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# News in Brief

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AGM April 6, 2022. Front row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from left; Lowri Angharad Rees (UN Women). Also present, but missing from the photo, was assistant treasurer Wendi Momen.

The Annual General Meeting of the NGO CSW Geneva was held on April 6, 2022. It was nice to be back in the UN with most restrictions now lifted. We were pleased to be welcomed by Lowri Angharad Rees, Programme Specialist from the Liaison Office of UN Women, Geneva. She presented us with an overview of the work of the Geneva Liaison Office of UN Women, stating that they are anxious to expand their presence in Geneva and look forward to working with us.

## **Notes from the Bureau**

The NGO CSW Geneva is proud to announce that more than 110 parallel events were organized (and co-organized) by its member organizations and many individual members were active as speakers in different panels during the CSW66. In addition, many of our individual members were very active in writing (and co-signing) various statements. Our advocacy coordinator Berthe De Vos has assembled a detailed list of these events and statements.

- Parallel Events by NGO CSW Geneva; <https://bit.ly/GVAParallelEvents>
- Statements & Events by NGO CSW Geneva; <https://bit.ly/overviewcsw66>

## **AGM**

- There were 11 organizations present, represented by 16 delegates.
- The annual reports were presented and approved and a budget adopted.
- A bylaws revision was adopted that will allow us to hold virtual meetings.
- A revision of the Statutes is required in order to hold a virtual or hybrid Annual General Meeting. The Bureau plans to address this issue.

## **Website**

Web coordinator Rachel Thibodeaux (FAWCO) has been joined by Amanda Wigfall (FAWCO) who is undertaking a redesign of our website to make it more attractive and user friendly. Valerie Bichelmeier (MMM) is a valuable consultant to the process and Kala Madhav (WFMH) will be joining the team and reviving our Facebook presence.



Lowri Angharad Rees (UN Women) and Carolyn presenting the Circle of Honor to Berhane

The Circle of Honor was presented to Berhane Ras-Work before the start of the AGM, with a standing ovation.

Berhane was recognized for her many years of distinguished service to the NGO CSW Geneva and her dedication to the promotion of human rights and the empowerment of women and girls.

Berhane graciously accepted the honor with gratitude for the collective effort of many dedicated members who encouraged and supported her.

## Members

We are pleased to announce and welcome 2 new members;

- International Cancer Expert Corps (ICEC) <https://www.iceccancer.org/> represented by Manjit Dosanjh.
- World Organization of Prenatal Education Associations (OMAEP) <https://www.omaep.com>; represented by Francois Schmitt and Dominique Spaute

## Please help us to grow our membership!

Instructions for joining and payment can be found on our website; <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/member-organizations/becoming-a-member/>

## Next Meetings

- June 15, 2022 14:00
- September 7, 2022 14:00
- November 9, 2022 14:00
- December 14, 2022 and holiday get-together

## UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)

- For the first time, the UN CSW66 addressed “gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, and environmental and disaster risk reduction”.
- The NGO CSW Forum hosted over 750 parallel events with more than 25,000 participants.
- The participation of two heads of state, three vice presidents, and 111 ministers showed high level prioritization of these issues.
- Read the Agreed conclusions here: <https://bit.ly/AgreedconclusionsCSW66>

## Links to some CSW66 Parallel Events by NGO CSW Geneva members

### **Consultation Day Event**

NGO CSW Geneva and Vienna presented a Consultation Day; an interactive, multimedia event, with representatives from Geneva and Vienna-based UN agencies, youth activists, rural women and NGO experts. [https://youtu.be/AEFHK\\_N7nro](https://youtu.be/AEFHK_N7nro)

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

Organized by our Climate Change and Health Task Force, the event discussed how climate change impacts the rights to food and health for women and girls, and how these impacts can be mitigated and addressed. <https://youtu.be/ZPhQwp4qnBI>

### **Women in STEM: Mind the Gap**

Highlighted the empowering role of information and communication technologies (ICT) and the importance of girls and women having the knowledge, tools and infrastructure they need to be successful in STEM careers. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eo-k2J5HtXQ>

### **Disparities in Cancer Care for Woman: An Urgent Global Need**

This panel discusses different approaches to address disparities in cancer care for women around the globe and explores future efforts to narrow these and the need to gaps. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UquSTyoia4g>

