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# News in Brief

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NGO CSW Geneva's hybrid Annual General Meeting February 8, 2023

## Notes from the Bureau

### **President's Message:**

Dear members, friends,

Once again, after a long interruption due to Covid concerns, a team of 15 + NGO CSW Geneva Committee members will be traveling to New York for the CSW67 in early March. Opportunities to meet for events, de-briefings and dinner are planned. Months of preparations are falling into place with the kick-off event being our annual CSW Consultation Day Geneva, co-hosted by UN Women, on February 28. Committee members will be traveling well prepared with recommendations and actions gleaned from our first Ambassadors Breakfast Briefing on the topic of the CSW priority theme, and the panels and discussions of the Consultation Day, ever serious to improve the Working Method and Impact of our partnerships at the CSW.

### **Bureau Notes**

Our annual general meeting was held on February 8, 2023 with an excellent turnout. Only 2 of our member organizations were not in attendance and most had multiple representatives present - attesting to the popularity of the hybrid format. The Annual General Meeting was preceded by a presentation by Ms. Samira Cizero Ntasano of the Office on Human Rights of the Mission of Switzerland to the UN Geneva.

### **Ambassadors Breakfast Briefing**

On February 8, 2023, the NGO CSW Geneva invited 13 ambassadors as well as the Director of UN Women and a representative of CEDAW to a Breakfast Briefing at the Vieux Bois Restaurant in Geneva, right next to the United Nations. The purpose of the exchange was to strengthen relationships with the Permanent Missions, and institutions, understand better the needs of women and girls globally, and be clearer in our advocacy on: Access to Technology for Women and Girls - the priority theme of the 67th Commission on the Status of Women at the UN in New York in March. Discussions around

three tables were very animated and serious, and many issues related to the digital gender gap were deliberated. Breakfast Briefings with Ambassadors will be part of a regular series, highlighting different prevalent issues.

### CSW67 Consultation Day Geneva

Our 3rd CSW Consultation Day, “Geneva- The Heart of Human Rights” was held on February 28 from 4-6:30 pm virtually. Interactive Panels covered the CSW67 themes: Technology and education, Rural women and girls, Women’s empowerment during multiple crises, Prominent speakers from civil society and youth, academia and research, human rights bodies, governments, UNICEF, UNWomen, ITU, WHO, WTO. A Call to Action was launched together with UNWomen, the event co-sponsor.

The link to the recording will be forthcoming.



### Next Meetings of the NGO CSW Geneva

- April 5, 2023 1:00 pm CET

## UN News and Events

### CSW 67

The sixty-seventh session of the **Commission on the Status of Women** will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023.

**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** of the sixty-second session).

### Information about side events and activities organized outside the formal programme of the session

The outcome of the Commission’s consideration of the priority theme during its 67th session will take the form of agreed conclusions, to be negotiated by all Member States. **Zero Draft of the CSW67 Agreed Conclusions**

### Register for the NGO CSW67 Forum March 6-17,2023

Over the two weeks of the UN CSW, NGO CSW/NY organizes almost 800 events that inform, engage and inspire grassroots efforts and advocacy needed to empower women and girls. This provides civil society organizations and activists the opportunity to engage in the processes and CSW sessions without ECOSOC-accreditation or a UN grounds pass.

[Register for the NGO CSW Forum.](#)

### Events by members

Please note that **all times are in EST** and you can find the details and registration links on Whova

#### WFWPI

- Thursday 9 March, 10:30am-12:00pm (in person) "Partnership in Equipping Women and Girls with Technological Resilience, Discernment and Protection from Digital Dangers" Green Room, 4 West 43rd Street, New York City [bit.ly/WFWPI-PE-CSW67](https://bit.ly/WFWPI-PE-CSW67)
- Thursday 9 March, WFWP Taiwan Parallel Event "Gender-Gap Solutions in STEM From Individual, Organizational and State Perspectives" <https://forms.gle/cFcUiUk7dPLYMgT67>
- Saturday 11 March, WFWP Taiwan Parallel Event "Triumphant Return Project: Returnship Program to Support Women in Technology" <https://forms.gle/SSFNQpLAQ5K5SmRm7>

