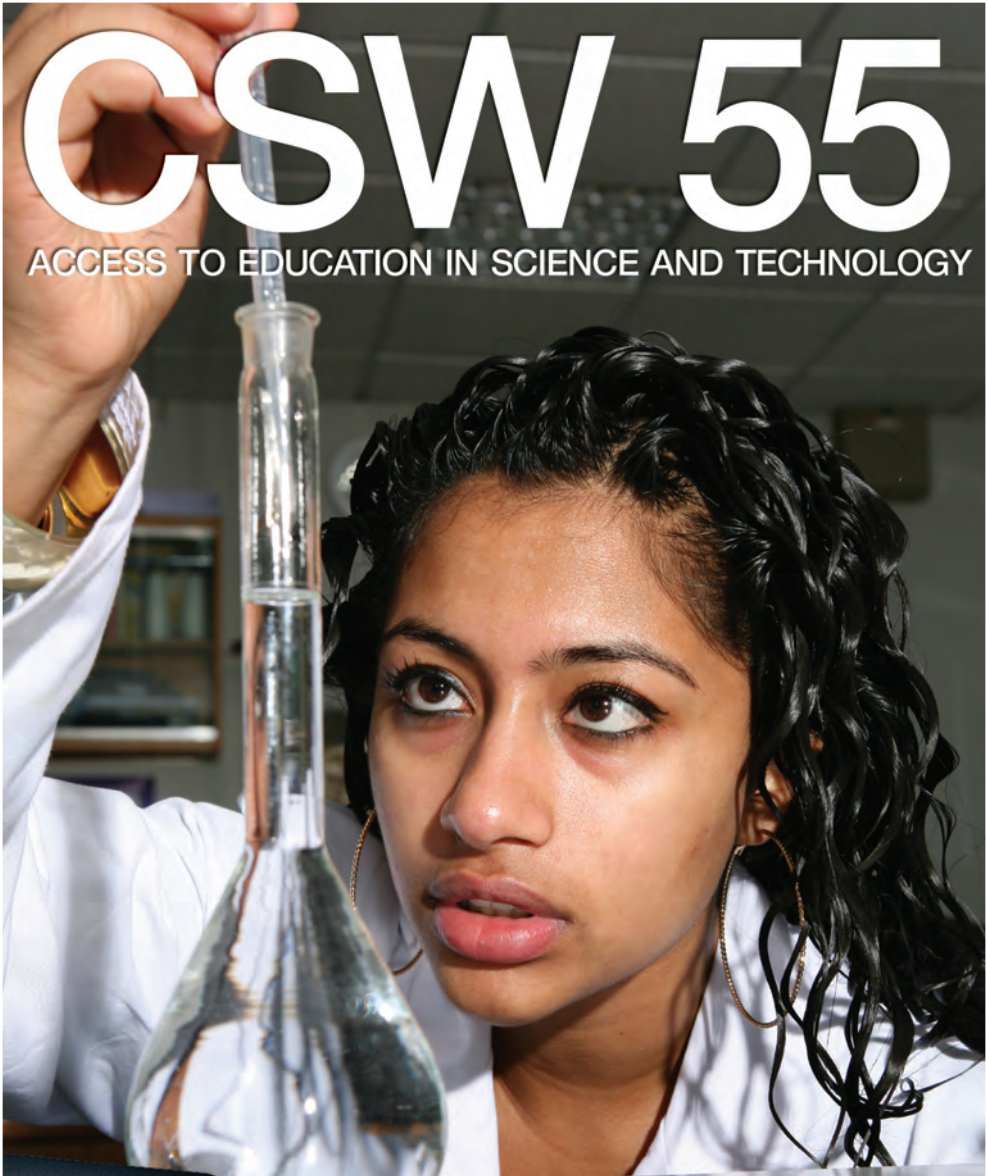


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CHAIR'S WELCOME TO CSW 55

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York, I welcome you to the 55th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

The Commission on the Status of Women is the primary global policy-making body of the UN that is entirely devoted to examining the state of progress for women. Women still comprise the majority of the world's absolute poor and those without access to education. Additionally, disparities in equal pay for equal work, unpaid work, continued high maternal mortality, prominent HIV infection rates, and a pandemic of violence against women are clear indications that Member States' commitments to these gender specific issues must be implemented now. The special needs of girls and women of all ages must be recognized in the context of human rights.

Thirty-six years ago, the international movement for women's rights was launched with World Conferences in Mexico City, followed by Nairobi, Copenhagen, and Beijing to advocate for women's rights and to assess the progress. Since its inception in 1946 the Commission has been diligent in discharging its mandate to prepare reports and provide recommendations to the Economic and Social Council. The adoption of UN Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1880 and 1888 on women, peace and security and human rights are testimony to the impact of NGO advocacy as well as to the effectiveness of the partnership of NGOs, governments and the UN.

This year's theme of "access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work" highlights the necessity for women to be actively engaged in the process. Women need to know that 'the door is open', that education and training are available to accelerate progress. For this to happen we need political will, financial resources and action. And for this, women have to be at the table, lead the process, lending their voices, their experiences and their unique perspectives. Women must have the tools and the training to make full equality a reality.

It's going to be an exciting and rewarding two weeks, a time of great optimism and energy. I hope that you find this time at the CSW to be very productive and successful as you bring your expertise and experience to these meetings and share them with others who have come from around the world. Welcome!

With my best wishes to all of you,

Vivian B. Pender, M.D.

Chair, NGO CSW/NY

INTRODUCTION: CSW 55

This year's CSW will consider as its priority theme "Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work".

Science and technology are increasingly major contributing elements for the achievement of development goals: eradicating poverty, fighting disease, improving education, achieving food security, addressing environmental problems. They are also a means for countries to improve productivity and competitiveness and to create decent work opportunities.

The Beijing Platform for Action emphasized the importance of both equal access for women and girls to education and training, as well as employment, as essential aspects of a global policy framework necessary to achieve women's human rights, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. It stressed the elimination of all impediments to women's full employment and decent work to enable women to attain their economic potential and the full benefits of their efforts, including access to labour-saving technologies. It also emphasized creating an enabling environment for women and girls, particularly by the removal of many forms of existing gender bias, to help advance opportunities for women and girls in science and technology.

Since 1997 when the CSW last reviewed education and training—one of the twelve critical areas of concern of the Beijing Platform for Action—the CSW has included access to and participation in science and technology and access to decent work as cross-cutting concerns in its deliberations and outcomes. Furthermore, it has acknowledged the critical interplay of science and technology to full employment and decent work and the achievement of the Beijing Platform for Action goals of women's rights and gender equality through the empowerment of women and girls. Some issues raised have been: increasing equal and effective use of information and communication technologies for women and girls; assisting women-owned businesses in benefiting from technological innovations; supporting the role of women's expertise in creating environmentally sound technologies; fostering the participation of women in the

development of new technologies including design, application, monitoring and evaluation.

Factors limiting women's access and use of technology may vary greatly from country to country: lack of education and training, lack of financial resources, unequal burden of care giving, and gender bias of many kinds. Science and technology skills can offer opportunities for a broad range of well-paid employment, but gender stereotyping and discriminatory practices have resulted in women being grossly underrepresented in these fields, although lack of adequate gender data, particularly around issues of employment in science and research, hamper efforts both to evaluate the causes of the problem and to measure progress. Eliminating all barriers to women's and girls' access and full participation in every aspect of science and technology will further the potential of each country to meet its international commitments to women's rights as well as achieve its development goals.

This year's CSW will provide many opportunities to hear and share lessons learned, successes and good practices, as well as to address challenges to be overcome in realizing equality in education and training, especially in the sciences, mathematics, technology, Information and Communications Technology (ICT), and full employment and decent work.

THEMES AND ISSUES FOR CSW 55

PRIORITY THEME 2011

Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work

During the first week of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, Member States will negotiate agreed conclusions (new policy recommendations) to accelerate the implementation of existing commitments, including those listed by the Beijing Platform for Action.

There will be:

- A round table for high-level participants that will focus on experiences, lessons learned and good practices, including results with supporting data
- An interactive panel of technical experts who will identify key policy initiatives and capacity-building on gender mainstreaming in order to accelerate the implementation of commitments related to the priority theme, *with a focus on science and technology, education and training*

REVIEW THEME

The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child

Agreed conclusion from the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women. An interactive dialogue will evaluate progress of implementation of these agreed conclusions.

EMERGING ISSUE

Gender equality and sustainable development

The emerging issue will be assessed through an interactive expert panel meeting

FUTURE THEMES: 2012 - 2014

2012 56TH SESSION

The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication; development and current challenges

2013 57TH SESSION

Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls

2014 58TH SESSION

Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

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BACKGROUND

NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, NY

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO/CSW), a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation in the State of New York, was established in 1972 as a substantive committee of the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations (CoNGO). The Committee supports the UN Commission on the Status of Women and works to promote women's rights and their advancement worldwide through the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), the Beijing Platform for Action, UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Millennium Development Goals.

Committee membership includes almost 200 national and international non-governmental organizations and individuals who promote the status of women internationally by working at local, national and international levels on the issues addressed by the United Nations. Our mandate is to foster dialogue among NGOs about current issues being debated at the United Nations and to build international consensus to promote sound government policies for women globally through advocacy and in partnership with governments. For that reason, we do not promote the specific positions of any one organization. The committee works in cooperation with the NGO Committees on the Status of Women in Geneva and Vienna.

In addition to the many events that surround the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the NGO Committee also facilitates a variety of activities, all organized and managed by member volunteers. These include:

- Monthly meetings with UN and government speakers
- Thematic roundtables leading up to the CSW
- Facilitation of NGO participation at the CSW
- Promotion of a gender perspective at the UN and other international meetings
- Annual "Women Who Make a Difference" Awards Luncheon to honor women ambassadors at the UN
- Meetings/Briefings during sessions of CEDAW
- Maintenance of a website, a global listserv and several e-mail listservs
- Intern program

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1991-1995

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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN BUREAU MEMBERSHIP

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women (Fifty-fifth session) comprises the members listed below. There are 45 members, each elected for a four-year term. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons each serve for two years.

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Term expires 2014

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GENDER EQUALITY IN THE UNITED NATIONS

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was established in 1946 by the Economic and Social Council to prepare recommendations and reports for the Council 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. Following the Beijing Conference, the General Assembly mandated the commission to integrate into its programme a follow-up process to the Conference, regularly reviewing the critical areas of concern in the Beijing Platform for Action and developing its catalytic role in mainstreaming a gender perspective in United Nations activities.

The CSW consists of 45 members elected by the Economic and Social Council for a period of four years. Members, who are appointed by governments, are elected on the following basis: 13 from African states, 11 from Asian states, 4 from Eastern European states, 9 from Latin American and Caribbean states, and 8 from Western European and other states. The commission meets annually for a period of 10 working days.

THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women. Consisting of a preamble and thirty articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination.

By accepting the Convention, States commit themselves to undertake a series of measures designed to end all forms of discrimination against women, including:

- Incorporating the principle of equality of men and women in their legal system, abolishing all discriminatory laws and adopting appropriate ones prohibiting discrimination against women
- Establishing tribunals and other public institutions to ensure the effective protection of women against discrimination

Countries that have ratified or acceded to the Convention are legally bound to put its provisions into practice. They are also committed to submit national reports on measures they have taken to comply with their treaty obligations. At present, the Convention, which entered into force on 3 September 1981, has 186 States parties.

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CEDAW CONVENTION

In 1999 the UN General Assembly adopted the Optional Protocol to the CEDAW Convention. By ratifying the Optional Protocol a state recognizes the competence of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the body that monitors the compliance of states with the Convention, to receive and consider complaints from individuals or groups within its jurisdiction. The CEDAW Optional Protocol was passed in December 2000 and currently has 100 States parties.

