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News in Brief

Please send any information you wish to share in the January NIB by the 20th of December to vicepresidents@ngocsw-geneva.ch. Submissions should be copy ready and 75 words or less and may include links to further information.

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Notes from the Bureau

President's Message:

Dear members, friends,

With so much unsettling news, it is hard to know where to begin, yet members become ever more creative in advocacy and action. Defending courageous women in Iran and Afghanistan, the 51HRC debates reflected the worst and the best of the current global situation. Our project in Ukraine seems to be safe and is proceeding well. The good news is also not in short supply with important opportunities at the upcoming HRC Social Forum, COP27 and CSW67.

Bureau Notes

Congratulations to the new members of NGO CSW Geneva's executive bureau; Donatella Benjamin-Ninghetto of Soroptimist International (SI) for Treasurer, Zarin Hainsworth of Widows Rights International (WRI) for Secretary and Paula Daeppen of Biovision & FAWCO for Assistant Treasurer.



Task Force News

50 Year Anniversary Task Force

An initial meeting was held October 20 to plan the 50-year celebration of

NGO CSW Geneva. Sibylle von Heydebrand, Mohinder Watson and Berthe De Vos are the core group. Others attending the meeting included Stacy Dry Lara, Zarin Hainsworth, Manjit Dosanjh, Paula Daeppen, and Carol McConkie.

Member News

Graduate Women International

GWI produced a comprehensive social media campaign to celebrate International Day of the Girl. It's never too late to raise awareness about girls' rights! View the campaign [HERE](#).

GWI submitted a CSW67 written statement, "Promising possibilities of increased Internet usage and distance learning with consideration that implementing distance learning necessitates overcoming crucial innovation and technological challenges of women and girls." Official statements will be released by CSW67 later. Please check www.graduatewomen.org.

Biovision foundation for ecological development

Join us on Sat, Nov 26, 2022, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CET for our symposium in Zurich or online; *"Food Makes a Difference! Together towards a sustainable future"*

Learn about initiatives and solutions for future food systems and where challenges remain. There are promising paths in sight: from "food movements" in Malawi to Citizens' Councils in Switzerland.

Event link (in English and German);

<https://www.biovision.ch/en/symposium22/>

FAWCO

A member of the Women's Caucus at the UN, FAWCO every year contributes to preparation of policy briefs on the CSW theme, providing background information to other NGO's. This year they are short summaries, of statistics and specific recommendations, exploring the intersection of "gender and technology" in the sub categories of; digital divide, education, environment, health, rurality, STEM, and violence against women. The US Women's Caucus Briefs are now available online at :

<https://www.uswomenscaucus.org/2022/10/04/new-csw-67-gender-and-technology-briefs/>

Soroptimist International:16 Days of Activism - Nov 25-Dec 10, 2022

Worldwide Call for the elimination of gender-based violence:

- Petition to end Femicide: [#LetsEndFemicide #LetsEndFemicide | Global 16 Days Campaign](#).
- Coordination Centre for Women's Global Leadership <https://16dayscampaign.org/>
- Worldwide Orange lighting of public buildings

SI European focuses on "**READ THE SIGN**".

Events Soroptimist Clubs of Genève: (www.soroptimistgeneve-fondateur.ch)

- Orange lanterns celebration: **December 2nd** -Bains des Pâquis to remember victims of femicide in presence of Mrs. Adriana Quinones, Director UN Women Geneva.

Make Mothers Matter

Building on its [HLPF side-event on Sharing the Care](#), MMM took the opportunity of the 51st Human Rights Council to continue its advocacy around the issue of the inequitable distribution of unpaid domestic and care work as a

root cause of gender inequalities women's human rights violations. We were able to deliver oral statements in 3 sessions, connecting this issue with the [right to development](#), [women's right to work](#) and [women's poverty in old age](#).

Women's Federation for World Peace International

WFWPI is organising a "Workshop on Youth Leadership in UN Advocacy" to build capacity and provide opportunities for UN Advocacy on Women's Rights, parallel to the UN Social Forum on 3-4 November (<https://www.ohchr.org/en/hrc-subsiidiaries/social-forum>).

3rd HR Internship of WFWPI, September to November, works with university students to prepare and publish advocative academic papers. Themes include: street children in Cameroon, women's leadership during Covid, maternal health in displaced populations, and challenges to women's HR in the workplace.

