group
- H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica), Vice-Chair, Latin American and Caribbean States Group
- Ms. Dúnia Eloisa Pires do Canto (Cabo Verde), Vice-Chair, African States Group
- Ms. Robin Maria de Vogel (Netherlands), Vice-Chair Designate (Western European and Other States Group)
- Ms. Nataliia Mudrenko (Ukraine), Vice-Chair, Eastern European States Group

FOR MORE INFORMATION

UN 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
OHCHR	OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
PGA	PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
PPPS	PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
QCPR	QUADRENNIAL COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW
SDGS	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
SG	UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL
UNCTAD	UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
UNDP	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
UNDS	UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM
UNEP	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
UNFCCC	UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE
UNFPA	UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND
UNHCR	UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
UNODC	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME
UN WOMEN	UNITED NATIONS ENTITY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

NGO CSW69 FORUM VENUE INFORMATION



CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UN (CCUN)

777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
(on the corner of 44St. & 1st Ave.)

2nd Floor (Large Room): 175 capacity
8th, 10th, 11th Floors (Regular Rooms): 70-80 capacity



SALVATION ARMY INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION (SA)

221 E. 52nd St.
New York, NY 10022

Auditorium (Large Room): 250 capacity
Lower Level (Regular Room): 80 capacity

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CONSULTATION DAY PROGRAM

BEIJING WELCOME
Slideshow of photos from the 4WCW

OPENING ADDRESS
Ivy Koek & Pamela Morgan, NGO CSW/NY Co-Chairs
Lopa Banerjee, Civil Society Division, UN Women

VOICES FROM THE 4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN
Dr Hoda Badran (Chairman, Egyptian Feminist Union, Farah J. Griffin (Columbia University, Scholar, Professor, Author) Dr. Soon-Young Yoon (C4UN, Author, Gender Advocate) Krishanti Dharmaraj (Founder Dignidad360 and Human Rights Practitioner) Alyse Nelson (President and CEO, Vital Voices Global Partnership). Moderated by Ishaan Shah (Beijing+30 Youth Steering Committee)

POETIC SELECTION
Stephanie Pacheco, Youth Poet Laureate

GENDER EQUALITY YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW
Ana Lucia Ixchiu (Guatemala), Aseel Sameer Ibrahim (Jordan), Sanjana Chhantyal (Nepal), Stephannie Esther Sayo (Kenya)
Moderated by Ambassador Melanne Verveer

MUSICAL SELECTION
Flor Bromley

HIGH LEVEL FIRESIDE CHAT - BEIJING+30 AND THE 2030 AGENDA: WHERE ARE WE
Sima Bahous (Executive Director UN Women) and H.E. Ambassador Abdulaziz M. Alwasil (Chair CSW69 Bureau). Moderated by Pato Kelestise (Climate Justice Advocate)

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS AND CLOSING STATEMENTS
Alejandra Morea Mora (Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), Organization of American States)

WATCH BACK THE CONSULTATION DAY

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

PARALLEL EVENTS

One of the key components 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 organized by the host CSO. Parallel Events not only provide a space and voice for CSOs who may not have a voice at/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 open to the public. This year, the Forum has both in-person and virtual events.



Event during the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing (1995)

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CSW69

Join us
FOR TWO PARALLEL EVENTS

CCUN - 777 UN Plazza - 11th floor - New York, NY 10017

March 12, 2025
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Hosted by ICW-CIF - KIWP - CNFF

WOMEN IN POWER, GETTING TO 50-50 AT THE TABLE

SPEAKERS

- **Martine MARANDEL**
  President of the International Council of Women
- **Dr. Jungsook KIM**
  Immediate Past-President of ICW-CIF / President, Korean Institute for Women and Politics / Former Member of the National Assembly, R.O.K.
- **Marie-Claude BERTRAND**
  President of CNFF, the National Council of Women of France
- **Ranjana KUMARI**
  Director at Centre for Social Research India Leading Women's Empowerment
- **Gertrude MONGELLA**
  Former Secretary General, the 4th Beijing World Conference on Women / Former President of Pan African Parliament
- **Irene NATIVIDAD**
  President of Global Summit of Women / GlobeWomen Research and Education Institute
- **Delphine O**
  Ambassador, Secretary General of the Generation Equality Forum
- **Viviane TEITELBAUM**
  Senator at the Parliament of Belgium, President of the ECICW (European Centre of the International Council of Women)