UN WOMEN

In July 2010, as part of the UN reform agenda bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

The main roles of UN Women are:

- To support inter-governmental bodies such as the Commission on the Status of Women in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms
- To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, as well as forging effective partnerships with civil society
- To hold the UN system accountable to its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress

On 14 September 2010, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Ms. Michelle Bachelet, former President of Chile, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women.

UN WOMEN

On 2 July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly passed Resolution A/RES/64/289, creating a new Gender Entity, UN Women¹. With this momentous move, member states unanimously voted to combine the assets, liabilities, mandates and functions of the following four existing UN gender agencies and offices: the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the Office of Special Advisor on Gender Issues (OSAGI), the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), and the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW).

Having become fully operational on 1 January 2011, UN Women will do more than simply combine the functions of the four former agencies and offices. It will build on their normative and operational functions and further progress toward gender equality and the advancement of women. The effectiveness of these efforts will be further strengthened with the appointment of Under-Secretary-General (USG) Michelle Bachelet, giving UN Women a seat at the highest decision-making levels, and providing the necessary high-level leadership and authority required by issues pertaining to gender and the advancement of women. The creation of UN Women will also provide for the ambitious provision of resources to be used for achieving these goals, as well as provide support to the UN, Member States, and civil society in implementing policies and commitments.

In addition to the USG, the administrative body will consist of a 41-member Executive Board, elected in November 2010. The members of this inaugural Executive Board, who met for the first time on 24 and 25 January 2011 and who will be serving on a rotating basis, are as follows: Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Lesotho, Libya, Nigeria and Tanzania (AFRICA), Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Republic of Korea and Timor-Leste (ASIA), Estonia, Hungary, Russian Federation and Ukraine (EASTERN EUROPE), Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada and Peru (LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN), Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg and Sweden (WESTERN EUROPE), Mexico, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States (CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES).

Years of advocacy by the GEAR (Gender Equality Architecture Reform) Campaign² and its network of over 300 women's, human rights, and social justice organizations, were instrumental in urging member states and the UN to establish UN Women. In light of the significant role the UN has played in the past decades to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women, the GEAR Campaign strongly advocated for the strengthening of these processes by reforming UN gender equality architecture. This reform has resulted in UN Women.

The role of civil society has been and will continue to be substantial in the operational success of UN Women; NGOs must have a strong voice and role in setting the priorities, policies, and programmes of this new entity. Civil Society must now continue to be involved at the national and regional levels, "ensuring that UN Women realize its potential as a powerful vehicle for advancing women's rights on the ground" (GEAR Campaign Civil Society Call to Action)³. To find out more on what to do, please visit the GEAR Campaign Website to view the Toolkit for Civil Society⁴.

¹ <http://www.unwomen.org>

² <http://www.gearcampaign.org>

³ http://www.gearcampaign.org/news_events/wp-content/uploads/2010/08/August-2010-GEAR-Call-to-Action1.pdf

⁴ http://www.gearcampaign.org/news_events/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/November-2010-GEAR-Campaign-Toolkit.pdf

WORLD CONFERENCES ON WOMEN

1975 - MEXICO CITY

The first UN World Conference on Women coincided with the International Women's Year and served to remind the international community that discrimination against women continued to be a persistent problem in much of the world. The following goals were established:

- Full gender equality and the elimination of gender discrimination
- The integration and full participation of women in development
- An increased contribution by women in the strengthening of world peace

A World Plan of Action was adopted at the Mexico City Conference. This document offered guidelines for governments and the international community to follow over the next ten years to accomplish the three key objectives set by the General Assembly. The Plan of Action set minimum targets, to be met by 1980, that focused on securing equal access for women to resources including education, employment opportunities, political participation, health services, housing, nutrition and family planning.

Whereas women were previously perceived as passive recipients of support and assistance, they were now viewed as full and equal partners with men, with equal rights to resources and opportunities. A similar transformation took place in the approach to development, with a shift from an earlier conception that development served to advance women to a new consensus that development was not possible without the full participation of women.

1980 - COPENHAGEN

At the second UN World Conference on Women, it was determined that there was a discrepancy between universal legal rights and women's ability to exercise these rights.

The barriers were:

- Lack of sufficient involvement of men in improving women's role in society
- Insufficient political will
- Lack of recognition of the value of women's contributions to society
- Lack of attention to the particular needs of women in planning
- Shortage of women in decision-making positions
- Insufficient services such as co-operatives, day-care centers and credit facilities to support the role of women in national life
- Overall lack of necessary financial resources
- Lack of awareness among women about the opportunities available to them

1985 - NAIROBI

The Third UN World Conference on Women sought to assess the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women. Although the Women's Movement had now become an international force unified under the banner of the "Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace", delegates were confronted with shocking reports. Data gathered by the United Nations revealed that improvements in the status of women and efforts to reduce discrimination had benefited only a small minority of women. Improvements in the situation of women in the developing world had been marginal at best.

The Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies (NFLS) to the Year 2000 was a blueprint for improving the condition of women through the end of the century. It broke new ground as it declared all issues to be women's issues. Women's participation in decision making and the handling of all human affairs was recognized not only as their legitimate right but as a social and political necessity that would have to be incorporated in all institutions of society.

The NFLS established the following categories as measures for achieving equality at national levels:

- Constitutional and legal steps
- Equality in social participation
- Equality in political participation and decision making

It was now recognized that women's equality, far from being an isolated issue, encompassed every sphere of human activity. Therefore, a women's perspective, including active involvement in all issues, not only women's issues, was essential if the goals and objectives of the Decade for Women were to be attained.

1995 - BEIJING

A fundamental transformation took place at the Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women. This was the recognition, based on the Vienna Conference on Human Rights, that women's rights are human rights. There must be a shift of focus from "women" to the concept of "gender", recognizing that the entire structure of society and all relations between men and women within it had to be re-evaluated.

The Beijing Conference unanimously adopted the Beijing Declaration and Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) which were, in essence, an agenda for women's empowerment. These stand as milestones for the advancement of women in the twenty-first century. The Beijing Platform for Action specified twelve critical areas of concern, the solutions of which were considered to be necessary to women's advancement:

- Women and poverty
- Education and training of women
- Women and health
- Violence against women
- Women in armed conflict
- Women and the economy
- Women in power and decision making
- Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women

- Human rights of women
- Women and the media
- Women and the environment
- The girl child

2000 - BEIJING PLUS FIVE (B+5)

The Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly (23rd SSGA) produced an outcome document which listed the achievements in the advancement of women during the previous five years. It identified obstacles and current challenges to the process and strengthened the Beijing Platform for Action by focusing action and addressing new issues.

2005 - BEIJING PLUS TEN (B+10)

CSW 49 was a celebratory review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform and the outcome document of the Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly. It also looked at the current challenges and forward-looking strategies since the SSGA.

2010 - BEIJING PLUS FIFTEEN (B+15)

CSW 54 presented a fifteen-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly. Emphasis was placed on the sharing of experiences and good practices, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges, including those related to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

On 2 March 2010 the Commission on the Status of Women adopted a Declaration reaffirming the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcomes of the Twenty-third Special Session of the General Assembly, calling for their full and effective implementation, and emphasizing that such implementation is essential to the achievement of the MDGs.

GLOBAL EVENTS 2011

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group on Cybercrime
Vienna, 17 - 21 January 2011

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/expert-group-on-cybercrime.html>

Committee on the Rights of the Child, 56th Session

Geneva, 17 January - 4 February 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/>

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

48th Session Geneva, 17 January - 4 February 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/cedaws48.htm>

Commission for Social Development, 49th Session

Priority Theme: Poverty Eradication

New York, 9 -18 February 2011

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2011.html>

Commission on the Status of Women, 55th Session

Priority Theme: Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work
New York, 22 February - 4 March 2011

<http://www.ngocsw.org/>

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/55sess.htm>

Human Rights Council, 16th Session

Geneva, 28 February - 25 March 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/ngo.htm>

International Women's Day

100 Year Centenary 1911 - 2011

New York and Worldwide, 8 March 2011

<http://www.internationalwomensday.com/contact.asp>

Human Rights Committee, 101st Session

New York, 14 March - 1 April 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/sessions.htm>

**Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division,
44th Session**

Theme: Fertility, Reproductive Health and Development

New York, 11-15 April 2011

<http://www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2011/cpd44.htm>

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 20th Session

Vienna, 11-15 April 2011

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/index.html>

Commission for Sustainable Development, CSD-19

4th Implementation Cycle–Policy Session

New York, 2 - 13 May 2011

http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd19.shtml

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 46th Session

Geneva, 2 - 20 May 2011

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/sessions.htm>

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 10th Session

New York, 16 - 27 May 2011

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/>

Committee on the Rights of the Child, 57th Session

Geneva, 30 May - 17 June

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/>

International Day of Rural Women

New York, 15 October 2011

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/feature/idrw/index.html>

Global Forum on Migration and Development

Switzerland, 2011

<http://www.gfmd.org/>

Informal Thematic Debate on Migration and Development

New York, 19 May 2011

www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/initiatives/migration.shtml

International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

Worldwide, 25 November 2011

http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/annual/elimination_vaw/en/index.html

16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

Worldwide, 25 November - 10 December 2011

<http://www.16dayscwggl.rutgers.edu/about-16-days/the-annual-theme>

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 47th Session

Geneva, 14 November - 2 December

<http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/sessions.htm>

United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 17)

Durban, South Africa, 28 November - 9 December 2011

<http://www.cop17durban.com/Pages/default.aspx>

UN General Assembly, 5th High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development

New York, 7- 8 December 2011

<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>

PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES LEADING TO CSW 55

- In preparation for the fifty-fifth session, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), now part of UN Women, organized an online discussion on gender, education and employment from 7 to 20 July 2010, as well as a podcast in cooperation with UN Radio.
- In collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), DAW convened an expert group meeting (EGM) on gender, science and technology from 28 September to 1 October 2010 in Paris, France.
- Background papers written for the EGM may be found on the UN Women website at www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw55/documentation.htm. Information on the online discussion and podcast may be accessed from www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw55/onlinediscussion3.html.
- A preparatory expert panel was also held during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Thursday, 4 March 2010.

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INFORMATION FOR ADVOCACY

One of the main responsibilities of participants of the CSW is advocacy. By taking advantage of the opportunities for influencing governmental delegates to the Commission, NGOs introduce into their discourse and decision-making process the views of women on the issues under discussion. Thus, through the efforts of NGOs, the voice of civil society provides an alternative and/or complement to the views of governments. Outlined here are examples of how NGO delegates to the CSW, who are accredited to and in good standing with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), can engage in advocacy.

NGO CAUCUSES

All participants are encouraged to join the caucuses that interest them. Organized thematically and by geographic region, caucuses are important for strategizing and putting collective strength behind a particular issue. They also serve as a training ground for the learning of lobbying techniques and advocacy skills. The dates and venues of some of the caucus meetings are listed in the CSW Handbook (Schedule of NGO Parallel Events). There are also caucuses that form during the course of the CSW.

Further information on all the caucuses will be provided during the NGO morning briefings and some will be listed in the bulletins and schedule handouts provided by the NGO CSW and the Division for the Advancement of Women..

MEETING WITH GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATES

At the CSW, NGOs are encouraged to meet with members of their governmental delegation or of governmental delegates from their region individually or in groups to communicate their concerns and offer suggestions. In fact, they may approach any governmental delegate from other delegations and regions to do so.

WORKING WITH THE DRAFT OUTCOME DOCUMENT

Working with the draft outcome document, which is usually issued at the outset of the CSW, is the focus of much of the advocacy during the CSW and opportunities for doing so are provided in the meetings of the thematic and regional caucuses though NGOs can do so individually or in self-organized informal groups.

