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News in Brief

Please send any information you wish to share in the April NIB by the 20th of March 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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President's New Year's message:

As global conflict and confusion escalate, the more we, positioned as liaisons and bridges between local knowledge and needs-and the United Nations, are called on to insist on a new paradigm for solving differences peaceably. Is it not possible? We insist on, and often realize that standard of civility and concern within our families, and of ourselves.

This critical year, 2024 comes with abundant opportunities for our committee to lead and be impactful. I hope we can move together, stand our ground on what we expect from our governments, and ourselves. Thank you everyone- for your activism!

Board notes:

New Member

We are pleased to welcome Baha'i International Community, with special consultative status since 1970 as to our membership. Their main representative in Geneva will be Simin Fahandej.

50th Anniversary

Watch the videos, see the photos, read the summary of the NGO CSW Geneva's 50th anniversary celebration held on September 21, 2023, the International Day of Peace, when representatives of member organizations and distinguished guests gathered in Palais Anna and Jean-Gabriel Eynard, Geneva. Please share with your networks.

<https://ngocsw-geneva.ch/ngo-csw-genevas-50th-anniversary-event/>

NGO CSW Geneva's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Elections: Thank you for the recommendations for nominees that have been sent in as requested.

- A slate of proposed candidates will be sent to the committee members on or before March 10th.
- After that time, a member organization may still nominate additional candidates for office, with the consent of the candidate, by sending her CV and the support of least one other organization to the nominating committee.
- A final slate of candidates will be sent to the committee membership two weeks before elections at the AGM, **April 10, 2024**

REMINDER to pay annual dues for 2024 before the AGM (April 10)

Invoices for the annual membership fees have been sent by the treasurer by mail. The annual dues must be received before April 10th in order to participate at the AGM. If you have any problem with your payment, please contact Donatella Benjamin: treasurer@ngocsw-geneva.ch

Next Meetings of the NGO CSW Geneva

- April 10, 2024 1:00 pm CET – NGOCSW Annual General Meeting
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UN News and Events

UNOG: entry for NGOs with ECOSOC status:

All NGOs with ECOSOC status are requested to enter through the Peace Gate and pass the electronic control. The Pregny Gate is still closed until the end of March, 2024. Once the works are finalized the NGOs can use the Pregny Gate again, but they will need to pass the electronic control every time.

Important dates at the UNOG:

- February 6th International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation
- February 11th International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- Human Rights Council, **55th session**: Feb 26th - April 2nd
- Human Rights Committee, **140th session**: March 4th - March 28th
- Committee against Torture, **79th session**: April 15th - May 10th
- March 8th International Women's Day

Statements:

Soroptimist International has written a statement for the UN Commission on Population & Development, 57th session:

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Soroptimist-International-CPD57-Written-Statement-Submitted-14-November-2023.pdf>

CSW68: March 11-22: info

- Register for the NGO CSW68 Forum to access and explore the platform: <https://ngocsw68forum.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>
- Help desk on the platform here is their website: <https://www.vfairs.com/lp/platform/virtual-events>
- Advocacy & Research Group Recommendations for the Zero Draft are done! Please see: <https://ngocsw.org/arg-csw68/>

CSW68 Forum Member Events:

NGO CSW Geneva Consultation Day: February 29, 2024 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 "Nourishing Equality and Peace: Addressing Poverty and Food Insecurity".
 Consultation Day event Registration at:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqcuuhpjkjHt2M_tfee5x68XldWN64V9kD

Latter-day Saint Charities March 11, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Power of Partnering Against Poverty" Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, 8th Floor UNICEF, Kingdom of Jordan, WFP (tbc)

FAWCO is sponsoring a parallel event at CSW68,

"Empower Youth: See the Signs of Healthy and Unhealthy Relationships"

Claire Castellon, FAWCO Youth Delegate and her mother, Karen Castellon of the FAWCO UN Team.

The US Women's Caucus, of which FAWCO is a founding member, is sponsoring two events, one in person and one virtual:

- "Strengthening Ties Between the US and the UN CSW" Friday, March 15, 4:30 - 6:00 PM (EDT)
- "Who's Minding the Kids? US Childcare as Vital Infrastructure" (VIRTUAL EVENT) Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 - 4:00 PM (EDT)

Graduate Women International is hosting three parallel events during CSW68:

- Educating Outside the Classroom: Women's Museums Empowering Girls and Women 12 March 2024, 7:30 p.m. Central European Time (CET) / 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). We invite you to click **HERE** to register for this parallel event.
- Financial Institutions and Infrastructure Perpetuating Poverty – Gender Bias in Economic Policy 18 March 2024, 7:30 p.m. Central European Time (CET) / 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). We invite you to click **HERE** to register for this parallel event.
- Sustainable Financing for Gender Equality: Young Women's Perspective 19 March 2024, 1:30 p.m. Central European Time (CET) / 8:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). We invite you to click **HERE** to register for this parallel event.