MODERATED BY

- **Linda LIU**
  Former Vice-President of the International Council of Women

March 13, 2025
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Hosted by ICW-CIF - KIWP - WCI

POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN BEYOND THE BEIJING DECLARATION

SPEAKERS

- **Gertrude MONGELLA**
  Former Secretary General, the 4th Beijing World Conference on Women / Former President of Pan African Parliament
- **Justina MUTALE**
  Founder & President, Justina Mutale Foundation, UK / Chairperson, National Alliance of Women's Organizations, UK / Founder & Convenor, World Summit on Women and Girls
- **Pam RAJPUT**
  Professor Emeritus, Center for Women's Studies and Development, Panjab University / Renowned activist in women's movement
- **Dr. Jungsook KIM**
  Immediate Past-President of ICW-CIF / President, Korean Institute for Women and Politics / Former Member of the National Assembly, R.O.K.

MODERATED BY

- **Linda LIU**
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5th World Conference of Women's Shelters
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Who attends?

Attendees will include those working directly with victim-survivors such as domestic, family and sexual violence workers, antiviolence advocates, shelter and refuge workers, counsellors, social workers, public health, and other non-government organisations.

Others attending include human rights advocates, allies, specialists working on specific forms of GBV, academics and researchers, stakeholders, policymakers, legislators, community and corporate leaders.

SPECIAL EXTENSION OF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR NGO CSW69 DELEGATES
(ends 31 March)

Hosted by:

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NGO CSW/NY69 EVENTS

CALENDAR

WEEK 1

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Consultation Day 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Online	**Cities for CEDAW award** 10:30am - 12:00pm CCUN Chapel	**Storytelling Circles: Breaking Barriers Through Shared Narratives** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm CCUN Drew Room	**Peace & Gender Equality Group Event** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm CCUN Chapel		**Europe & North America** 10:30 am - 12:00 pm CCUN Chapel	
	Africa 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**MENA** 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**Artisan Fair** 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm CCUN 2nd Floor		**A Peek Through A Queer Youth Lens** 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Virtual on Zoom	
		Young Feminist Town Hall 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	**UN Gender Equality Acceleration Plan (GEAP)** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	**Negotiations Update EDVAW & CEDAW** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	**CSW Revitalization** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	
		Rainbow Caucus 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm 8th Floor CCUN	**Reimaging gender norms** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**Peace Rally Meeting** 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm CCUN Drew Room	**Social Justice Working Group Meeting** 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm CCUN Drew Room	
		Latin America & the Caribbean 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**GFY Award Ceremony** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CCUN Chapel		**Asia Pacific** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CCUN Chapel	
	Women of African Descent 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**Reception** 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm **TICKET REQUIRED** The Centennial Memorial Temple			**NGO CSW/NY Members Dance Party** 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm **MEMBERS ONLY** CCUN 2nd floor	

KEY:

Regional Caucus

Civil Society Briefing

Youth Leaders Event

NGO CSW NY events

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WEEK 2

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Rainbow Caucus 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm CCUN Chapel	**CSW Revitalization** 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm CCUN Chapel				
	Linkages - Pact for the Future, Digital Compact, Declaration on Future Generations 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	**Building Trust through Intergener-ational (B+30 Building Trust Series)** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	**Negotiations Update UNGA HLM in September Regional Commitments/ Next Steps** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4		**HLPF, FfD, CSocD (World Social Summit)** 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm UN Conference Room 4	

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BEIJING+30



WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY SPACE

Every day during the Forum!*

9:00 am - 10:00 am & 5:00 pm - 6:00pm

CCUN Chapel

* 11 March morning & 13 March afternoon in CCUN Drew Room

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10-21 March, 2025
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BEIJING+30

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY SPACE

Reiki
Every morning and afternoon

Sound Healing Session
Afternoon: Monday 10 March, Tuesday 11 March*, Wednesday 12 March

Creative Art and Visioning
Morning: Tuesday 11 March

Mindful Movement and Breathwork
Morning: Wednesday 12 March

Shaking and Dancing
Afternoon: Friday 14 March

Heartfulness
Morning: Friday 14 March

Mindfulness
Morning: Monday 17 March
Afternoon: Monday 17 March, Thursday 20 March

Meditation
Morning: Thursday 13 March*, Tuesday 18 March, Wednesday 19 March,
Afternoon: Tuesday 18 March, Wednesday 19 March, Thursday 20 March