#### Soroptimist International:

- Monday 06 March, 12 noon NY - 'Achieving Gender Equality & Empowerment through Innovation, technology and education'. <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpcO2grD0rEtNdHt2BNrAixdQ0I6FzxEM>
- Tuesday 07 March, 10am NY – SI & the Federations 'Opening Doors to Bright Future: Educating, Empowering Enabling Rural Women'. [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludumgqDwuE9EAT0kztk7wUHoyyaewO\\_x\\_](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZludumgqDwuE9EAT0kztk7wUHoyyaewO_x_)
- Friday 10 March, 4:30pm in-person event held at CCUN 8<sup>th</sup> floor - SI Cosponsor with Taiwan Coalition Against Violence (TCAV) 'Survivor Voices -- Public-Private Partnerships to Support Victims of Stalking in the Digital Age'.
- Tuesday 14 March, 9am NY - SI & Women for Water Partnerships (WfWP) 'Technology, Water & Women Virtual'. [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoceCtrzlpGdKr66v\\_FGuq3wyePA3OQ\\_kf](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYoceCtrzlpGdKr66v_FGuq3wyePA3OQ_kf)
- Wednesday 15 March, 2pm NY – SI & Zonta 'Violence Against Women'
- Thursday 16 March, 11am NY – SI & Global Alliance on the Rights of Older People 'Strengthening the Rights of Older Women in Rural Areas'. <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwucOisqTspGNw-LvzD7XD0hRMhls2YmDGn>

#### NAWO

- Monday 6 March, 11:00 am (in person): Ensuring Justice For All Especially For Female Innovators And Entrepreneurs - Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza. Please register for security access reasons - by 3 March <https://forms.gle/L35F8DvNvpS4R2JR9>

- Monday 6 March, 1:00 pm (in person): Widows Rights in a Digital Age- Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza. Please register for security access reasons: <https://forms.gle/Tev2GxuFjcRiJF3j9>
- Tuesday 14 March, 1:00 pm zoom: "A feminist Internet: Envisaging a better online world for all women and girls".  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85849243448?pwd=dm5zalQxZmFVR2lrNEFMZHYrNUNJQT09>

### **GWJ**

- Tuesday 14 March, 11am "Innovative Ideas in Education and Advocacy Advancing Women and Girls".  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllceqqpjgsH9E5y5FZFDD-Gyv6PZMqIO7Q#/registration>
- Thursday 16 March, 11am "The Gender Equality in Digital Education: Young Women and Financial".  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfuusrjMuHNNVFOmmyxUBjUWCiILWYRer#/registration>

### **WFUWO**

- Wednesday 8 March 4:30-6:00 in person: "Survivors: Update Report on the Status of Ukraine's Women, their Peace and Security, 2022-2023". UN Church Center 777 United Nations Plaza (enter on 44 Street). Second Floor. Rsvp: [wfuwo.un.reps@gmail.com](mailto:wfuwo.un.reps@gmail.com) Please indicate March 8 Parallel Event in the subject line.
- Friday 10 March at 9-10:30 (Virtual event): "Sharing thoughts on mental healthcare for Ukraine's refugees and IDPs" Registration: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xS8AsK5XRbWAKbVYHA2n5w](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xS8AsK5XRbWAKbVYHA2n5w)
- Monday 13 March at 10-11:30 (Virtual event): "Ukrainian Women Displaced in Europe and Beyond: Challenges and Solutions". Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrceqvqD8tHNKPPTz1BIqLSYC0Q0MDhcU5>
- Tuesday 14 March at 6-7:30 am: "Legal-Ethical Challenges to surrogacy: Rights of Ukrainian women and children." Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErd-CurD4qHdf4tAboHXDaVc5d63-F7ldV>

### **ICW:**

- Monday 6 March 4:30 pm: "Women's Empowerment through Education and Training in the Digital Age" (In person) CCUN, 10th floor.
- Tuesday 7 March 4:30 pm: Political and Economic Empowerment of Women in the Digital Age (In person) ICW and KIWP (Korean Institute for Women and Politics, a member of the National Council of Women of the Republic of South Korea). CCUN, 11th floor.
- Wednesday 8 March 4:30-6:00 in person: "Survivors: Update Report on the Status of Ukraine's Women, their Peace and Security, 2022-2023". CCUN 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **RDF**