Widows Rights International

Widows Rights International is pleased to have submitted a statement to UN CSW67, co-signed by widows organisations working across the globe. We have been working on our website and new logo which should be launched soon.

The situation for widows continues to illustrate what happens to the most poor in times of challenge. Conflict zones stretching across the planet create more widows daily. Some of our partner organisations bring hope through their resilience and creativity.

National Alliance of Women's Organisations

NAWO members organised events for the International Day of the Girl. We are continuing to update our website and welcome you to visit us [here](#). Our active Young Women's Alliance drafted our statement to CSW67. We are looking forward to the usual active time for the 16 days of activism working to stop all violence against women and girls.

UN and Geneva News

Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals:

The gender snapshot 2022" presents the latest evidence on gender equality across all 17 goals calling out the long road ahead to achieve gender equality. It emphasizes the interlinkages among the goals, the pivotal force gender equality plays in driving progress across the SDGs, and women and girls' central role in leading the way forward.

The latest available Sustainable Development Goal data on SDG 5, show that the world is not on track to achieve gender equality by 2030. Read [Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals: The gender snapshot 2022](#).

Training, SDGs Action, Women's Rights and Right to Development - Oct 26th 14.00 CET

The R2D is a significant mechanism to achieve the SDGs, and promote women's rights. Civil society has not been equipped with the right technical knowledge. This ongoing, historic process to draft a legally binding Covenant took place in Geneva. NGO CSW GVA has been present over the last two

years, advocating on issues in partnership, and delivering oral statements through WFWPI. The meeting was led by NGO CSW youth liaison, Srruthi Lekha who is staff at the "Intergovernmental Working Group".

New High Commissioner for Human Rights.

[Mr. Volker Türk is the incoming United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights](#). He took up his official functions as High Commissioner on October 17, 2022.

Report that the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women recently presented to the UN GA: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/10/climate-change-threat-multiplier-women-and-girls-un-expert>

Important dates at the UNOG:

- **CEDAW:** 83rd Session (10 - 28 Oct 2022)
https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2582&Lang=en
- **CCPR – Human Rights Committee:** 136th (10 Oct - 4 Nov 2022)
https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2575&Lang=en
- **CAT:** 75th (31 Oct - 25 Nov 2022)
https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2587&Lang=en
- **CERD:** 108th (14 Nov - 2 Dec 2022)
https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/SessionDetails1.aspx?SessionID=2557&Lang=en
- **HRC: 52nd** Session starts on Monday, Feb. 27th, 2023.

No timeline for statements is currently mentioned on the OHCHR website. But the guidelines says that the deadline for:

- written submission is normally 2 weeks in advance, meaning Monday Feb. 13th.
- oral statements the request should be submitted as of 2 pm Geneva time on the Friday before the session, meaning Friday, Feb. 24th 14:00 CET

Human Rights Council

14 Countries with Mixed Records Elected by UN General Assembly as New Members for the term 2023 to 2025

The following States have been elected:

- Africa: Algeria, Morocco, South Africa and Sudan
- Asia & the Pacific: Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives , Vietnam (145)
- Latin America & Caribbean: Chile and Costa Rica
- Western Europe: Belgium and Germany
- Central & Eastern Europe: Georgia and Romania

CSW67

Theme of CSW67:

- Priority theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

- Review theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions CSW62)

Registration of NGOs:

NGOs that are accredited to and in good standing with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may now register their representatives for the UN CSW67 in March 2023 . Registration for CSW67 will be open from 7 October 2022 till 27 January 2023. Link to register; [here](#). Please be advised you must have or create an Indico account in order to register. Once you have registered, please contact your organization's designated focal point for approval.

Register for a Parallel Event:

Civil society organizations (CSOs) can apply to host an in-person and virtual Parallel Event, regardless of their ECOSOC status. These events are totally organized by the host organization and address the [UN CSW](#) priority and/or review theme in some way. **The deadline to apply is Friday, 2 December 2022**

https://ngocsw.org/paralleleventsapp/?mc_cid=182ab8a506&mc_eid=c12a04a2ab

Next Meetings of the NGO CSW Geneva

- November 9, 2022 14:00
- December 14, 2022 and holiday get-together