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# News in Brief

Please send any information you wish to share in the May NIB by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. Submissions should be copy ready and 75 words or less and may include links to further information.

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Our world is facing the biggest global peace and security crisis in recent years with Ukrainian cities under attack. Our hearts and thoughts are with the people of Ukraine and all those on both sides, who will suffer because of Putin's madness. In particular we think of our sister member organization the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations.

This statement of WFUWO was written on February 12. [Statement from WFUWO: Ukraine – Legacy of Trauma, Generations of War, Future of Hope](#)

## Notes from the Bureau

### Consultation Day Event

Virtual Parallel Event, Saturday Mar 12, 2022

10:00 - 11:30 EST / 16:00 - 17:30 CET

NGO CSW Geneva and Vienna will present a CSW66 Consultation Day; an interactive, multimedia event, with representatives from Geneva and Vienna-based UN agencies, youth activists, rural women and NGO experts. The event will promote civil society engagement for UN HRC Resolution. 48/13; "Human Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment", and UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime Resolution 10/6 on "Preventing and Combating Crimes that affect the Environment". Registration: <https://bit.ly/consultationday>

### Task Force on Health and Climate, CSW66 Forum Parallel Event

**Food on All Tables; Promoting access to food for all and its impact on women's health and rights.**

Virtual Parallel Event, Tuesday 22 March 2022

10:00-11:30 EST / 15:00 – 16:30 CET

The objective of the event is to discuss how climate change impacts the rights to food and health for women and girls, and how these impacts can be mitigated and addressed to ensure food on all tables.

Registration: [bit.ly/FoodOnAllTables](https://bit.ly/FoodOnAllTables)

\*\*\*\* **NOTE – Daylight savings time** in the US starts on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in March – this year March 13 and Europe only changes on the last Sunday in March. The time difference for our Consultation Day will be 6 hours, but after that and for the rest of CSW66 the difference is only 5 hours!

### Reminder to pay annual Dues for 2022

Invoices have been sent for NGO CSW Geneva membership renewal and dues are payable immediately in order to participate in the work of the Committee and vote at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Instructions for payment can also be found on our website; <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/member-organizations/becoming-a-member/>

## International Women's Day March 8, 2022

### Campaign theme: #BreakTheBias

Cross your arms in the "break the Bias pose" to show solidarity.

- *Imagine a gender equal world.*
- *A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination.*
- *A world that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.*
- *A world where difference is valued and celebrated.*

### UN Theme for IWD:

"Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow";

*aligned with the priority theme of (CSW66)*

*"Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs".*

## Meeting with Lidiya Grigoreva, Chief UNOG Liaison Unit, with Bureau members

As follow up to our request for alternative NGO Resource Centre and greater access for civil society at the UN, a meeting was held with the Ms. Grigoreva. She explained the unfavorable situation was due to the Covid situation and the construction work, which will continue until 2024. She also underlined that the NGO Resource Centre is not meant to be used for meetings, but Civil society organizations may book conference rooms for their meetings. UN meetings do have priority and the ongoing construction work may make bookings difficult for now. Assurances were given that Civil society is recognized as an important partner and that they are committed to working to ensure the best possible conditions, especially as the restrictions lift.

### Social Media

We need your help in increasing our social media presence. Please follow us on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/ngo-csw-geneva/> and share your organization's LinkedIn post with us to reach a wider audience.

### Next Meetings of the NGO CSW Geneva

April 6, 2022, 14:00 – 16:00 \*\*\*\*Annual General Meeting\*\*\*\*  
June 15, 14:00- 16:00

## CSW66 and CSW66 Forum

- The [UN CSW66 schedule](#) is now available on UN Women's website
- Learn more about UN CSW66 side events [here](#).
- What is CSW? <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw-snapshot>
- [NGO CSW66 Forum FAQs](#)
- Forum Registration; <https://ngocsw.org/ngo-csw-66/>
- [NGO CSW66 Forum Participant Tutorial Video](#)

## Task Force News

All Task Force Chairs have been requested to update their completed TF templates with the latest information and send to VP Carol McConkie. They will then be circulated to all Committee members before our AGM as was agreed at the last Committee meeting. For future reference the Bureau will keep these on file so that we have an ongoing record of the work of our task forces.

### NGO CSW Geneva and the UNECE

NGO CSW Geneva has invited members to join a new UNECE Task Force. At this time the following members have emailed their interest in joining: Martha Kebalo, Mohinder Watson, Helen Lom, Zarin Hainsworth, Donatella Benjamin and Elly Pradervand. Those still interested in joining this task force should contact one of the listed members of this group so that a first meeting can be arranged.

### Youth Task Force

Building upon our focus on improving working methods of CSW, the NGOCSW Geneva hosted a Global Youth Conference on the Commission on the Status of Women in January, with over 100 youth contributing to its *Agreed Conclusions* which have been forwarded to the CSW66 Bureau and UN Women among others.

## UN and Geneva Information

### The Human Rights Council

The 49<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Human Rights Council will take place from Feb 28 – March 25, 2022.

### The Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for UNECE

Will be held in Geneva on 6 and 7 April 2022 as a hybrid meeting. Application for organizations with ECOSOC status: <https://indico.un.org/event/36313/>  
For more info on the regional forum: <https://regionalforum.unece.org/events/regional-forum-2022>

## Circles of Honor

*Circle of Honor Recipient;  
Ursula Barter-Hemmerich*

*Carolyn Handschin and Mohinder Watson recently paid a visit to Ursula on behalf of the Committee to present her with her Certificate of Honor and a bouquet of flowers. It is obvious from the photo that Ursula was very pleased to be remembered and it is wonderful to see her looking so well.*



2 Great Women; Ursula Barter- Hemmerich and President Carolyn Handschin

*Circle of Honor recipients;  
Berhane Ras-Work and Anne Herdt  
at the memorial to  
Eleanor Roosevelt at Place  
des Nations.*

*The first memorial to a  
woman in the city of  
Geneva, dedicated in 2008  
on the occasion of the 60th  
anniversary of the Universal  
Declaration on Human  
Rights.*

*Anne initiated and led the  
NGO CSW Geneva task  
force to recognize ER as  
the driving force behind the  
UDHR.*



3 Great Women; Berhane Ras-Work, Eleanor Roosevelt and Anne Herdt

### Circle of Honor

Recognizes distinguished service to the NGO CSW Geneva and dedication to the promotion of human rights and the empowerment of women and girls.