It is necessary to determine where in the proposed draft outcome document issues of interest to one's group or caucus appear or if they do not appear at all. Decisions should then be made regarding revisions or additions that can be inserted into the draft. When inserting these suggestions, it is important to write language which is likely to be accepted by governments and which incorporates commitments already made in other documents, in particular in conventions and treaties with which the majority of governments are familiar. Examples of such agreements include The Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies, NFLS (1985), the Beijing Platform for Action, BPfA (1995) and the agreed outcomes of CSW 54, which reviewed the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. Cross-referencing all such documents will lend power to your suggestions.

Finally in working with the draft outcomes, it is important to be aware of the position of your country and the countries in your regional group regarding, for example, the ratification/accession to human rights treaties, reservations if entered, and any public statements made with reference to human rights, as well as what your governments have agreed to, but have failed to produce or provide.

USEFUL TIPS

VENUE FOR THE CSW

This year the official UN meetings of the CSW will take place in the newly built temporary building on the North Lawn of UN Headquarters (NLB). Access to the building is through the visitor's entrance on 1st Avenue.

INFORMATION ABOUT UN MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Information about UN meetings and other events is available on the UN website at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/55sess.htm> the message boards on the walls and at the daily morning NGO briefings or at the Church Center, Grumman Room (8th floor). Official CSW documents may also be found in the Grumman Room. We ask all to make an effort to keep this room neat. Please straighten piles of leaflets and pamphlets before leaving.

Very useful information about the UN is also available to NGOs in the Department of Public Information (DPI) resource room L 37, which is located near the post office area downstairs from the entrance to the main UN building.

UN MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATES

Seats in the meeting rooms are assigned to delegates of the various countries. To observe these meetings, NGO delegates are asked to sit in designated chairs in the back and on the sides of the room. Cell phones should be turned off.

Meetings listed as 'closed' or 'informal' are not open to the public or NGO delegates to the CSW. These designations are made in the UN Journal, on the message boards or on the door of the assigned meeting room.

ROOMS AND EQUIPMENT

The following are not available to NGO delegates: rooms assigned for the use of government representatives and their assistants; computers on the ground floor level; and documents from the meeting room documents window.

PARALLEL EVENTS

Most parallel events are held in the Church Center (777 United Nations Plaza) or at the Salvation Army (221 E. 52nd St.). The schedule is included in this handbook. Flyers advertising these events may be placed in the Grumman Room and on the message board or tables just outside the room. They may also be placed on the tables near the back of UN conference rooms but should not be affixed to the walls and doors of these rooms or distributed to the individual seats.

FOOD

Food and drinks are available in the small coffee shop on the ground floor of the main building and in the Austria Cafe on the second floor of the temporary building in which the CSW meetings will be held. There is a UNICEF cafeteria on 44th St., near the Church Center, and another cafeteria on the 3rd floor of the DC2 building next to the Millennium Hotel on 44th St. In addition, there are many eateries in the neighborhood.

Except for bottled water, neither food nor drink is allowed in the conference rooms in the UN building. Water and food can be brought into the meeting rooms at the Church Center during informal group meetings only. If you do bring food into one of these rooms, clean up all paper and throw away refuse in designated receptacles before you leave.

KEY WEBSITES

UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN

UN Women

www.womenwatch@un.org

CoNGO

Conference of NGOs at the United Nations, CoNGO

www.ngocongo.org/

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY

www.ngocsw.org/

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva

www.ngocsw-geneva.ch

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Vienna

www.ngocongo.org/ngosubs/stwomvie.htm

OTHER UN ENTITIES AND RESOURCES

UN Population Fund

www.unfpa.org

UN Children's Fund

www.unicef.org

The United Nations Joint Programme on HIV/AIDS

www.unaids.org/en/default.asp

UN Development Programme

www.undp.org

UN Refugee Agency

www.unhcr.org/

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/

World Bank Gender and Development
www.worldbank.org/gender/

Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women
www2.ohchr.org/english/issues/women/rapporteur/

UN REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

UN News Services
www.un.org/News/

UN Department of Public Information: NGO Section
www.un.org/dpi/ngosection

Human Development Index
www.hdr.undp.org/en/statistics/

UN Daily Journal
www.un.org/Docs/journal/En/lateste.pdf

UN Member States
www.un.org/en/members

UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service
www.un-ngls.org

Department of Economic and Social Affairs
www.un.org/en/development/desa/

CIVIL SOCIETY

Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign
www.gearcampaign.org

Center for Women's Global Leadership
www.cwgl.rutgers.edu/

Association of Women's Rights in Development
www.awid.org/

Women's United Nations Report Network (WUNRN)
www.wunrn.com

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
www.wilpf.org

The Working Group on Girls
www.girlsrights.org

The NGO Committee on UNICEF
www.ngocomunicef.org

REGIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORKS

Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW)
www.apww-slwngof.org

African Women's Development and Communication Network
(FEMNET)
www.femnet.or.ke/

European Women's Lobby
www.womenlobby.org/

USEFUL CONTACTS

Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO)

777 UN Plaza, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10017

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Website: www.ngocongo.org

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

3 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-326-7000; Fax: 212-887-7465

E-mail: information@unicefusa.org

Website: www.unicef.org

United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Services (NGLS)

Room DC1 1106, UN Plaza

New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-963-3125; Fax: 212-963-8712

E-mail: ngls@un.org

Website: www.un-ngls.org

United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)

United Nations DPI Resource Center

Room GA-37

New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-963-7233; Fax: 212-963-2819

E-mail: dpingo@un.org

Website: www.un.org/dpi/ngosection

UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) NGO Section*

One UN Plaza, Room DC 1 1480

New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-963-8652; Fax: 212-963-9248

E-mail: ngobranch@un.org

Website: www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/

*for NGOs interested in applying for consultative status

UN Women: United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women*

304 East 45th Street, 15th Floor

New York, NY 10017

Tel: 212-906-6400; Fax: 212-906-6705

Website: www.unwomen.org

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

605 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10158

Tel: 212-297-5000; Fax: 212-370-0201

E-mail: hq@unfpa.org

Website: www.unfpa.org

United Nations Special Rapporteur for Trafficking in Persons

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United Nations Office at Geneva

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E-mail: SRtrafficking@ohchr.org

Website: www2.ohchr.org/English/issues/trafficking

* Comprises the following:

United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)

Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)

Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI)

UN GLOSSARY

BPfA	Beijing Platform for Action—the main outcome document of The Fourth World Conference, Beijing 1995
CCUN	Church Center of the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza (44th St. and 1st Ave)
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women
CoNGO	Conference of NGOs in Consultative Status with the United Nations
CSW	UN Commission on the Status of Women
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DPI	Department of Public Information
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council—serves as the central body discussing economic and social issues and formulating policy recommendations addressed to member states and to the United Nations system
GA	General Assembly—main deliberative organ of the United Nations for governments to formulate and appraise policy which meets at United Nations Headquarters in New York from September to December annually
GFMD	Global Forum on Migration and Development—an initiative of the United Nations Member States (2006) to address the migration and development interconnections in practical and action-oriented ways
Informals	Unofficial meetings held outside the main forum

Interventions	Statements made at an official meeting, first by member governments and if time permits, next by non-Member States, then UN Agencies, such as UN Women, and finally NGOs, who must register to make an intervention
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals—proposed in the Millennium Declaration as essential measures of progress towards sustainable social and economic development
NFLA	Nairobi Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women—the main outcome of the Third World Conference on Women, Nairobi, Kenya 1985
NGO-CSW	NGO Committee on the Status of Women
NGLS	UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service—an inter-agency programme formed to facilitate the UN-NGO dialogue and cooperation
Non-papers	Unofficial papers with no standing in formal proceedings, usually composed of a collection of ideas circulated informally among members or participants involved
PrepCom	Preparatory Committee—the preparatory process leading up to an important meeting
PRSPs	Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers—prepared by governments to describe a country’s poverty reduction plans and strategies
SA	Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
UNCED	United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

UNDP/GIDP	UN Development Programme/Gender in Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNGASS	United Nations General Assembly Special Session
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UN WOMEN	United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women—an incorporation of UN Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), and Office of Special Adviser on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women (OSAGI)—Established July 2010 by the General Assembly

MAP AND DIRECTIONS



CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

Address:

777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY
(at the corner of 44th Street and 1st Avenue)



THE SALVATION ARMY*

Address:

221 East 52nd Street, New York, NY
(between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)

Walking directions from the UN Church Center
(10-15 minute walk):

- 1 Head North on First Avenue to 47th Street
- 2 Turn left and go to 2nd Avenue
- 3 Turn right and go to 52nd Street
- 4 Turn left and go to #221 East 52nd Street
(between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)
- 5 The building will be on your right

* For Morning Briefings and some Parallel Events, 22 February - 4 March



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PARALLEL EVENTS, CAUCUSES AND MORNING BRIEFINGS

PLEASE NOTE: The following calendar of Parallel Events and Caucuses is only accurate up to the time of printing.

**THE LOCATIONS, DATES, TIMES
AND NAMES OF EVENTS ARE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website:

www.ngocsw.org

MORNING BRIEFINGS will be held every day of the conference, starting on Wednesday, 23 February, from 9:00-9:45 a.m., in the Main Auditorium of the Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street.

A LIST OF DAILY EVENTS AND CAUCUSES will be distributed during the Morning Briefings and will also be provided by the NGO CSW and UN Women. Copies will be available and posted in the Lobby of the Church Center and in the Grumman Room on the 8th Floor.

If you have any questions, please ask an NGO CSW volunteer where to find information on events.

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TIME	SITE	ROOM	DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION
TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Using IT to Empower Women	Elgon Project Management
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Breaking the Cycle of Poverty of Women and Girls through Education and Training	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Girls Voices: A global View of STEM--Science, Technology, Engineering, Math	Girl Scouts of the USA
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Relational Aspects of Gender Equality in Sport: Male-Female Collaborative Advocacy	WomenSport International, WSI
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Investing in Peace: Financing 1325 & the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls	ICAN--Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	Violence against the Girl Child: Responses to Family Violence and Human Trafficking	San Francisco Department on the Status of Women
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Comprehensive Sexuality Education: Steps Towards Destigmatisation, Access and Fulfilling Rights	ActionAid International
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Our Bodies Are Still Trembling: Haitian Women's Fight Against Rape	MADRE
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Girls Speak	Girls Learn International
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Making Countries Accountable on Gender Equity and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	Strategies from the South and FEIM
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Interactive Participatory Workshop on CSW 55 Priority Theme	NGO Committee on UNIFEM--UN Women
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Voice of Grass Roots Women	United Methodist Women
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Enrolling Out-of-School Girls: End Child Marriage and Widows' Poverty	National Council of Women, Great Britain
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Girls take the Stage: International Girls Day	Plan Canada
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Women, Climate Change, and the New Green Economy	NGO CSW Sub-Committee on Women and Climate Change

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02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	A Supportive Learning Environment for HIV Positive Children	Rozaria Memorial Trust
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	CEDAW and Human Rights of the Girl-child in the Southern U.S.A	Women Human Rights International Association
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	The Psychosocial Cultural Barriers Limiting Girls and Women's Involvement in STEM Careers.	American Psychological Association
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	The Road Ahead for Women's Advancement: New Opportunities, New Structures, New Partnerships	International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, FIFCJ
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Violence and Discrimination against Girls in Schools	Plan Sweden
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Formal and non-Formal Education for Women and Girls: A Life Course Approach	Soroptimist International
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Men are Human, Women Are Buffalo: A documentary Film	Women Human Rights International Association, WHRIA
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Created in God's Image: Promoting Positive Masculinity from Hegemony to Partnership	World Council of Churches
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women Taking the Lead: Education, Entrepreneurship and Opportunity for All	Women's International Center
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Engaging Young Women	UNIFEM Australia
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	How Women Learn to Earn from Rural Panama to the Schools of Oakland, CA, to the Factories of Korea	Adriana Fabrega, Discover the World Marketing
06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Lessons in Honesty, Empathy, and Self-care	Anglican Consultative Council
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Resourcing Rights: Investing in Women and Girls to Mitigate the Impact of HIV.	Salamander Trust
06:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	The Woman-friendly State	The Swedish Women's Lobby
06:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	New Research Findings from the Arab Region: Education, Citizenship, Cost of Violence Against Women	Karama