Schedule subject to change

WELL-BEING & COMMUNITY SPACE

GUIDELINES

1. Practice self-care and emotional safety, staying in your window of tolerance.

2. Be connected to the present moment experience.

3. Speak from the heart using “I” statements, focus on own experience (no advice-giving, self-reference when another person’s experience impacts you)

4. Listen from the heart with an open mind and non-judgment, honoring all voices

5. Honor confidentiality, what happens and is shared here, stays here

6. Respect the sharing protocol, be lean and mindful of speech, step up – sharing is a gift, step back – allow space for others

7. Stay away from sensitive topics or personal attacks

8. Observe the “I pass” rule, feel free to share or pass, silence is welcome.





MARCH

10,11,12 & 14

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
At
Drew Room, CCUN, New York
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVED

SAFE SPACES

- Join us for a new discussion every day.
- Meet intergenerational leaders and listen to their stories.
- Network and engage with global leaders.



OUR SPACES
Power Spaces

World YWCA and NGO CSW/NY are proud to present moderated safe spaces during CSW69 for women and young women to discuss critical issues in a safe and inclusive environment. Join us for networking, dialogues, exchanges and more.

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RiseUp!

Australian Aid

CIVIL SOCIETY BRIEFINGS

UN CR 4 & ON UN WEB TV

Co-hosted by NGO CSW/NY and UN Women, Civil Society Briefings bring together civil society, UN agencies, and Member States to share the state of play as developments within the CSW and outcome document negotiation process unfold.

MONDAY

10 NO BRIEFING

TUESDAY

11 Young Feminist Town Hall - For All Women and Girls: Rights, Empowerment and Accountability

WEDNESDAY

12 UN Gender Equality Acceleration Plan (GEAP)

THURSDAY

13 Negotiations Update EDVAW & CEDAW

FRIDAY

14 CSW Revitalization

MONDAY

17 Linkages - Pact for the Future, Digital Compact, Declaration on Future Generations

TUESDAY

18 Building Trust though Intergenerational Solidarity (B+30 Building Trust Series)

WEDNESDAY

19 Negotiations Update UNGA HLM in September Regional Commitments/ Next Steps

THURSDAY

20 NO BRIEFING

FRIDAY

21 HLPF, FfD, CSocD (World Social Summit)

Schedule subject to change

REGIONAL CAUCUSES

Informal, loosely moderated spaces for participants to discuss and reflect upon regional advocacy and their region's most relevant and pressing issues, plus two issue specific caucuses.

Africa
Monday 10 March
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Latin America & the Caribbean
Tuesday 11 March
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Women of African Descent
Monday 10 March
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Europe & North America
Friday 14 March
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

MENA
Tuesday 11 March
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Asia Pacific
Friday 14 March
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

NGO CSW
New York

RAINBOW CAUCUS

Tuesday, 11 March
4:30 - 6:00 pm
8th Floor CCUN

Monday, 17 March
12:30 - 2:00 pm
Chapel CCUN



We're hosting an in-person welcoming safe space and information sharing session for LGBTQI+ persons at the NGO CSW Forum. All are welcome!

Pre-Register here!
(optional)

NGO CSW69 FORUM GLOBAL YOUTH FELLOW EVENTS

Our Global Youth Fellows are organizing several events during the Forum to ensure youth perspectives on gender equality are heard!



NGO CSW NY
YOUTH LEADERS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
GLOBAL youth FELLOWS



11

Storytelling Circles: Breaking Barriers Through Shared Narratives

Tuesday 11 March | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
CCUN Drew Room

12

Reimagining gender norms: a cross-regional dialogue on violence prevention from Asia and Africa

Wednesday 12 March | 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

12

Global Youth Fellow Award Ceremony

Wednesday 12 March | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

14

A Peek Through a Queer Youth Lens: The Collective Power of Movement Building, Technology, and Gender Equality"

Friday 14 March | 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Virtual. Sign up here

NGO CSW/NY SPECIAL JOINT EVENT

CITIES FOR CEDAW AWARD

VOICES FROM BEIJING

MONDAY, 10 MARCH

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

CCUN CHAPEL
777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA, NYC

Join us for a combined event featuring the Cities for CEDAW award ceremony and firsthand testimonies from the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing (1995). We will honor the City of Toledo and Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz for adopting the CEDAW framework—a key step in protecting women's and girls' rights in the United States — and hear personal stories from this historic movement in 1995 in Beijing.

