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News in Brief

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At the Breakfast Briefing June 21, 2023, we enjoyed an informative gathering with Ambassadors and UN Organization representatives to discuss working together to overcome poverty through the empowerment of women and girls.

Notes from the Bureau

Message from the President:

Very warm greetings to all. The NGO CSW Geneva held our 2nd Ambassador's Breakfast Briefing at the stately Vieux-Bois Restaurant on June 21. Ambassadors, some returning for the second time, the ITU SG, OHCHR, UNECE, former Director for gender equality at ILO met with committee members around 3 large tables. The theme was, "Men and women working together to end the cycle of poverty through the empowerment and education of women and girls" in preparation for Beijing +30, CSW68, and ongoing HRC and other UN entity agenda items. Appreciation was expressed by participants for this kind of gathering, allowing UN government and NGO to sit together as "peers", equally concerned, attentively listening to each others reflections about better collaboration for sustainable solutions.

Bureau notes

On May 11 we took part in an event organized by UN Women, the ITU and Girls in Tech, 'Technology & Innovation for Gender Equality; Building on the Agreed Conclusions of the 67th Commission on the Status of Women'. A summary from the event with photos can be found here; <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/2023/06/15/technology-building-on-the-agreed-conclusions-of-the-67th-commission-on-the-status-of-women-csw/>

With thanks to the lead taken by the TF on Climate and Health, a statement was submitted to the 53rd HRC on “Climate Change and the Right to Food”. <https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/2023/06/06/climate-change-and-the-right-to-food-a-statement-to-the-53rd-human-rights-council/>

Next Meetings of the NGO CSW Geneva

- August 30, 2023 1:00 pm CET
- October 18, 2023 1:00 pm CET

UN News and Events

Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report (AR6). The IPCC is the scientific group assembled by the United Nations to monitor and assess all global science related to climate change. This sixth report from March is called the “Synthesis Report.” Described as “an atlas of human suffering and a damning indictment of failed climate leadership” by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, one of AR6’s most alarming conclusions is that adverse climate impacts are already more far-reaching and extreme than anticipated. In May, the World Meteorological Organization reported that we will actually breach 1.5 °C in the next 5 years.

UN Climate Change 2022 Annual Report

The UN Climate Change secretariat’s 2022 Annual Report highlights achievements and milestones by the secretariat and the intergovernmental Process in addressing the climate emergency, and towards achieving the long-term objectives of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement. The 2022 edition covers the historic decision taken at COP27 to establish a dedicated fund and funding arrangements for addressing loss and damage, stepping up adaptation and transparency.

New UN report reveals chronic bias against women over last decade (<https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/06/1137532>):

Half of people worldwide still believe men make better political leaders than women, and more than **40 % believe men make better business executives than women**,” according to the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in its latest Gender Social Norms Index (GSNI) report. **A staggering 25 % of people believe it is justified for a man to beat his wife**, according to the report, reflecting the latest data from the World Values Survey.

A press release ‘ **A Decade of Stagnation: New UNDP data shows gender biases remain entrenched**’ , read [here](#).

ILO News:

- **111th session ILC** (5-19 June 2023): 5000 delegates of 187 Member States discussed the issue on "a just transition towards sustainable and inclusive economies, quality apprenticeship & labor protection" (https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_885512/lang--en/index.htm)
- On World Day Against Child Labour, 12 June 2023, the ILO Director-General, Gilbert F. Houngbo calls on the international community to support greater social justice and step up the fight against child labour:"To bring social justice to all we must end child labour" (<https://www.ilo.org/global/topics/child-labour/campaignandadvocacy/wdacl/lang--en/index.htm>)

CEDAW: 85th session: draft of a new GR on equal & inclusive participation of women in decision making systems and a new task force on gender/sex self identification started as well as on the situation of women in Afghanistan (https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2FC%2FSR.1998&Lang=en)

Sustainable Development Report 2023

The Sustainable Development Report 2023 marks the eighth edition of the annual assessment of progress for all UN member states towards the Sustainable Development Goals. At the halfway point of the 2030 Agenda, this year's edition discusses urgent areas for action to accelerate progress in the seven remaining years to 2030, including the critical need for UN member states to adopt an SDG Stimulus.

Important dates at the UNOG:

- June 26 – July 28 Human Rights Council 138th session

Calendar UNONY:

- July 10-19, 2023: HLPF 2023 (hybrid & UNONY)

Member News

FAWCO

Today the number of displaced, stateless, seeking asylum or refugees is 117.2 million. If this number were a country, it would be the 13th most populous, just below Japan. The UN states: "Displacement in climate change-fuelled crises is already a global reality". Countries and communities that have contributed the least to global warming are bearing the brunt of its negative impact." Read FAWCO's Human Rights Team article [World Refugee Day 2023: 22 Years of Support](#).

Biovision foundation for ecological development

Biovision celebrates its 25th anniversary! The agronomist and entomologist Hans Rudolf Herren founded Biovision with funds received as the World Food Prize winner. With its original focus on preserving natural resources and overcoming hunger and poverty, Biovision has pursued its vision of a food system with a future: enough healthy food for all, produced and consumed in an environmentally and socially responsible way. Read the anniversary edition of Biovision's annual report:

<https://bit.ly/BiovisionAnnualReport2022>

Regardez de Femmes has submitted two statements during the review of France during the CRC 93rd session:

- https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FFRA%2F43357&Lang=en
- https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=INT%2FCRC%2FNGO%2FFRA%2F50883&Lang=en

Graduate Women International (GWI)

GWI submitted a written statement to the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) is to be held from 10-19 July 2023 under the

auspices of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The written statement strongly urges Member States to apply a systems lens to priorities and policies to push progress and achieve the 2030 Agenda. To read the full statement click [here](#).

Women's Federation for World Peace, Int'l

We are pleased to share with you our maiden episode of WFWPI UN News on some of the hopeful and impactful work of WFWPI at the United Nations, while connecting the important work of our women leaders in the field to the UN global development agenda.

<https://fb.watch/IISmJoHkxS/?mibextid=I2pjGR>: Statements to the HRC 53 were submitted on indigenous women, Right to Development and EU & ASEAN Policy on Women.

Resources

Country reports for those who have presented their Voluntary National Reviews for the High-Level Political Forum can be found [here](#).