



**NGO COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, GENEVA
CONSULTATION DAY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
68TH SESSION (CSW68)**

29 FEBRUARY 2024, 4:00 P.M. CET

COMMISSION *on the*
STATUS OF WOMEN





CSW68 Priority and Review Themes

•**Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.

•**Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session).



Difference between United Nations CSW and CSW Forum

What is the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW)?

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is an official Commission of the United Nations which focuses on the rights and empowerment of women and global gender equality. It's an intergovernmental body consisting of 45 Member State governments of the United Nations. As the Secretariat of the CSW, UN Women (an official UN agency), supports all aspects of the Commission's work.



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UN CSW68



Official NGO delegates are permitted to attend sessions inside the UN campus. **Some events require registration and tickets so research.**

Side Events are organized by UN agencies, Member States and civils society organizations, and are typically held only inside the UN Campus. The schedule of CSW68 side events is fluid and will be published here and should be checked frequently: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024/side-events>

The **CSW68 Organization of Work** constantly changes. Frequently check here to see activities and plan your day

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024>

For support regarding the UN CSW68, please contact UN Women:
csw@unwomen.org



Difference between UN CSW and CSW Forum

What is the CSW Forum?

The NGO CSW Forum is organized by and for global civil society, non-governmental organizations, and feminists to connect them with the official United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW) process. With over 750 events, the NGO CSW Forum informs, engages, and inspires grassroots efforts and gender equality advocacy around the world. While the NGO CSW Forum runs parallel to and complements the UN CSW, it is a separate process with separate organizers.



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CSW68 Forum



This year, the Forum platform is Vfairs. To access VFairs, you must first register for the NGO CSW68 Forum. After you register, you will receive a link to join the Portal.

CSW68 Forum – Registration is FREE and open to all civil society. Register here: <https://ngocsw68forum.vfairs.com/en/registration-form>

For support regarding the NGO CSW68 Forum platform, please contact NGO CSW New York : ngocsw68forum@getvfairs.io



In New York

NETWORKING

Meet fellow activists and connect with old friends! The NGO CSW Forum and the CSW 68 Forum is the perfect place to network with other organizations and advocates in the global gender equality and women's rights movement. Make the best of it and foster new connections.

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Conversation Circles provide a place to raise issues and exchange ideas on different topics in a semi-structured space during the NGO CSW Forum. Each conversation addresses a specific topic related to gender equality and are facilitated by experts in the theme.



In New York

ARTISAN FAIR

The in-person Artisan Fair at the NGO CSW Forum is back! The Artisan Fair is a space where artisans from around the globe can sell their goods to thousands of NGO CSW68 Forum participants. NGO CSW/NY invites artisans from around the world to apply to sell their goods at the Forum! Check it out!



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NOT ATTENDING CSW68 IN PERSON?

Let's Go Virtual!

The 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) offers a virtual environment that allows everyone to participate in the UN CSW68 and the CSW68 Forum sessions. The UN CSW68 and the CSW68 Forum offer opportunities to explore hundreds of events and connect with thousands of participants, **including events organised by GWI and many organized by GWI affiliates.** There is no reason to miss out. Follow the CSW68 sessions live and undisturbed! **Advocacy Idea:** Meet with fellow NFA members or colleagues to watch the sessions live or at a convenient time. Then, follow with discussion and advocacy planning.

Parallel event accessible from the CSW68 Forum,

Side Events accessible from UN CSW68 page,

and live events on UN WebTV.

And, all of the In New York activates just mentioned.

Some Resources

CSW68 Forum Website: Everything related to the CSW68 Forum: registration, parallel event schedule, civil society briefings, conversation circles, and much more.

<https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw68/>

UN CSW68 website: Everything related to UN CSW – Organization of Work, side events schedule, latest Zero Draft, Agreed Conclusions and more.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024>,

UN Web TV: live and recorded UN CSW68 sessions. <https://webtv.un.org/en>

Official documents and NGO written statements:

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024/official-documents>



CSW68 Written Statements



1. International Federation of Professional and Business Women

https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/IFBPW-CSW68_GWI-Cosponsor.pdf

2. **Soroptimist:** <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/n2335048-1.pdf>

3. **Widow's Rights International:** <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/n2335059.pdf>

4. **Women's Federation for World Peace International:** <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/n2339676.pdf>

5. **Zonta:** <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/n2335060.pdf>

6. **Graduate Women International:** <https://graduatewomen.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/n2338087.pdf>

Reports and Take Notes

Reporting is **critical to the legacy of CSW68** and **future advocacy work.**

Reminder : don't forget to **take pictures!**



Security in New York and in Cyberspace

- Be Aware of Surroundings
- Use Well-Lit and Busy Stops
- Trust Your Instincts
- Travel in Groups
- Plan Your Route
- Use Licensed and Recognized Services

Also, stay mindful of safe cybersecurity practices.



Thank you

Whether we're in New York or joining virtually, our participation in the Commission on the Status of Women is a powerful step towards ending poverty and advancing gender equality and being together for friendship.

Let's come together, lend our voices to this important conversation, and work towards a future where all women and girls have the opportunity to thrive.