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WORDS FROM THE GROUND

PEACEBUILDING AND THE NEED FOR ACTION ON "WOMEN AND ARMED CONFLICT"



RSVP HERE!

Wednesday, 12 March
10:30 - 12:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

NGO CSW/NY Peace & Gender Equality Working Group & Co-sponsored by: OXFAM

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NGO CSW FORUM 69

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Wednesday, 12 March 2025
12pm - 6pm

Church Center for the United Nations
777 United Nations Plaza
2nd Floor
New York, NY 10017

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PEACE RALLY MEETING

Thursday
13 March

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN
Drew Room

NGO CSW New York

SOCIAL JUSTICE

WORKING GROUP

Friday, 14 March
2:30 - 4:00 pm
CCUN Drew Room



Please join our in-person working group meeting. We'll be strategizing on developing our Advocacy, Research, and Policy workstreams, with a focus on the nexus of AI, gender equality, and human rights.

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NGO CSW/NY DANCE PARTY

MEMBERS ONLY

Close the first week of CSW69 together with fellow feminists and women's rights activists. Not a member? No problem! Register to become a member upon arrival

FRIDAY, 14 MARCH

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS



HANDBOOK ADS

CATÓLICAS POR EL DERECHO A DECIDIR ARGENTINA

CATHOLICS FOR CHOICE

CSW 69 Parallel Event

THE ROLE OF FAITH-BASED ADVOCACY IN ADVANCING SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Evento Paralelo CSW69

EL PAPEL DE LA FE Y LA RELIGIÓN EN LA PROMOCIÓN DE LOS DERECHOS SEXUALES Y REPRODUCTIVOS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP

SALVATION ARMY AUDITORIUM
221 E. 52ND ST.
NEW YORK, NY 10022

MARCH 17 2025 | 12.30 PM - 2:00 PM

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD IN SPANISH, BUT THERE WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN ENGLISH

ESTE EVENTO SERÁ EN ESPAÑOL. INTERPRETACIÓN A INGLÉS DISPONIBLE

UNCSW 69 - Parallel Event

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN?

POWERING CHANGE:

WOMEN, YOUTH, AND THE CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION

CHAIR



Professor Bipasha Baruah
Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Canada Research Chair in Global Women's Issues

PANELISTS



Dr. Ann Kingiri
Principal Research Fellow and the Director of Research and Innovation at African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS)



Michele Diop
West Africa Regional Officer Director
Dévelopement international Desjardins (DID)



Professor Hala Abou-Ali
Chair of the Economics department at the Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS), and Research Fellow at the Economic Research Forum (ERF)

Thursday 13 March
4:30-6:00pm
CCUN, 10th Floor

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Buan-Ionad na hÉireann
chun na Náisiún Aontaithe
Permanent Mission of Ireland
to the United Nations

UN WOMEN

International Labour Organization

Gobierno de Chile

69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

High-Level Convening

Accelerating Gender Equality: Beijing+30 and ILO Convention 190

Thursday, March 13
4:45-6:00 PM ET

UN Headquarters
Conference Room 2
New York City

RSVP

BEIJING +30

Asia Floor Wage

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Invitation to a UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Parallel Virtual Event

4W Women & Wellbeing in Wisconsin & the World
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

An Intergenerational Conversation on Beijing+30: Sustaining the Momentum!

Conveners: Gender Mainstreaming Directorate (GMD) Makerere University, Uganda & the 4W Women & Wellbeing Initiative, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Friday March 14, 2025 | 3:30–5:30 PM EAT / 8:30–10:30 AM EDT / 12:30-2:30 PM GMT

Join us for a Virtual Parallel Event at the UN CSW 69 Forum!

Register here: bit.ly/417X494

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Prof. Joy Constance Kwesiga

Vice Chancellor, Kabale University, Uganda



Dr. Linda Sheryl Greene

Emeritus Evjue-Bascom Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison & Michigan State University 1855 Professor and Foundation Professor of Law, USA

OUR PANELISTS



Dr. Euzobia Mugisha Baine

Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate (GMD), Makerere University, Uganda



Dr. Araceli Alonso

Director of the UNESCO Chair on Gender, Wellbeing & a Culture of Peace, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA



Denise Christine Mutebi

Final Year Social Sciences Student in Gender and Criminology, Students' Guild Minister for Gender, Ethics and Integrity, Makerere University, Uganda