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WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY				
08:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	African Women's Lobby Workshop on Girls' Education in Africa	AAWORD
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Left Behind by Economic Policy: Race, Gender and Class in the US	Urban Justice Center
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Women's Livelihoods and Decent Work	Network for Women's Rights in Ghana, NETRIGHT
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Education for Women and Girls: The Key to a Brighter Future	Lehigh University
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Improving Education for Women and Girls in Science and Technology	Women's Federation for World Peace International
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Claiming Space for Pacific Women in the International Arena	Pacific Women's Watch New Zealand Inc.
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Integrating VAW in HIV Responses	Women Wont Wait Campaign
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Education and Training: What Do Gender, Race, Class Have To Do with It?	United Methodist Women
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Girls Voices--Promises Made: A Review of CSW 51	International Presentation Association
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Training on Gender, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding for African Countries	Femmes Africa Solidarite
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Documentary: Pink Smoke Over the Vatican. Ordination and Women's Welfare Worldwide	St. Joan's International Alliance
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Implementing UNSCR 1325 on Women and Peace and Security: Strengthening the CSW 55 Agenda	ICAN - Global Network of Women Peacebuilders
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Empowering Women and Girls through Education and Mentoring Experiences from Mozambique	The Women's Forum Forum Mulher
02:00 PM	CCUN	Grumman Room, 8th Floor	Review on the Positive Characteristics and Experiences of Disadvantaged Single Parent Women	Taiwan Fund for Children and Families, TFCF

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02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Sextortion: Unmasking Hidden Corruption	International Association of Women Judges
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	NGO Leadership Skills, Social Support, and Problem Solving	The Human Lactation Center, Ltd.
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Educating girls in Canada: Successes and Challenges	National Council of Women of Canada
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Education, Science, Technology, Employment and Gender Discrimination in Iran	Italian Association for Women in Development, AIDOS
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Boy-Girl Dialogue	The Grail
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Proposal for 5th UN NGO World Conference on Women 5WCW	Women's World Summit Foundation, WWSF
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Faire campagne contre le tourisme sexuel dans la Méditerranée: Défendre le droit au travail décent	Coalition Against Trafficking in Women
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Let's Talk About Gender and Rights	International Planned Parenthood Federation, WHR
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	The Precarious Progress of Women, Peace and Security	Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace Justice
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Multicultural Society and Women in Asia	Korea Women Watch
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Health Law and Reproductive Rights	ELSA
06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Sexuality, Homophobia and Transphobia: The Need to Improve Access to Education and Work	ILGA
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Priorities for UN Women: Country-level Work; Presentation of Global Survey	Oxfam Novib
06:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	The Cutting Edge: Technology and Its Impact on Work, Wealth, and Women's Leadership	Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund
06:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Mothers and Education	FEFAF
06:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women and Girls in Science and Technology: Obstacles Overcome, Goals Achieved	World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations

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THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY				
08:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Reimagining the Right to the City: What is the Safer Cities Movement and Where Are We Going?	Huairou Commission
08:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Iraqi Women: Achievements and Challenges	Al-Hakim Foundation
08:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Importance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Lives of Women and Strategies for Women's	Federation of Women Lawyers Kenya (FIDA Kenya)
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Protecting and Empowering the Girl Child Online and Offline	Associated Country Women of the World
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Protection and Restitution for Survivors of Sexual and Gender-based Violence	ACORD
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System	The Haven Wolverhampton
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Medicine, the Pink Collar Profession	Medical Women's International Association
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	Preventing Violence against Women through Promoting the Economic Empowerment of Women in New York	Sakhi for South Asian Women
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Workshop and Demonstration of STEM Education: Best Practices and Products	International Association of Applied Psychology
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women's Political Participation and Leadership: Challenging Fundamentalism	BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Trafficking, Prostitution and Work	Movement for the Abolition of Prostitution and Pornography
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Sex and the Whole Woman	Endeavour Forum, Inc.
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Dignity for Domestic Workers	United Methodist Women
12:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Putting Gender on the Agenda: Women at the Top in Science and Technology	BPW International

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12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Girls Talk About Violence against Girls	The Salvation Army
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Women in Iraq Voice Concern: What Was the Achievement in Iraq?	Hope Medical Enterprises
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Peace Education for the Girl Child: Scientific Competency for Gender Equality and Political Participation	World Council for Curriculum and Instruction, ECOSOC Status
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Non-sexist Education and Women's Human Rights	CLADEM and AWID
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Absence d'état-civil pour les filles	Regards de Femmes
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Commercial Sexual Exploitation and the Girl Child: A Human Rights Approach	Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, SPSSI
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women, Economic Crisis, and Recovery: Growing Discrimination in Canadian and Comparative Perspective	FAFIA: Feminist Alliance for International Action, Ottawa, Ontar
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	A Case Study on Training for Women-led Business in Post-conflict Reconstruction in Africa	
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Engendering Technologies: Women Take Charge	International Association of Women in Radio and Television, IAWRT
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Meeting the Needs of Women through MDG 5b and Education	International Planned Parenthood Federation, WHR
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Mentoring Young Women for Leadership Through Partnerships	YWCA Canada
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	GEAR UP: UN Women and Civil Society Moving Forward	The GEAR Campaign
06:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	The Use of Technology in Reducing Maternal Mortality	Forum for Women and Development
06:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Educate a Girl, Teach a Family	Associated Country Women of the World
06:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	CEDAW After Thirty Years--Book Launch	Karama

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06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	The Impact of Education, Training, Science and Technology on Rural Women	Voices of African Mothers
FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY				
08:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Re-Strategizing the Use of Media and ICTs for Empowering Women on the Ground	Isis International
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Zonta International: Amelia Earhart Ph.D. Fellowships for Women in Aerospace Sciences and Engineering	Zonta International
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Religion, Women and Armed Conflict: Faith Agency to End Violence and Secure Maternal Health	Religions for Peace
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Masculinities and Small Arms Mentoring: Young Leaders to Address Gender Dimensions in Eastern Africa	Eastern African sub Regional Support Initiative, EASSI
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Where Buying Sex is Illegal: The Nordic Model.	Roks
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women, Security and a Just Peace: Research and Action	International Sociological Association
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	Science and Technology: Why So Few? How to Attract Many?	AAUW American Assoc. of Univ. Women
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Higher Education of Young Women in Science and Technology	Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Rising Above Socio-Cultural Inhibitions: The Key to Empowering Women and Girls in Africa and America	WiDO
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Take Back The Tech: Reclaiming Technology for Women's Rights	Association for Progressive Communications, APC
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Fertility Management	Catholic Women's League, Australia
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Economic Empowerment in Africa	Hawa Society for Women
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Resilience: A Strategy for Realizing Gender Equality in Higher Education and Technologies	Women's International Zionist Organisation, WIZO
12:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Technology Tools for Women's Organizations and Networks	Women Intercultural Network

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12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Millionth Circle: Empowering Women and Girls, Changing the World	Pathways to Peace
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Corporate Responsibility, the Internet, Sex Trafficking	UNANIMA International
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Preparing the Girl Child for Full Employment: Equity	International Health Awareness Network
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Physical Barriers to Education	International Alliance of Women
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	The Green Women's Economy: Creating a Sustainable Bronx	The Temple of Understanding
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Women, Girls: Marketing, Advertising, Technology Issues vs. Education, Physical and Mental Health	National Organization for Women, NOW
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Uniting Against Violence: A Girl-centred Approach	World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Breaking the Barriers: Empowering Widows and Orphans In Iraq	Al Khoei Foundation
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Women and Education in Asia	Korean Institute for Women Politics
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Legal Mechanisms to Promote Decent Work, Employment and Job Creation	International Federation of Women Lawyers
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Bridging the Gap: Access to Education, Math, Science and Technology One Step at a Time	Nat'l Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Inc
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Non-Communicable Diseases: A Neglected Dimension of Women's Health and Development	NCD Alliance
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Anti-Trafficking Efforts: Race, Gender, Class in the 21st Century	Urban Justice Center
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Women and Girls in Situations of Armed Conflict in the Asia Pacific Region	Asia Pacific Women's Watch
06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women: A New Paradigm	Bahrain Women Association
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Ecology and Feminism: Sacred Feminine, Circles, Valuing Girls and Trees	Pathways to Peace

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06:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Violence Against Women and Girls, and Education	WAVE Network
MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Economic Community of West African States: ECOWAS Community Court Ruling on Free Education in Nigeria	Women's Right to Education Programme
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Allies: How Public-Private Collaborations Can Combat Child Sex Tourism	ECPAT-USA
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	PAPERS: The Experience of African Immigrant Women with the US Asylum Process	Sauti Yetu Center for African Women
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Educated women in Sudan: Best Practice	IZZA Peace Foundation, IPF
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Female Slavery	SMOTH Knights Templar
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	ICT, Women's Education, and Decent Work in Africa	International Women Bond, IWB
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Educate a Woman, You Educate the Whole Nation	Non-Governmental Organisations Coordinating Council, NGOCC
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Access of Women and Girls to Education and Training to End Violence against Women	Zenab for Women in Development
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Making the Link Between Women's Education and Employment through Political Participation	Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre, CIRDDOC
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Realizing the Elimination of Violence Against Girls	NGO CSW VAW Subcommittee
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Strengthening the Human Rights Accountability Framework in the Context of Maternal Mortality	The Center for Economic and Social Rights
12:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	GirlsBoys' Education and MDGs: Successes, Blockages and Youth Perspectives	International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Global Women Parliament	Mahila Dakshi Samiti

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02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Women in Science: The Equality Myth	National Council of Women of the United States
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Equity for Women and Empowerment Through Partnership	New Future Foundation, Inc
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Muslim Women and Challenges of Violence and Marginalization	Al-Hakim Foundation
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	The Impact of Conflicts in Africa on Girls' Education: Darfur Case	IZZA Peace Foundation, IPF
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Open Forum on the 16 Days Campaign	Center for Women's Global Leadership
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Intergenerational Learning and Conversations on Education for Girls: A Tool for Empowerment	World YWCA
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Gender, Economic Environmental Justice for Young Women in the Economic South	Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, DAWN
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Sakineh's Affair: The Strength of Popular Feminism	French Minister of Foreign Affairs
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women Human Rights Defenders: A Global Situationer	Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Violence Against Women in Iran	Italian Association for Women in Development, AIDOS
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Second Chance: From Victims to Actors	ENCATIP
06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women's Spiritual Leadership: A Resource for Global Change	Women of Spirit and Faith
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Access to Education, Science, Technology, Decent Jobs, and Civil Rights	International Alliance of Women
06:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Campaigning for Sexual Rights	
TUESDAY, 1 MARCH				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Girls' Visibilities: Empowerment that Works	Girls Power Initiative GPI

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10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Gender on Trade: Public/Private Partnerships for Development	Regional Export Promotion Women's Trust
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Reproductive Health: A Knowledge-Based Approach for Empowering Girls	World Youth Alliance
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Girls and Boys: Dialogue on Gender Equality	Vides International
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	La femme face aux valeurs traditionnelles, et son impact sur le développement de la société	Ligue Nationale des Droits de l'Homme du Cameroun, LINAH
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	The Arab Women: Economic and Social Rights, Achievements, Challenges and Obstacles	Union de l'Action Feminine
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Shutting Down War, Raising Up Women's Peace Building Skills	Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	The YOWLI Monologues: Young African Women Speak Out on Climate Justice, SRHR and Youth Leadership	African Women's Millennium Initiative on Poverty and Human Rights, AWOMI
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Positive Relations: Northern Ireland	Training for Women Network Ltd., NI
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	GIRL POWER: A Dramatic Presentation and Talkback	International Council of Jewish Women
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Womens Rights are Human Rights	American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Challenges for UN Women in a Fierce New World	Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, DAWN
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Women: Collateral Damage to Ethiopia's Ethnic Federalism	African Rights Monitor, ARM
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Empower Girls within Shelter's Service: Best Practice and Powerful Work in Taiwan	The Foundation of Women's Rights Promotion and Development
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Psychology Caucus: What Psychology Offers to the Education of Women and Girls	American Psychological Association
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Educating Women about the Science of Medical Abortion	Sexo Seguro
06:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	The Roles of Women on Waste Management in Manado City, North Sulawesi, Indonesia	NGO Perempuan Peduli Lingkungan
06:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	On the Road to Busan HLF4: Women Transforming the Development Cooperation System and Practices	Co-organized by AWID, FEMNET, WIDE