- Monday 6 March at 4:30 pm: (In person) "Digital education, including the violence inherent in its use - Éducation aux outils numériques et aux dangers inhérents à leur utilisation, CCUN, 11th floor UN Plaza, 8th floor, New York.
- Thursday 9 March 11:00 am (in person): "For women and girls to have rights: ensure birth registration - Pour que les femmes et les filles

aient le droit d'avoir des droits, garantir leur enregistrement à l'état civil" - 801, 2nd avenue, New York (Représentation Permanente OIF, 801, 2nd av. New York)

### WUNRN

- Monday 6 March 9:00 am (virtual event): Équality in education for eliminating violence against women & girls (VAWG) in Syria.
- Tuesday 7 March 11:00-1:00 pm - #14077 am "Women on the Frontlines Against Violence & Femicide, for Inclusion"
- Wednesday 8 March 1:00pm-3:00 pm - #13598 "SEWA-AIFW Direct & Digital Services for South-Asian Americans", WUNRN & SEWA-AIFW
- Thursday 9 March 10:00am-12:00 pm - #14087 "Women & Girls in Forgotten Wars – Give Visibility & Support", WUNRN & Action on Child, Early and Forced Marriage.
- Thursday 9 March 2:00pm -4:00 pm - #14035 "Women & Corruption – Impact on Women's Equality, Security & Rights", WUNRN & Graduate Women International
- Friday 10 March 1"00pm -2:00pm - #14093 "Space for Women, Peace & Environment in the Korean DMZ", WUNRN & Women's Federation for World Peace International
- Monday 13 March 2:00pm -4:00 pm - #14103 "Indigenous Native Women Advocacy, Rural & Urban Helplines, Inclusive Services", WUNRN & National Indigenous Women's Resource Center
- Thursday 16 March 11:00am -1:00 pm - #14015 "Girls Empowerment: Strong Is the New Pretty", WUNRN, Teens & Book Author.
- Thursday 16 March 2:00pm -4:00 pm - #14102 "Community Policing to Reduce Rural Violence Against Women & Femicide", WUNRN & International Police Executive Symposium

### FAWCO

- Thursday 9 March 4:00 pm (in person): with former NGO CSW /NY Chair, Dr Susan O'Malley and Peggy Kerry, former NGO Liaison Officer from the US Mission to the UN. Both have unique first hand knowledge, and will give the backstory of how the NGO's work with the US Mission at the CSW.
- Tuesday 14 March 2:00 pm (virtual meeting): "The Gender Digital Divide in the US :Problems, Promises and Progress " where guests will discuss the issue of providing digital education to women and girls in underserved communities in the US, including rural, indigenous and minority groups.

### WRI

- Mon 6 Mar. 1:00 pm (in person): Widows Rights in a Digital Age- Baha'i International Community 866 UN Plaza. Please register for security access reasons: <https://forms.gle/Tev2GxuFjcRiJF3j9>

### Statements submitted by members:

- **WFWPI:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/722/89/PDF/N2272289.pdf?OpenElement>
- **WFUWO** submitted a video statement to the **CSW67 General Discussion.**
- **GW** **CSW67:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/721/81/PDF/N2272181.pdf?OpenElement>