Dorothy Lsoto

PhD Candidate in Environment and Resources at the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

WELCOME REMARKS & MODERATOR



Dr. Christine Garlough

Director, Center for Research on Gender and Women, UNESCO Co-Chair on Gender, Wellbeing & a Culture of Peace, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

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International Division
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United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
CSW69 | Beijing+30 and NGO CSW69 Forum

VIRTUAL DISCUSSION

BEIJING+30: ADVANCING WOMEN'S LEGAL RIGHTS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
10:30 am – 12:00 pm EDT

RESERVE YOUR VIRTUAL SEAT
▶ bit.ly/ABA-CSW69

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HISTORY AND FUTURES PROJECT

UCLG
United Cities and Local Governments

FEDERAL MINISTRY OF WOMEN AFFAIRS

NGO CSW
New York

COALITION for the UN We Need

WADHI

Signing Ceremony: Nigeria Cities for CEDAW coalition with Cities for CEDAW History and Futures project and NGO CSW/NY

SIDE EVENT CSW 69

HOW CAN THE LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN AND GIRLS HELP SAVE OUR CITIES AND PLANET?

Commemorating 30yrs of the Beijing Platform for Action

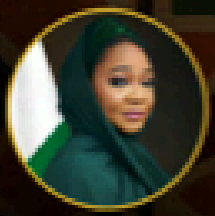
MARCH 12
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ballroom, Millenium Hotel, One UN Plaza NY

Register here

MODERATOR



SOON-YOUNG YOON
founder and co-chair Cities for CEDAW History and Future Project



H.E. **IMAAN SULAIMAN-IBRAHIM**
Honorable Minister of Women's Affairs, Nigeria



H.E. **MARIA FERNANDA ESPINOSA**
Former president of the UN General Assembly, Ex. Director of GWL Voices and steering committee member C4UN



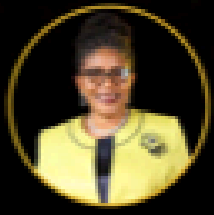
NAHLA HAIDAR
Chair, CEDAW Committee, Lebanon



KATIE WARD PHILP
Commissioner and CAO, Pay Equity Commission, Canada



ANGELA MWAI
UN-Habitat, Director Human Rights and Social Inclusion



ESTHER EGHOBAMIEN-MSHELIA
CEDAW expert, Nigeria and founder of WADHI



BANDANA RANA
CEDAW expert, Nepal, Chair - Global Network of Women Peacebuilders (GNWP)

NGO CSW FORUM 69

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

SIDE EVENTS

How Can The Leadership of Women and Girls Help Save Our Cities and Planet

Permanent Mission of Nigeria, co-sponsored by Cities for CEDAW History and Futures Project, C4UN, GWL, NGO CSW/NY, UCLG, UN Habitat, and WADHI
12 March I 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Millenium Hotel, Ballroom, One UN Plaza NY

No Child Left a Bride: Successes & Setbacks in the Global Effort to End Child Marriage

Hosted by Unchained At Last
19 March I 10:00 am - 11:15 am
United Nations General Assembly Building
Conference Room F
760 United Nations Plaza, NYC

Activating an Intergenerational Movement for the Culture of Peace

Hosted by Soka Gakkai International
11 March I 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Ending Violence Against Girls: Examining Challenges and Uniting Champions

Hosted by UNICEF USA & ZONTA International
11 March I 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Salvation Army Auditorium

Beijing+30 and Beyond: From the Beijing Platform for Action to Feminist Foreign Policies

Hosted by American University of Lebanon
13 March I 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
AUB Debs Center, 8th Fl
3 Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

Local and Regional Governments Day

Hosted by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
13 March I 12:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Millennium Hotel

Global Women in Music

UN Symphony Orchestra in partnership with United Voices 4 Peace
13 March I 7:30 pm
NYU Skirball Performing Arts Center

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Local and Regional Governments Day
Hosted by United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)
14 March | 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Millennium Hotel
See Concept Note here.