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WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	A Social Work Mandate for Girls and Women: Increasing Scientific Technological Participation	International Assoc. of Schools of Social Work
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Empowering Women to Document Their Experience in Peace and Security as a Research Tool	African Leadership Center
10:00 AM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Grassroots Women's Speakout	Huairou Commission
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Race, Gender and Climate Change: Women of Color Uplifting Climate Justice in the US	NAACP
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	From Girls at Risk to Women of Strength	Disha Foundation
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	Women's Strategies in Non-formal Economic Activities in Armed Conflict Situations	Asia Pacific Women's Watch
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	The Gender Dividend	Won Buddhism International
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Occupation and Armed Conflicts and Their Impact on Education	Jordanian Womens' Union
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Knowledge Saves Lives	FACH Foundation for African Culture and Heritage
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Kenya in Light of the New Constitution 2010	SELF
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Iran Rooyan: Telling Stories, Raising Voices, Transforming Society	Iran Rooyan
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Breast Cancer Prevention	Endeavour Forum, Inc.
12:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Promoting Women's Mental Health and Well Being in the Workplace	World Federation for Mental Health, WFMH
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Photo Expo: Voices on Women's Leadership in Addressing GBV SRHR	HIVOS
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Obstacles and Solutions to African Women's and Girls' Access to Education and Employment	African Women's Alliance Incorporated

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02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Challenge of Science Technology Education for Girls in Nigeria: the Case of Lagos State	Center for Organisational Development COD Nigeria
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Women, War and Broken Lives: Rebuilding Better Resources and Justice for Women and Girls	NGO Health Committee
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women Balancing Work Life with Family Life	REAL Women of Canada
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Women Leading through Energetic Intelligence	Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Learning from Local Initiatives: Women's Low-Carbon Innovations Inform Policy	Women's Environment and Development Organization
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Thinking Outside the Box: Cutting Edge Techniques to Empower Women and Girls	Lawyers Without Borders
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Girls & Women of African Descent: Best Practices in STEM Education & Workforce Engagement	Sister to Sister International, Inc.
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Southern Synergies: South-North Collaborations on MDGs	Women of Color United
04:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Economics Workshop: Applying a Human Rights Perspectives to Macroeconomic Policy	Center for Women's Global Leadership, CWGL
04:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Empowering African Girls and Young Women in the Context of Education, Violence and SRH	ACTIONAID International
04:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	Panel on Sexuality-related Problems of Adolescent Girls and Boys in Central and Eastern Europe	Polish Federation for Women and Family Planning
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Women's Mental Health and Reproductive Issues	Genesis Life
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	African Women's Diaspora: Sister to Sister Networking Reception	Sister to Sister International, Inc.
06:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Economics Workshop: Applying a Human Rights Perspectives to Macroeconomic Policy	Center for Women's Global Leadership, CWGL

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THURSDAY, 3 MARCH				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Social Change Women, Networks, and Technology	Project Keshe
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Securing Gender Equality: Iran and the CSW	Neda for a Free Iran
10:00 AM	CCUN	10th Floor	Access to Education in Science and Technology: Developing Capacity in Migrant Women and Girls	NGO Committee on Migration
10:00 AM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Science without Women: The Future of an Illusion	International Psychoanalytical Association
10:00 AM	SA	Downstairs Room	Commonwealth Case Studies on Chronic Non-Communicable Diseases	Commonwealth Women's Network
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Promoting Women's Rights through Higher Education: The Interdisciplinary Vision of the United Nations	United Nations Academic Impact
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women, Education and Peace Building: Implementing UNSCR 1325	World YWCA, Y-Global
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People	Franklin Covey Institute
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Impact of HIVAIDs and Mental Health for Asian Women	World Federation for Mental Health
12:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Integration of the Rights of the Girl Child into Peace and Education in Sudan	Bridges International, BI
12:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Rural Women's Access to Education, Training, and Employment	Rural Development Leadership Network
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Film: Yellow Roses	The Salvation Army
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Women in Society: Achievement in Science, Leadership and Humanitarian Work	Worldwide Organization of Women
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	La perdition scolaire: causes et impacts chez les filles	UNDP
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	IFUW's Perspective from our 4 Centers--Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna on the Priority Theme	International Federation of University Women

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02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Mental Health Consequences Resulting from Barriers to the Education of Girls and Women	NGO Committee on Mental Health
02:00 PM	SA	Downstairs Room	HIV Prevention: Justice for HIV+ Women in the U.S.	WORLD/PWN
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Women In Technology: Our Past, The Present, Strategies for the Future	Foundation for the Support of the United Nations, FSUN
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Sex Work versus Human Trafficking: Examining the Emerging Global Sex Trade	Appignani Bioethics Center
04:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Solar Cooking Leads to Education, Independence and Health for Women and Girls	Solar Cookers International
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Diversity and Inclusion: Strengthening Partnership Opportunities Between NGOs and Corporations	Foundation for the Support of the United Nations, FSUN
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Combat Violence: A Focus on Domestic Violence Globally	National Council of Women of the United States
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH				
10:00 AM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	International Seminar on Full Access for Women to Work	WIDF
10:00 AM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Progress of Education for Women in the Middle East	US Federation for Middle East Peace
10:00 AM	SA	Main Auditorium	Valuing Care Work: How Can We Make Care Work Visible in National Accounts	ActionAid International
12:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Problems Faced by Women's Human Rights' Defenders in Sierra Leone	Women's Centre for Good Governance and Human Rights, WOCEGAR
12:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	My Sister Health Initiative Women's Health in Cultural Diversity	American Association of University Women NYC
12:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Mothers of Values Enhancing the MDGs	Expected
12:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Promoting Gender Equality and Empowering Women and Girls Through Education, Training and Decent Work	ITUC - EI - PSI
02:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Empowering Women Girls Through Dialogue Skills to Advance Education, Training and Full Employment	Soka Gakkai International

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FRIDAY, 4 MARCH (cont.)				
02:00 PM	CCUN	Boss Room, 8th Floor	Attaining Gender-Friendly MDG Justice and Human Rights Protection	First Lady's Save Our Youths Campaign
02:00 PM	CCUN	10th Floor	Women Build Bridges of Peace and Prosperity	Women for Women International
02:00 PM	CCUN	Hardin Room, 11th Floor	Women Empowerment and Violence Against Women in Nepal	WOREC
02:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Towards a Future Without Religious Fundamentalisms: Strategies of Growth, Strategies of Resistance	Association for Women's Rights in Development, AWID
04:00 PM	CCUN	Drew Room, Ground Floor	Women in Leadership: Ways Beyond the Glass Ceiling	Sudanese Women General Union, SWGU
04:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Using the Yogyakarta Principles for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Human Rights	International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission
04:00 PM	SA	Main Auditorium	Violence Against Women in Iran	Italian Association for Women in Development, AIDOS
06:00 PM	CCUN	2nd Floor	Africa's Finest: Conversations With The New Generation of African Women Leaders	Moremi Initiative for Women's Leadership in Africa

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TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ORGANIZATION
TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY			
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Youth Voices: Education + Training= Work?	Baha'i International Community
1:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Creativity and Economy	Baha'i International Community
WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY			
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Girls, Education, and Work	Baha'i International Community
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	German House 1st Ave and 49th Street	Closing the Pay Gap	IFBPW
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	US Mission at 45th St and 1st Ave	Developing & Using Technology: Women Leading the Way	US Mission to the UN
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Rethinking and Reconceptualizing the Education of Young Women Beyond Basic Curricula	Baha'i International Community
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Micro-science -- Macro-economy	Baha'i International Community
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY			
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Violence Against Girls in Conflict	Baha'i International Community
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Say No Now	Baha'i International Community
2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	International Catholic Organizations Center, 323 East 47th Street	UN Women Circle's Campaign	International Public Policy Institute
3:00 PM – 4:45 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Art Attack: The Power to Change	Baha'i International Community
FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY			
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Window on Widows	Baha'i International Community
1:15 AM – 2:45 PM	United Nations North Lawn Building, Conference Room B	Access to Education and Decent Work: Investing in Girls and Young Women	Socialist International Women

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1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	US Mission at 45th St and 1st Ave	Developing & Using Technology: Women Leading the Way	US Mission to the UN
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Boys Speak Out: The Role of Men and Boys in Advancing Towards Equality	Baha'i International Community
SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY			
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM	3 West 49th Street (marble building adjacent to the church)	Proposal Writing and Evaluation: A Training Session for NGO Representatives from Developing Countries	VGIF
MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY			
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza, Suite 120	Values Caucus Annual CSW Community Conservation	Baha'i International Community
3:00 PM – 5:15 PM	200 Vesey Street	Building a Pipeline to Women's Leadership	NCRW

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TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	International Alliance for Women	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Violence Against Women	Baha' International Community, 877 UN Plaza
4:00 - 6:00 PM	NGO Orientation	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY		
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
2:00 - 3:30 PM	Migration Caucus	International Catholic Organizations Center, 323 East 47th St (between 1st and 2nd Ave)
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Women and Climate Change	International Catholic Organizations Center, 323 East 47th St (between 1st and 2nd Ave)
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Latin America Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	USA Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	FEMNET	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	USA Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
3:00 - 4:30 PM	Migration Caucus	International Catholic Organizations Center, 323 East 47th St (between 1st and 2nd Ave)
4:00 - 4:50 PM	APWW	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
5:00 - 5:50 PM	Working Group on Girls	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	FEMNET	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Committee on Migration	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
TUESDAY, 1 MARCH		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	Violence Against Women	Baha' International Community, 877 UN Plaza
3:00 - 3:50 PM	APWW	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	AWE	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building

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WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	FEMNET	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	GEAR	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 6:00 PM	Women and Climate Change	International Catholic Organizations Center, 323 East 47th St (between 1st and 2nd Ave)
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
THURSDAY, 3 MARCH		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	FEMNET	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
4:00 - 4:50 PM	Latin America Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
5:00 - 5:50 PM	NGO CSW Coordinating Caucus	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH		
3:00 - 3:50 PM	FEMNET	Conference Room B, North Lawn Building

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
MONDAY, 21 FEBRUARY		
UN HOLIDAY		
TUESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening of the session - Election of officers (Item 1) - Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (Item 2) - Introduction of documents [Item 3 as a whole] <p>GENERAL DISCUSSION (Item 3) (opens)</p> <p>Review of the implementation of: the BPfA and the outcome of the 23rd special session of the GA - sharing of experiences and good practices on implementation of the Platform for Action, with a view to overcoming remaining obstacles and new challenges</p>		<p>Two parallel high-level round tables on the priority theme:</p> <p>Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work – (Item 3 (a) (i))</p>
WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY		
<p>PANEL 1: Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work</p> <p>Key policy initiatives and capacity-building on gender mainstreaming</p> <p>Focus on science and technology</p>		<p>PANEL 2: Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work</p> <p>Key policy initiatives and capacity-building on gender mainstreaming</p> <p>Focus on education and training</p>

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 24 FEBRUARY		
GENERAL DISCUSSION (Item 3) (continued)	PANEL FOR 2012: The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges	GENERAL DISCUSSION (Item 3) (continued)
FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY		
PANEL 3: Evaluation of progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions on "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child"		Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)
MONDAY, 28 FEBRUARY		
GENERAL DISCUSSION (Item 3) (concluded) in parallel with Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)		Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)
TUESDAY, 1 MARCH		
PANEL 4: Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men Gender equality and sustainable development 3.00 p.m. deadline for submission of draft proposals		PANEL 5: Elimination of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and the empowerment of women (CSW resolution 54/5)
WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH		
Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)		Closed meeting to consider the report of the Working Group on Communications (Item 4) FOLLOWED BY: Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)

SCHEDULE

UN SCHEDULE FOR CSW 55

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 3 MARCH		
<p>Follow-up to the Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions (Item 5) - introduction and discussion</p> <p>FOLLOWED BY: Introduction of draft proposals in parallel with Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)</p>		<p>Informal consultations (Agreed conclusions)</p>
FRIDAY, 4 MARCH		
<p>ACTION ON DRAFT PROPOSALS</p>		<p>ACTION ON DRAFT PROPOSALS</p> <p>PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 56TH SESSION OF CSW (Item 6)</p> <p>ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REPORT OF THE CSW ON ITS 55TH SESSION (Item 7)</p> <p>CLOSURE OF THE 55TH SESSION</p> <p>FOLLOWED BY: Opening of the 56th session, for the sole purpose of electing the Chair and other Members of the Bureau</p>

NOTE

- In light of the priority theme of CSW.55 (2011) and that of the ECOSOC AMR in 2011 ("Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regards to education") it is proposed that the CSW.55 outcome of the discussion serves as input to AMR 2011, and that no separate CSW panel discussion be convened
- International Women's Day will be observed at UN HQ on 8 March 2011

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“Science and Technology: Why So Few? How to Attract Many”

Friday, February 25, 2011, 10–11:30 a.m.