WFWPI Hybrid Event:

"Nourishing Change: Women as Catalysts for Food Security, Economic Development and Climate Resilience". March 12 at 1:30pm EDT, Church of the Covenant 310, 42nd Street.

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- SI Parallel Event:
 - "Access to finances locally for Women through Gender Budgeting" Co-organizer: Women for Water Partnership. Thursday 14 March 2024 at 10.30am Virtual
 - "The Intersections of Gender, Poverty & Climate Change" Tuesday 12 March 2024 at 10.30am TBC
- SI & SI Federations in-person parallel event: "Addressing Gendered Poverty: Best Practices and Lessons Learned" ID #15410 Monday 11 Mar 2024 at 16:30 – 18:00 Venue: CCUN 8th floor
- SIGBI virtual parallel event: Showcase of Federation Projects to Combat Poverty (Virtual) Event ID #: 15368
- SISEAP in-person parallel Event: "Educate, Empower Enable: Feminist Financial Freedom" Event ID #: 15583 Wednesday 13 March 2024 08:30-10:00 EST Venue: CCUN 11th Floor
- SISEAP virtual parallel event: Event ID #: 15676 Friday 19 March 2024 16:30 -18:00 EST Venue: CCUN 11th Floor
- SI & WfWP virtual parallel event: TBC

WRI

“Strengthening Institutions Working for Widows and Their Families” Tuesday March 12, 2024, 11:30 - 1:00 BIC - rsvp for entry nilamnematulish@gmail.com

NAWO

“Financial Provision for Older Women” Monday March 11, 2024, 11:30 - 1:00 BIC - rsvp for entry, nilamnematulish@gmail.com

Member News**Biovision Foundation for ecological development**

The Business Agroecology Criteria Tool (B-ACT) is a tool to assess and identify inspiring and promising agroecological enterprises that contribute to sustainable food systems. The extent to which an enterprise ‘inspires’ is reflected in its alignment with the 13 agroecology principles (HLPE, 2019) while the aspect ‘promising’ is reflected in its business model, value-generating activities and scalability. Watch the film and learn; <https://youtu.be/vZ8OhXtoq3s>

GWI discusses green education for International Day of Education

To mark International Day of Education, 24 January, Graduate Women International facilitated a discussions within its global community of graduate women on green education. The initiative fostered exchange of ideas and insights among GWI members about the topic. Here is the link to the compilation of collective wisdom and passionate youth visions that underscore the importance of education in empowering women worldwide while aiming for sustainable societies and education. <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Sized-Education-Day-2024-GWI-Discussion-Network-2.pdf>

FAWCO is co-sponsoring a virtual side event “Keeping the Promise: Leave No One Behind! Social Protection Responses to Forcibly Displaced Children” on February 8 during CSocD62. FAWCO’s Interim Meeting (AGM) will take place in Porto, Portugal March 15-17.

LDSC shares joint initiative between The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the World Food Program

Produce from a new school garden in Liberia supplements meals and helps children learn gardening skills. Smallholder farmer cooperatives create a foundation of self-reliance. The food and garden — and a fuel-efficient stove are part of the joint initiative. School enrollment has doubled since the initiative launched, said **World Food Program USA** President and CEO Barron Segar.

<https://www.thechurchnews.com/global/2024/1/25/24048234/church-building-self-reliance-feeding-the-hungry-in-liberia>

Women's Federation for World Peace, Int'l begin's the new year with its 8th Human Rights Internship program with 7 university graduates working on policy papers. Three statements were submitted to the Human Rights Council: Education gap in LDCs; Women’s health care policies in conflict zones, and Peace and humanitarian leadership in Palestine/Israel. Calls for submissions 2024 small project grants launched, and WFWPI CSW 68

advocacy and training program March 9-10 in preparation. Expecting an international delegation of 70.

Soroptimist International:

International Day of Education 2024: without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in achieving gender equality and breaking the cycle of poverty. Our observance of International Days is to ensure a shared public facing focus can be achieved across the organization, where we seek to spread awareness about the day, as well as promoting SI's programmes and commitments to education (**2023: Transforming Mentalities**).