Film Screening: La Vida de Nosotras
by Chilean Filmmaker Hernán Caffiero
Hosted by UN Women
17 March | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel - Concept Note

The Future of Women's Safety in the Age of AI
Hosted by Centre for Protecting Women Online
17 March | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Feminst approaches to Justice: Violence Against Women and Girls in War and Peace
Hosted by International Sociological Association
17 March | 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Film Screening: Unconditional
by American Journalist Richard Lui
Hosted by UN Women
18 March | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel - Concept Note

Feminst approaches to Justice: Beijing+30, Women and Criminal Legal Systems
Hosted by World Society of Victimology
19 March | 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

Film Screening: Bertha didn't die. She Multiplied
Directed and Produced by Sam Vinal
Hosted by UN Women
21 March | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel - Concept Note

Accelerating Gender Justice and Safe Workplaces: Advancing ILO Convention No. 190 for a Violence-Free Future
Hosted by ILO 190 Coalition
17 March | 08:30 am - 10:00 am
Virtual, register here
See Concept Note here

How Can The Leadership of Women and Girls Help Save Our Cities and Planet
Hosted by Cities for CEDAW History and Futures Project
17 March | 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
CCUN 10th Floor

Well-being, Peace, and Gender Equality from the Inside-Out: Girl-led intergenerational storytelling panel from Latin America, the Caribbean, MENA and the United States
Hosted by AHAM Education Inc
17 March | 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
Baha'i International Community, 866 United Nations Plaza #120

FfD4 with Women's Working Group on Financing for Development
Hosted by FfD4 with Women's Working Group on Financing for Development
18 March | 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN Chapel

FIlm Screening: Mercy
Written by Georgia Hernandez
Hosted by UN Women
19 March | 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
CCUN Chapel - Concept Note

Film Screening: The Quiet Diplomat
Directed by Charles Lyons
Hosted by UN Women
20 March | 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
CCUN Chapel - Concept Note

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WORLD UNION OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

UNION OF HUNGARIAN WOMEN

PARALLEL EVENT AT THE **NGO CSW69 FORUM** IN NYC

STEM powering Women: Unlocking access to finance and innovation

Wednesday 19 March 2025 | **12:30 – 14:00 EDT** | **CCUN, 777 United Nations Plaza New York (USA)**

For more information, please contact **wep@women-entrepreneurs.eu**

EMBEDDING INTERSECTIONALITY INTO MAINSTREAM FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES

A virtual panel discussion at NGO CSW69

Online, 4:30pm Eastern Standard Time (EST)
Wednesday 12th March 2025

Visit ngocsw.org.au to register



Maria Dimopoulos
Moderator



Hana Assafiri
Author and Social Activist



Antoinette Braybrook
CEO, Djirra



Tania Farha
CEO, Safe and Equal

Shaping Tomorrow : Young Women Pioneering Change for Equality

2025.03.11

TUE. 02:30 pm CCUN 10th Floor

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10th Floor, 777 First Avenue (and 44th Street), New York



Akari Yamada
1st Vice President,
Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) International



Kozue Sawame
President,
Japanese Women's Leadership Initiative (JWLI) at the Fish Family Foundation



Moriko Hori
President,
Women's Federation for World Peace International



Candela Gonzalez
Chair, World Board,
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts



Izadora Letchacoski
Young BPW International Representative



Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development
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WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE TAIWAN

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The Kota Alliance connects grassroots work with global issues for social change centering on Black & Latinx communities of women and girls in West Harlem, New York and throughout the world.

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Original title: "Bridging Gaps: Technology for Equitable Care Work"

The Silver Shift: Women's Realities in Aging Societies





Bettina Borisch
CEO,
World Federation of
Public Health Associations



Frances Zainoeddin
Soroptimist International (SI)
Representative to
the United Nations in New York





Shu-Ching (Carol) Chang
Secretary-General,
Federation for the Welfare of
Taiwan's Seniors

Moderator:
Denise Scotto
Vice President,
the International Federation
of Women in Legal Careers



Kozue Sawame
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Japanese Women's Leadership Initiative
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2025.03.11

Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development
衛生福利部 社會及家庭署 Social and Family Affairs Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare
台灣國家婦女館 Taiwan Women's Center

TUE.10:30 am CCUN 10th Floor

CCUN (Church Center for the United Nations) 10th Floor, 777 First Avenue (and 44th Street), New York

WOMEN LEADERSHIP

How ethics and trauma shape women leaders' identities, power and decision making



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In-person parallel event
Monday 10.3.2025 at 08.30-10.00 am
CCUN building, 10th floor, New York, USA

Global Women Leadership


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strategies, we're on a mission to
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SIDE EVENT : FRENCH ENGLISH

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8TH FLOOR
777 UNITED NATIONS PLAZA,
NEW YORK