Salvation Army, 221 E. 52nd Street



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The American Psychological Association (APA) (www.apa.org) and the APA Women's Programs Office (www.apa.org/pi/women/index.aspx) congratulate the Commission on the Status of Women for its sustained and unwavering commitment to promoting women's rights, advancing the status of women, and improving women's well-being around the world.

Join us for these APA-sponsored Parallel Events:

Psychosocial Cultural Barriers Limiting Girls' and Women's Involvement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) careers

A panel discussion

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street, Downstairs Room

Workshop with Girls Demonstrating Best Practices and Products: NASA Science Endeavor Program

Meet motivated teachers (NASA fellows) and learn of their impact on girls in the classroom

Thursday, February 24, 2011, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street, Main Auditorium



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Psychology Caucus: What Psychology Offers to the Education of Women and Girls

Discussion and Networking

Tuesday, March 1, 2011, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street, Downstairs Room

Parallel event Co-Sponsors: American Psychological Association, International Council of Psychology, International Union of Psychological Science, Franciscans International

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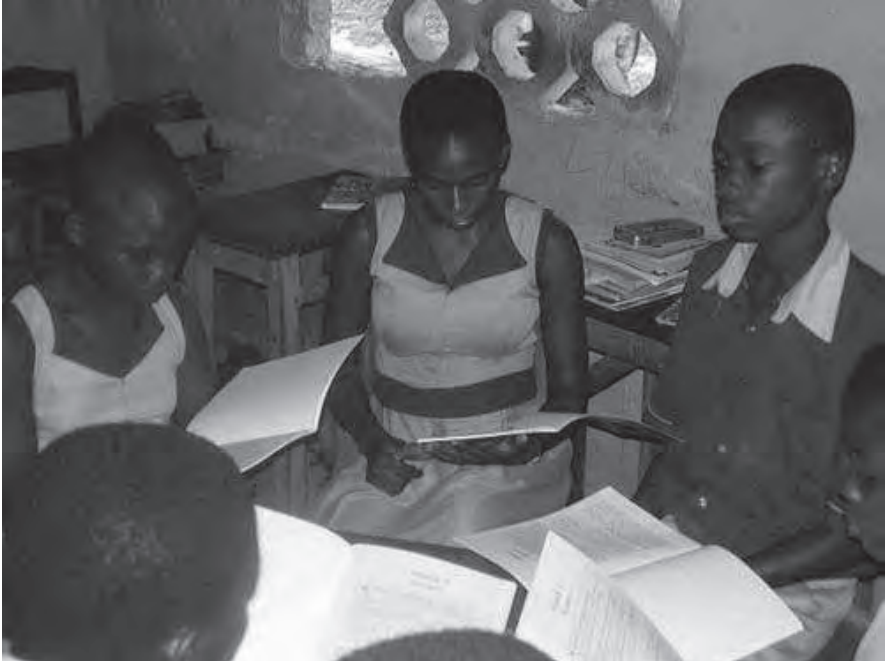
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welcomes all women and girl representatives,
and friends from around the world to the
55th Session of the CSW**



In Ghana, innovative literacy program produces dramatic results

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At this significant moment for women and girls in the UN we offer our joyful congratulations to
Ms Michelle Bachelet
on her appointment to UN Women for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

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Understanding Women's Reproductive Health

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Breast Cancer Prevention

Workshop-Wednesday, March 2nd at 12 noon, Hardin Room, 11th floor, **Church Centre**

Dr. Angela Lanfranchi: Clinical Asst. Prof. of Surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and on Expert Advisory Panel for the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners. She is co-founder of The Breast Cancer Prevention Institute. She has published articles about the abortion breast cancer link in the US and Europe and has lectured nationally and internationally about breast cancer risks and prevention. Also, Joel Brind, PhD. Professor of Biology and Endocrinology, Baruch College, City University of New York, NY. will be presenting.

Reproductive Health Care

Hear Testimonies from women
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Mothers and Education

*UN Church Center, 10th Floor
Wednesday 23 February 2011
6:00- 7:30 p.m.*

- ⇒ What is the role of mothers in the education of their children?
 - ⇒ What education do mothers require at different times?
- Bring your ideas and your solutions to supporting mothers and education!**

Contact **Áine Uí Ghiollagáin** withcare@eircom.net or
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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: LEGAL MECHANISMS AND LEGAL PRACTICE REMEDIES

(Jointly sponsored by FWRPD, TECO & World Council for Curriculum and Instruction (WCCI))

Friday, 25th Feb. 2011, 2:00 PM

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York (TECO)

1, E. 42nd Street

WOMEN AND EDUCATION: PEACE EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT AFTER DISASTER AND BEYOND

(Jointly sponsored by FWRPD, TECO & International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (FIFCI))

Wednesday, 23rd Feb. 2011, 3:30 PM

Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York (TECO)

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Sisterhood for Peace

We are pleased to introduce the 55th Taiwanese delegation to you. The delegation consists of 23 members from different professions and organizations in Taiwan. One of the most important things that we have in common is we all care for women's human rights. We are here to learn and to share. Let's build a sisterhood for peace.



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Investing in Peace - Financing 1325 & The Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls

A panel discussion that examines the impact of current financing for UN Security Council Resolution 1325 and women and peace and security programming on the ground on the fight to end violence against women and girls.

Featuring civil society speakers from Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Latin America as well as guests from UN agencies and member states.

When: 22 February 2011; 10:00 - 11:30 am

Where: Hardin Room, 11th Floor, UN Church Center – 777 UN Plaza, New York (corner of 44th St. & 1st Ave)

Organized by Cordaid and ICAN-GNWP



Implementing UNSCR 1325 on Women and Peace and Security

Strengthening the CSW 55 Agenda

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Wednesday, February 23rd 2011

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Women, Homes & Community

As members of the GEAR Campaign, we proudly join everyone gathered for the CSW in celebrating the historic creation of UN Women. We congratulate Michelle Bachelet on her new position as the Under-Secretary-General of UN Women!

In this moment of change, we believe the UN needs to develop new ways of investing in grassroots women's leadership. It should partner with grassroots women leaders to support their efforts to influence the policies and programs that affect their daily lives and their communities.

The Huirou Commission has empowered grassroots women's organizations to enhance their community development practice and to exercise collective political power at the global level, since our founding at the 4th World's Women Conference in 1995.

Please join us to continue shaping our grassroots women's agenda for UN Women.

We ask that the agency:

- Put mechanisms in place to work with grassroots women as keystakeholders and participate in new ways of partnering with them.
- Allocate significant funding targeted to grassroots women and community based organizations.
- Put communities at the center of agenda setting

**Grassroots Women's Speak - Out on UN Women
Wednesday, March 2nd, 10-11:30am
Church Center, 8th Floor, The Boss Room**

The International Federation of University Women



Joint UNESCO and IFUW Panel on Advancing girls' secondary education: obstacles and opportunities

Monday 28 February 2011, 1.15-2.45 pm
Conference Room A
Temporary North Lawn Building
UN Headquarters



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The International Alliance of Women congratulates
Michelle Bachelet
on her appointment as UN-Under-Secretary and head of UN Women
and
Dr Kaosar Afsana
Recipient of the NGO/CSW/NY
“Woman of Distinction” Award

Look for the International Alliance of Women panels: "**Physical barriers to education**" (February 25, 2:00-3.30 pm, Church Center 10th floor), and '**Access to education, science, technology, decent jobs, and civil rights**' (February 28th 6:00-7.30pm. Church Center 2nd floor).



Dr. Afsana in Bangladesh

*Thank you
to Rosy Weiss,
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Fraleigh, Special
Advisor of IAW, for
years of dedicated
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Congratulations
to IAW's new
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International Council of Jewish Women
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NGO Committee on the Status of Women
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The International Council of Jewish Women was founded in 1912 and now has affiliates in 47 countries worldwide. ICJW is involved in the development, promotion and encouragement of human rights issues concerning children, women and older persons. Our representatives participate in the creation of parallel events to further the aims of UN Conferences and work singly and with other NGOs in the presentation of statements to UN bodies.

PARALLEL EVENT

*Sponsors: Women's International Zionist Organization
and the International Council of Jewish Women*

**Resilience: A Strategy for Realizing Gender Equality
in Higher Education and Technologies**

Friday, February 25, 2011 • 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Church Center



PARALLEL EVENT

Sponsor: International Council of Jewish Women

Girl Power: Voices Without Borders

A dramatic presentation and talkback

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 • 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Salvation Army Auditorium, 221 East 52nd Street

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Mme. Cosima Schenk, President

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Workshop:

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Je dedis la 55eme CSW au cinquantenaire de ma chere
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**Panel discussion on CSW 55 theme and MDG 3
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**With best success wishes to the CSW, the NGO CSW Committee and
All participants to the 55th CSW Session
TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE THE MDGs HAPPEN**



*National Council of Women
of the United States*

*Offers our Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Under Secretary-General &
Executive Director of UN Women, **Michelle Bachelet***

Thursday March 3rd, 6:00PM 2nd fl. UNCC:

**'Combat Violence—
A Focus on Domestic Violence Globally'**

Monday, February 28th, 2:00PM 2fl. UNCC:

'Women in Science—The Equality Myth'

Experienced Youth Debate Teams will address Theme.