- **SI:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/722/66/PDF/N2272266.pdf?OpenElement>
- **WRI:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/722/85/PDF/N2272285.pdf?OpenElement>
- **NAWO:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/46/PDF/N2274646.pdf?OpenElement>
- **MMM:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/708/65/PDF/N2270865.pdf?OpenElement>
- **IFBPW:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/708/22/PDF/N2270822.pdf?OpenElement>
- **ZONTA:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/722/82/PDF/N2272282.pdf?OpenElement>
- **ICW:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/31/PDF/N2274631.pdf?OpenElement>
- **RDF:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/768/36/PDF/N2276836.pdf?OpenElement>
- **Co-sponsored:**
  - **WRI, IAW, MMM, GWI, Zonta, SI, IFBPW:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/721/83/PDF/N2272183.pdf?OpenElement>
  - **SI & IFBPW:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/722/88/PDF/N2272288.pdf?OpenElement>
  - **SI, GWI, NAWO & WRI:** <https://daccess-ods.un.org/tmp/2448557.0192337.html>
  - **ICW, IAW, SI, Zonta, GWI, IFBPW, FAWCO:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/29/PDF/N2274629.pdf?OpenElement>
  - **IAW, ICW, SI, Zonta, GWI, IFBPW:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/30/PDF/N2274630.pdf?OpenElement>
  - **WRI, ...:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/77/PDF/N2274677.pdf?OpenElement>
  - **Zonta, ....:** <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/N22/746/51/PDF/N2274651.pdf?OpenElement>

### **US Women's Caucus at the UN**

The USWC is an alliance of US feminists and non-governmental organizations engaged in joint advocacy at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Register for their virtual Webinar on Tuesday March 14 at 2:00 EDT entitled "The Gender Digital Divide in the US: Problems, Promises and Progress".

### **CSW67 Statement “Gender and Technology by USWC**

<https://www.uswomenscaucus.org/2022/10/13/new-us-womens-caucus-csw-67-statement/>

### **CSW67 Gender and Technology Briefs by USWC**

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

### **Human Rights Council**

The 52nd regular session of the Human Rights Council will take place at the Palais des Nations from 27 February to 4 April 2023 and NGOs with the ECOSOC status accredited at UNOG may participate as observers. More information on the modalities for NGOs participation can be found on the Human Rights Council webpage: [webpage: www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ngo-participation](http://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/ngo-participation)

### **Important dates at the UNOG:**

- March 6 - March 17: CSW67 (UNONY)
- March 27 - March 31: Pres-sessional Working Group CRPD (UNOG)
- March 28th: UNECE-RCEM: Civil Society engagement(UNOG)
- March 29-30 2023: UNECE (UNOG & hybrid) - Civil Society engagement (UNOG) May 8 - 19: 85th session CEDAW (hybrid & UNOG)
- June 5-16, 2023: 111st session of ILC (hybrid & UNOG)

### **Calendar UNONY:**

- March 6 - 17, 2023: CSW67 (hybrid & UNONY)
- July 10-19, 2023: HLPF 2023 (hybrid & UNONY)

## **Member News**

### **Biovision Foundation**

A prominent guest at the first Swiss Food System Summit was Federal Councilor Guy Parmelin. More than 300 participants exchanged views on the scientific guidelines and the recommendations of the Swiss Citizens' Council on Nutrition Policy. With a path of political action, it shows that change to a sustainable food system can succeed. The summit was co-initiated by Biovision as part of the project "Future of Nutrition in Switzerland". A summary can be found here: ([German/French](#)).

### **FAWCO at the Global Youth Leadership Challenge**

In December 2022, FAWCO member Jody McBrien (AWG Paris) served as an advisor at the Global Youth Leadership Challenge, co-sponsored by the St. Gallen Symposium in Switzerland and the University of Oxford. Young people from around the world developed project proposals to tackle challenges presented by the UN SDGs. Read about Jody's experience [here](#) and the closing ceremony and their ideas here: <https://www.leadership-challenge.org/closing-ceremony>

## **Resources**

### **How CSW is folded into ECOSOC**

[https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/2022d oc/ECOSOC\\_Brochure.pdf](https://www.un.org/ecosoc/sites/www.un.org.ecosoc/files/files/en/2022d oc/ECOSOC_Brochure.pdf)

**UN Women’s “Handbook on Gender Mainstreaming for Gender Equality Results”**

This handbook identifies key concepts, principles and approaches underlying gender mainstreaming. It illustrates how to identify opportunities for organizational change, enhance financing for gender equality and strengthen monitoring and evaluation for oversight. While it focuses specifically on traditional areas of gender policy and practice, the discussions, findings and recommendations are applicable in the context of humanitarian responses and programs in conflicts and peace building. [PublicatiUN Womenon \(PDF, 2.8MB\)](#)