03-10-2025
06:30 PM

IN COLLABORATION WITH : CRIPEL



Women, Conflict, and Peace:
A UNIVERSAL FEMINIST VISION

Side event to UN CSW69

MONDAY, 10TH MARCH 2025, 11:30AM–12:45PM EST
UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK
CONFERENCE ROOM 12

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Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York

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Permanent Mission of Hungary to the United Nations New York

International Council of Jewish Women

Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the UN in New York

Permanent Mission of ISRAEL to the UN

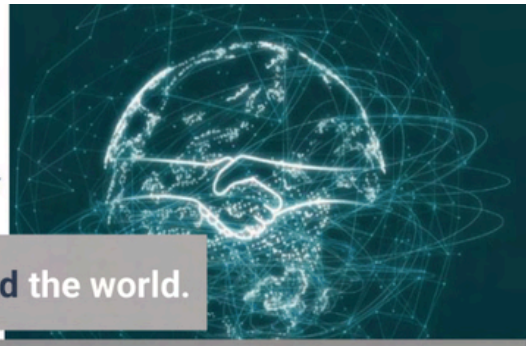
Permanent Mission of Italy UN - New York

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- ✓ Barries to **Bridges**
- ✓ Relief to **Sustainability**
- ✓ Violence to **Security**
- ✓ Instability to **Recovery**
- ✓ Poverty to **Prosperity**
- ✓ Trauma to **Resiliency**
- ✓ Forgotten to **Leadership**

We Would Be Honored for Your Support, Together We Can Continue To Make A Meaningful Impact

Who We Are

Our Passions, Our Commitments

Founded in 2003, WRO is a pioneering independent, non-governmental civil society organization that has spent over two decades championing the rights of marginalized and vulnerable communities. With an unwavering commitment to providing life-saving assistance and sustainable development, WRO has worked tirelessly to drive meaningful change, amplify unheard voices, and create a lasting impact in the communities it serves by transforming traditional aid delivery through innovative, community-driven solutions.

What We Do

Through hybrid humanitarian aid and development initiatives WROs mission encompasses driving women's equal participation and leadership in ensuring human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, eradicating poverty and violence against women and girls, advancing legal pathways to justice, protecting child rights, improving access to health, education, and economic empowerment opportunities, shaping the future by empowering youth, fostering peacebuilding, reconciliation, and conflict resolution, and supporting, reintegration, stabilization and recovery efforts, strengthening civil society sustainability, and shaping localization development norms.

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Uniting for Change

Strengthening GBV support through collaboration and advocacy



Partnering

- Building effective and sustainable responses to gender-based violence

Collaboration

- Enhancing support for frontline services and the communities they serve

Advocacy

- Political, legislative, and social reforms to increase resourcing and funding of specialist services

Tuesday 18 March, 2025
10:30 am-12:00 pm
CCUN - 11th Floor

Presentations by:

SAFE + EQUAL — Tania Farha

Centre for Non-Violence — Margaret Augerinos, Yvette Jaczina

WESNET The Women's Services Network — Karen Bentley

Join us for a Virtual Parallel Event at the UN CSW 69 Forum!



Sustaining All Life

ABOUT NGO CSW/NY69

ABOUT NGO CSW/NY

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.

HERSTORY

1972

NGO CSW/NY is established in 1972 a NGO Committees of the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO) in preparation for International Women's Year (1975), the UN Decade of Women (1975-1985) and the First World Conference on Women held in Mexico City in 1975.

1973

NGO CSW Geneva is established. Shortly after, NGO CSW Vienna is created in 1982.

1995

The Fourth World Conference on Women is held in Beijing and The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted unanimously by 189 countries.

2015

NGO CSW expands its international presence through the creation of regional committees in Africa, Arab States/MENA, Asia Pacific, and Latin America & the Caribbean.

2011

The 'Young Professionals' program is created. in 2020, the program is renamed 'Youth Leaders & Young Professionals' (YLYPs) and initiates a mission to amplify the voices of youth activists and young professionals at the un and globally.

2020

To mark the 25th anniversary of the Being Platform for Action (Beijing+25), the Generation Equality campaign is launched. un women tasks ngo csw/ny as global civil society conveners for the generation equality forum.

2021

NGO CSW/NY holds its first-ever virtual NGO CSW forum after the global COVID-19 pandemic affected the feminist and women's movement's activism and work at the UN.

2022

NGO CSW/NY turns 50 years old! To celebrate the golden anniversary, we held various campaigns and events to look back on the memories of the last 50 years and reflect on the visions for the next 50.