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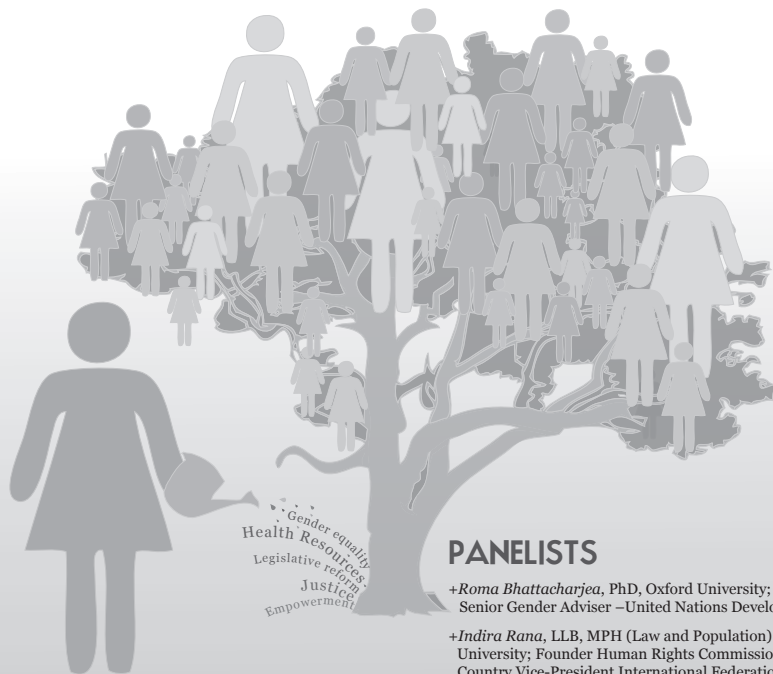
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PANELISTS

+**Roma Bhattacharjea**, PhD, Oxford University;
Senior Gender Adviser –United Nations Development Programme

+**Indira Rana**, LLB, MPH (Law and Population) Harvard University; Founder Human Rights Commission, Nepal;
Country Vice-President International Federation of Women Lawyers Associations, USA

MODERATOR

+**Claire M. Fagin**, PhD, RN; Dean Emerita School of Nursing and Interim President (1993 -94)
University of Pennsylvania

+**March 2, 2011 Time 2:00-3:30pm**
777 United Nations Plaza - 10th Floor of
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SimplyHelp Changing Lives, One Heart At A Time...

SimplyHelp is proud to present a panel discussion on the occasion of the 55th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women:

Education For Women And Girls: The Key To A Brighter Future

The panel will bring together academic and development practitioners to discuss female education and empowerment by emphasizing the importance of education, health care, and vocational/ life skills training throughout various female life-span.

Location: The Boss Room (8th floor)
Church Center for the United Nations
777 UN Plaza (corner of 44th St. and First Avenue)
New York, New York

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2011

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

The Simply Help Foundation has Consultative Status with the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations.



With 10 years of experience, the Simply Help Foundation is dedicated to empowering struggling communities around the globe by providing job training, resources, and shelters.

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Soroptimist International, on behalf of our 90,000 members in **125 countries**, welcomes you to the 55th Commission on the Status of Women. We cordially invite you to join us as we share our experiences around the world in **improving access** to education and leadership skills for women and girls:



SI club in Bangalore, India: Stars of Tomorrow project providing educational opportunities for young women and girls

Soroptimist International and the World Association of Girls Guides and Girl Scouts: Formal and Non-Formal Education for Women and Girls: A Life Course Approach - **Tuesday, February 22nd, 4pm**

The World Association of Girls Guides and Girl Scouts and Soroptimist International: Uniting Against Violence: A Girl-Centred Approach: **Friday, February 25th, 2pm**

Please also join us as we participate in panels hosted by CSW committees:

- Women and Climate Change - *NGO/CSW Committee on WCC - Tuesday, February 22nd, 2pm*
- Elimination of Violence Against Girls - *NGO/CSW Committee on VAW - Monday, February 28th, 12 Noon*
- Women, War and Broken Lives: Rebuilding Better Resources and Justice for Women and Girls - *NGO Health Committee - Wednesday, March 2nd, 2pm*

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Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011

12:00 noon

New York City

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In 1910, in London, Catholic women demonstrating non-violently for the right to vote were, like those in the United States, arrested, jailed, and tortured. Forming the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society in 1911, the only Catholic group to support the vote for women, they began to see success in 1918 in England. Using the teachings of Jesus and Christian theology which see all humans as equal in the sight of God, they might have expected favorable mentions in Sunday sermons, admonitions to church employers to see that women and minorities got more affordable education; higher-level, policy-making jobs, and equal pay. But as you know, these are things we have to go on working for. So, re-named Saint Joan's International Alliance, women continue to keep alive concerns about women: traditional prejudice, education, employment, female genital mutilation, hunger, poverty, reproductive safety, **and** whether the Holy See is carrying out the principles of the UN *Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others*, **and** the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women*, **and** the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*.

Saint Joan of Arc was born 1412 in Arc, France. At 17 she obeyed the voices and visions she received from God and the saints, and led the French army to victory over the English troops occupying France. But the angry English maneuvered to have her declared a heretic by the church, and she was burned alive in public in 1431. The false accusations were later corrected, and she was declared a saint by the church in 1920. She is recognized as having played a determining role in forming the modern concept of national sovereignty, a concept essential to the work of the United Nations today.



United Methodist Women

Joins with women of the world in celebrating the
Commission on the Status of Women 55th Session

And affirming our commitment to “Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work”

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United Methodist Women is the US-based women’s organization of the United Methodist Church, with 800,000 members engaged in mission and advocacy around the world. United Methodist Women own the Church center for the UN, which they make available to the UN-NGO Community.

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“Women Graduates-USA empowers women world-wide to secure a better world through education, advocacy, friendship, and mutual support.”



WG-USA believes that the cornerstone for a peaceful world society will be women and girls empowered by universal education and economic security and able to advocate for themselves and their communities.

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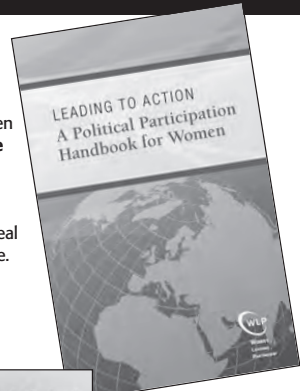
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Women's Learning Partnership Culturally Adaptable Curriculum

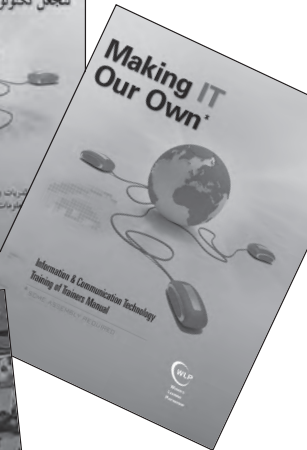
Leading to Action A Political Participation Handbook for Women

WLP's latest publication was developed for use as a learning tool by women who are **challenging themselves to play a more significant political role in their communities**. Whether the goal is to be elected to office, support a campaign, encourage women to vote, or secure better legislation for the community, this handbook helps women hone their skills to take the next political step. Scenarios are based on criteria set by our partners, and give real life examples of successes and challenges women face in the political sphere. The appendices include a glossary of terms, extra sessions, and relevant United Nations conventions that support women's civil and political rights.



Making IT Our Own Information & Communication Technology Training of Trainers Manual

WLP's publication **seeks to improve the technology skills of women activists** and to introduce the ways in which information and communication technology (ICT) can be used for human rights and women's rights advocacy. Intended for use in ICT training workshops and training-of-trainer institutes, *Making IT Our Own* encourages activists to establish ownership of ICTs so that women can be both consumers of information and producers of knowledge. Available in English and Arabic. French edition forthcoming.



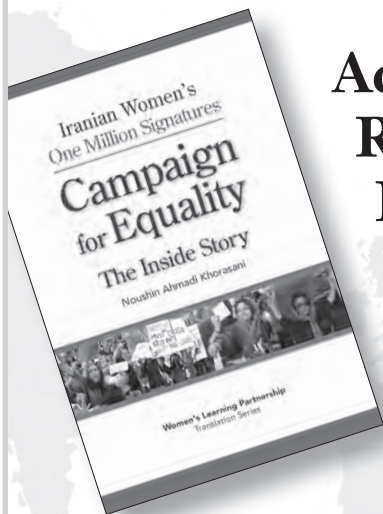
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Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace (WLP) collaboratively developed the curriculum with women's rights activists and partner organizations in 20 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

www.learningpartnership.org



Advocacy Tools for Reform of Family Laws in Muslim Majority Societies

Iranian Women's One Million Signatures Campaign for Equality: The Inside Story

Eloquently written by Noushin Ahmadi Khorasani, *Iranian Women's One Million Signatures Campaign for Equality: The Inside Story* details the history, strategies, and values that brought together a diverse group of Iranian women, men, and rights activists for the well-known women's equality campaign. It is a valuable case study of a new model for grassroots movements in the twenty-first century, applicable not only in societies ruled by autocratic governments or influenced by radical fundamentalism, but also in more open and tolerant societies that have yet to achieve full equality for women.

"A testament to the commitment of these women, whose consistent use of non-violent methods to bring about change has, by the time of this book's publication, led to the indictment and imminent imprisonment of more than fifty of the Campaign's advocates, including the book's author."

– Shirin Ebadi
Nobel Peace Laureate, 2003

Guide to Equality in the Family in the Maghreb

Family law in Muslim-majority societies governs every aspect of a woman's life—from minimum age and conditions of marriage, to divorce, child custody, and the right to work, travel, or decide on a place of residence. The reform of family law is therefore crucial to women's ability to participate on equal terms in both family life and public life. The first in WLP's Translation Series, *Guide to Equality in the Family in the Maghreb* is an innovative advocacy tool for reform of the family law in Muslim-majority societies. The *Guide* outlines a process that relates meaningful social change to women's capability to make deliberate and thoughtful choices.



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The 55th session of the CSW offers a unique opportunity for Member States to review progress and ensure all girls the full enjoyment of their human rights especially their right to full access to education, training, science and technology. It also offers a unique opportunity to accelerate progress to end violence and discrimination and empower girls. Advancement for women is not sustainable without attention to the rights of girls. - *from WGG Written Statement for CSW 55*

Visit ***www.girlsrights.org*** for information about WGG sponsored Parallel Events during CSW 55

The Working Group on Girls (WGG) and its International Network for Girls (INfG) are dedicated to promoting the rights of girls in all areas and stages of their lives, advancing the rights and status of girls and assisting them to develop their full potential as women.



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WCCI is a global network of educators committed to strengthening the role of education in the pursuit of justice and peace. It strives to assure education for the full equality of women in all spheres and to assure women's participation in all matters of peace and security.

Join us at our sessions on

*“Peace Education for the Girl Child
Scientific Competency for Gender Equality
and Political Participation”*

(Jointly sponsored by WCCI and International Institute on Peace Education (IIPE))

Thursday, February 24, 2011

2 PM – 3:30 PM

Church Center 10th Floor

And

*“Women and Education: Peace Education,
Empowerment after Disaster and Beyond”*

(Jointly sponsored by WCCI, Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office (TECO)
and Foundation for Women's Promotion and Development (FWPD))

Friday, February 25, 2011

1:50 PM – 6:30 PM

TECO – 1, E. 42nd Street

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Zonta International

Advancing the Status of Women Worldwide

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Zonta International, founded in 1919, has always had as its mission the advancement of women. In 1938, the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program was established by the Zonta International Foundation to encourage and financially support women pursuing graduate degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. Established as a living memorial to Amelia Earhart, Zonta member and aviatrix, the Fellowships encourage women to expand their career options beyond traditional borders.

Zonta International, since the inception of the Amelia Earhart Fellowship Program, has awarded 1297 Fellowships totaling US\$7 million given to 902 Fellows from 64 countries.

Zonta International, through advocacy, is dedicated to helping women break through obstacles to education, especially in the areas of science, technology and engineering.

Zonta International commends the 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women for its leadership in bringing to the forefront the “implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work.”

Visit us at our Parallel Event

Friday, February 25th, 10 am-11:30am, Church Center

Drew Room, Ground Floor

Also visit our website at www.zonta.org

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*You are cordially invited to the following parallel panels
during CSW 55*

Iraqi Women, Achievements and challenges

Time: Thursday, February 24th from 8am to 9:30am

Place: CCUN 10th Floor

Religion, women and armed conflict Faith agency to end violence and secure maternal health

Time: Friday, February 25th from 10am to 11:30am

Place: CCUN 2nd Floor

Muslim women and challenges of violence and marginalization

Time: Monday, February 28th from 2pm to 3:30pm

Place: CCUN 10th Floor

Violence against Girls Task Force

(Working Group on Girls, NGO Committee UNICEF)

Presents

Are we doing enough for girls?

23rd February from 11am to 1pm

The Salvation Army Auditorium

221 East 52nd Street

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A Dramatic Presentation & Talkback

When: Tuesday, March 1, 2011

**Where: Salvation Army Auditorium
221 E. 52nd Street**

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 PM

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NGO Committee on the Status of Women CSW 55

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Date: Monday, March 7, 2011

Venue: TBA

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Buddhist TZU CHI Foundation

—Compassion & Relief

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation salutes the Commission on the Status of Women for its dedication to gender equality and the advancement of women.

Please join us at this event:

“Breaking the Cycle of Poverty of Women and Girls through Education and Training”

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Location: 2nd floor room of the CCUN (Church Center of the UN)

-Delicious vegetarian food will be served-



Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation is a volunteer-based international humanitarian organization, with 10 million supporters in more than 50 countries, dedicated to the missions of charity, medicine, education and humanistic culture.

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VGIF salutes the delegates attending the 55th Session of the
UN Commission on the Status of Women



Changing a life...
...One community at a time

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**VGIF provides small grants for grassroots projects which
empower women and girls in developing countries.**

This year we offer two events during CSW 55 designed to give those attending further information
to empower their efforts to reach their full potential in today's world.

**The Cutting Edge: Technology and its
Impact on Work, Wealth, and
Women's Leadership**

23 February - 6 PM
The Church Center for the UN
(777 UN Plaza), 8th floor

Addressing the momentous changes in the
developing world due to the rapid influx of
technology, how change is affecting work,
wealth and culture, and where the education
of women and girls needs to develop to
provide leadership in the future.

*Co-sponsored by AAUW, Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, International Federation of University
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International, and Women Graduates-USA.*

**Going for Grants: Training
Workshop in Proposal Writing and
Evaluation**

26 February 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
3 West 29th Street, 8th floor
(Marble Collegiate Building), Manhattan

Learn the basics of proposal writing and
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BPW International

The International Federation of Business and Professional Women

BPW International congratulates Michelle Bachelet as the first head of UN Women and looks forward to working with UN Women.

BPW International develops the business and professional potential of women at all levels.

BPW Affiliates in 96 countries advocate for gender equality and the empowerment of women educationally, politically and economically at grassroots levels.

We are the voice for working women around the world leading the Equal Pay Day Awareness Campaign.

We are presenting a workshop that builds on the highly successful launch of the BPW International Equal Pay Day awareness campaign.

Join us on:
Wed. 23rd Feb 2011

1:00pm – 3:00pm
at the Permanent German Mission to the United Nations

German House - Main Auditorium
871, UN Plaza, New York, NY

(1st Avenue and 49th Street)

Registration necessary
(see details)

To attend please register at:

presidents.office@bpw-international.org with "EPD workshop" in the subject line.

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Celebrates the 55th session of the
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Women: Collateral Damage to Ethiopia's Ethnic Federalism

With one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world, limited political and legal resources for women, and elevated rates of forced marriage and female genital mutilation, the overall situation for women in Ethiopia is one of the most precarious in the world. While Ethiopia has adopted the provisions of CEDAW into its national Constitution and legal codes, gross violations of the Convention's principles occur unchecked throughout the country. There remains a critical lack of *de facto* implementation of the *de jure* measures Ethiopia has made to ensure gender equality. Further violations to the rights of minority and rural women run rampant throughout the nation, compounding the already discriminatory environment.

COME JOIN US

Tuesday, March 1, 2011 • 4:00-5:30pm
Church Center, 10th Floor, 777 UN Plaza, New York

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Our Parallel Events

February 23, 12-1:30pm

Learning Methodologies:
Post-Trauma

February 28, 12-1:30pm

Straight Talk:
Donating Technology

Join us for Worship

February 22nd-March 4th, 8.00am
Chapel, Church Center for the UN
777 United Nations Plaza

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About Us

Ecumenical Women is an International coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations at the United Nations. Ecumenical Women was founded in 2000 on the occasion of the five-year review of the Beijing Platform for Action (Beijing +5) to enhance and reinforce the collaboration of progressive churches and ecumenical organizations to advocate for the rights of women at the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

Empowering Girls: Education and Technology



In conjunction with UNICEF and Plan International, the UN Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI) will organize a side event during the 55th session of the Commission on the Status of Women to consider how technology can empower girls and promote their development, discuss the opportunities that the information technology sector offer young women, and present new cutting-edge findings from Plan's 2010 *Because I am a Girl Report: Digital and Urban Frontiers*.

The panel will include a senior government official, an NGO representative, a private sector partner, and a young woman to discuss this issue from their perspectives.

23 February 2011, 1:00-2:30 pm, UNICEF House



Project Keshet is the largest Jewish women's organization and one of the fastest growing women's advocacy and human rights organizations in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, with a grassroots women's movement of 170 Jewish women's groups across nine time zones and 90 multi-faith/multi-ethnic coalitions. Starting with a base in the Jewish community, PK engages people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds in an activist network to advance women's rights. For more information contact:

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Women in Law and Development in Africa/Femmes, Droit et Développement en Afrique (WILDAF / FeDDAF)

Greets you and invites you to its / vous salue et vous invite à son

Panel: Women farmers' participation to the science and technology as a way to ensure the economic development in the countries of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Women farmers, representatives of CSO and experts in agriculture technology will discuss and share their view and confront their approaches in order to develop new strategies for the effective participation of rural women in the development of Sub-Saharan countries.

Panel : La participation des agricultrices à la science et à la technologie, une des voies pour assurer le développement économique en Afrique sub-saharienne.

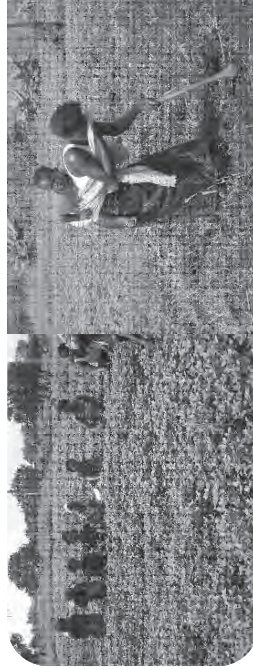
Des femmes agricultrices, des représentantes des OSC et des experts en technologie agricole vont discuter, partager leurs points de vue et confronter leurs approches en vue d'élaborer de nouvelles stratégies pour la participation effective des femmes rurales dans le développement des pays de l'Afrique sub-saharienne.

Date and Time: February 25, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Venue : UGANDA HOUSE – 336 East 45th Street – N. Y.

Date et heure : 25 février, de 10.00 H à 13.00 H

Lieu : UGANDA HOUSE – 336 East 45th Street – N. Y.



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Internationale socialiste des Femmes

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JOIN US FOR OUR PARALLEL EVENT

“Access to Education and Decent Work: Investing on Girls and Young Women”

date/time: February 25 (Friday), 13.15-14.45 venue: room B, UN Premises

organized in cooperation with the GREEK MISSION at the United Nations

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Socialist International Women - Maritime House, Old Town - London SW4 0JW, UK

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Wednesday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m.
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promote your agenda.**



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FIDA applauds the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women as it continues its work during this 55th session and supports the work of UN Women.

FIDA welcomes everyone at our parallel event on Friday, 25th February. Please see the listing inside this Handbook for complete event details.

Stella Ugboma
FIDA President



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55th Commission on the Status of Women
and UN Women**

**We wish you much success on behalf of
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**Vivian Pender, Isaac Tylim, Phillida Rosnick,
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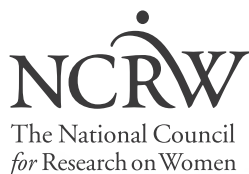
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(National Council of Jewish Women Office)

Wednesday, March 2, 2011
1:00 TO 3:00pm

Violence and Discrimination against Girls in Schools



Reviewing the commitments of the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on violence and discrimination against the girl child in light of new evidence uncovered by Plan's 'Learn Without Fear' campaign. Plan will highlight the multifaceted nature and impact of violence against girls in schools and contextualize this discrimination by examining Harmful Practices prevalent outside of schools which reinforce and countenance the continued violence and abuse of the girl child throughout her life-cycle.

Tuesday 22nd Feb: 16:00 – 17:30
Drew Room, Ground Floor room at the CCUN building

Girls take the Stage: Establishing an International Day of the Girl Child

Tuesday 22nd Feb: 14:00-15:30 / The 2nd Floor room at the CCUN

This girl-led event will provide girls from across the globe with a chance to determine the issues that they feel are the most critical for girls growing up in the 21st century. The girls are campaigning for an International Girls Day to be instituted and recognized by the UN in order to better highlight discrimination against girls.



Because I am a Girl



**Welcome delegates
and NGOs
to CSW 55!**

We promote together the access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work. Come explore the topic at our side event co-sponsored with the Coalition against Trafficking in Women.

Corporate Responsibility
The Internet and Sex Trafficking
Friday, 25 February 2011
Church Center 2nd floor: 2 - 3:00 pm



WIDOWS FOR PEACE THROUGH DEMOCRACY (WPD)

CONFLICT leads to Widowhood
HIV/AIDS leads to Widowhood
CHILD MARRIAGE leads to Widowhood

WIDOWHOOD leads to extreme poverty, no inheritance or land rights, vulnerability to rape, HIV/AIDS, and/or social exclusion as a "witch" or "husband eater" and **WIDOWHOOD leads to girls out of school:** caring for family, begging, in exploitative labor, or child marriage

PLUS too many WIDOWS care for grandchildren after parents die

Widows in Sub-Saharan Africa & South Asia organize locally and nationally as "single women", "strong women alone", "women with AIDS," and "grandmothers"

It is time to mobilize and voice widows' concerns on the international level.

PLEASE JOIN US: Widows for Peace through Democracy, *GL*obal Action on Widowhood, South Asian Network of Widows Empowerment in Development, Widows Development Organization (Nigeria), Beyond the 11th Foundation, and more, at our Parallel Event, co-sponsored with National Council of Women-Great Britain:

**Enrolling Out-of-School Girls in School, 1st Step to Science & Technology Careers:
End Child Marriage and Widows' Poverty**

Tuesday February 22nd at noon (12 - 1:30 pm)
Main Auditorium, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission
221 East 52nd Street (between 2nd and 3rd Avenues)

Please contact us at director.wpd@gmail.com, ladarelke@verizon.net, or 857-544-6778 to attend additional meetings on Widowhood during CSW 55. Widows for Peace through Democracy, network of widows' groups in conflict-affected countries
*GL*obal Action on Widowhood, advocacy coalition of widows' groups throughout the world

*Women for Women's Human Rights (WWHR) – New
Ways
&
The Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim
Societies (CSBR)*

invite you to the panel:

**“Sexual and bodily rights in Muslim societies:
Building a progressive discourse”**

*Monday, February 28th, 18:00 - 19:30
Church Center for the United Nations, the Boss Room
8th Floor,
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY*

WWHR – New Ways is an independent women's organization based in Turkey. Founded in 1993, WWHR's work areas include advocacy, research and human rights training. WWHR also acts as the international coordination office of the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR). With its 39 members from 15 countries, CSBR is the only solidarity network in Muslim societies working to promote sexual and bodily rights as human rights. For more information on WWHR and CSBR please visit www.wwhr.org/csbr.php

World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations



EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

*to “United Women,” the Honorable Michelle Bachelet, to all Delegates
and NGOs in attendance at the 55-th Session of the
United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.*

*May all UN entities and organizations associated with UN Women
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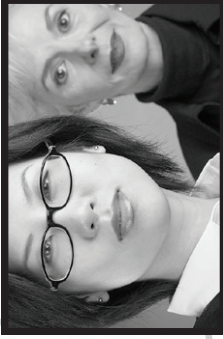
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➤ **Time: 2pm to 3:30pm**

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