NGO CSW/NY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Ivy Koek
Co-Chair
Soka Gakkai International



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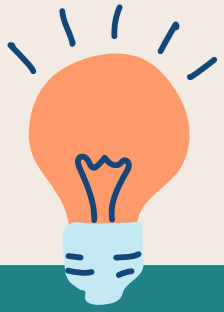
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In keeping with the NGO CSW/NY mission to inclusively advocate for gender equality, the Advocacy & Research Group (ARG) provides solicited and researched recommendations leading up to and during the CSW Outcome Document negotiations. The ARG researches issues raised in the CSW Priority Theme with input from NGO CSWs in the Regions and global civil society. Recommended language is then provided to the CSW Bureau, UN Women, and all Member States in advance of negotiations for consideration and inclusion in the zero draft and in their discussions.



Research & Information Gathering

The ARG begins its process by research the CSW Priority Theme, hearing from experts about the topics, and consulting with our global community.



Developing Recommendations

Based on its research and consultations with global civil society, the ARG develops a succinct set of recommendations regarding the CSW Priority Theme. The recommendations are then sent to the CSW Bureau, UN Women, and all Member States to be considered in the Zero Draft of the CSW outcome document.



Creating Recommendation Briefs

The ARG then creates short briefs to elaborate and expand upon each recommendation. It also develops a brief on youth perspectives on each of the recommendations and the CSW Priority Theme.



Advocacy with Member States

In the lead up to CSW, NGO CSW/NY meets with the CSW Bureau and receptive Member States to advocate for the ARG's recommendations to be included in the CSW outcome document.

In addition to their formal research, the ARG has also focused on consulting with NGO CSW/NY's global, grassroots community to understand their lived experiences that pertain to the CSW in light of the CSW69 focus on Beijing+30 Review and ongoing CSW Revitalization process. Based on their research, consultations, and feedback from our community, the ARG developed Key Recommendations for the CSW69 review year. A summary of the recommendations can be found on the following page.

Recommendations On Process & Stakeholder Engagement

1

Effective accountability from all CSW stakeholders

Strengthening and localizing national policies to address gender inequality, regular monitoring and independent evaluations to track progress, and aligning CSW recommendations with global frameworks and existing gender mechanisms.

2

Promote local, national, regional and global collaboration and greater linkage of UN gender mechanisms

Strengthen and localize national policies to address gender inequalities in all sectors and engage all aspects of civil society including feminist organizations and local communities in reviewing progress on agreed conclusions together with national governments.

3

Critical leadership role of CSOs

Appoint two civil society seats on the CSW Bureau, address the backlog and lack of transparency, and provide greater funding support to UN Women and all NGO CSWs.

Recommendations On Content

4

Mandate VAW/ Gender-Based Violence as a standing item at CSW

This approach underscores the urgency and universality of addressing systemic inequalities and new forms of violence, fostering accountability among nations to implement and strengthen legislative, social, and economic measures and funding to combat all forms of VAW/GBV.

5

Address the intersectional impact of climate crisis/disaster on food, water, energy, air, health, economic, environmental impacts, trafficking and population displacement

Addressing emerging intersectional issues and implementing gender-responsive policies that integrate considerations of specific needs and vulnerabilities into climate strategies.

6

Mandate Women in Power/Decision-Making as a standing item at CSW

Women's representation in high-level political and legislative positions, including the UN, ensures decisions reflect their concerns and promote gender equality, with women legislators introducing more bills, engaging more with constituents, and having higher attendance rates than their male counterparts.

7

Women and Armed Conflict as a CSW Priority Theme

Given the role that women have played in galvanizing peace movements, and given the deleterious effect of rising military spending, a discussion on the contributions women have made and continue to make to foster peace in the world today should be a priority.

8

Emerging issues, e.g. AI, STEAM, cyber security, ethics and safety

Integrating gender perspectives into AI development is essential for gender equity and a more inclusive digital future. Continue to include protections from cyber security, ethics, and online safety from harassment and threats to women, girls, adolescents, and youth as a means to keep up with the digital, technological, and innovation changes.

9

Prioritize Poverty - Women and Girls', reversing economic & financial gender biases and mandating inclusion in leadership and finance

Fostering new development strategies towards sustainable economies and sustainable societies; increasing financing to women's, youth and girls' organizations, networks and collectives; and enhancing multidimensional poverty data and statistics.

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