

Regional Beijing+30 Civil Society Forum

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Workshop: CSW Revitalisation

Recommendations from the session

- **Ensure meaningful civil society engagement in the CSW**
Include civil society as an equal partner in CSW processes. Ensure transparent processes whereby information is shared with civil society in a timely manner and civil society has opportunities to be heard in plenary in the negotiations process and can observe the negotiations process.
- **Ensure access of diverse civil society to the CSW processes.**
Including for people with disabilities and young people. Consider moving CSW to different spaces that increase opportunities for diverse civil society to engage. Enable not only in-person but also online (hybrid) ways of engaging in CSW processes.
- **Strengthen follow-up and accountability of Member States.**
Ensure action is taken in-country to move forward with the CSW recommended actions. Strengthen CSW processes whereby Member States are held accountable for their follow-up (like through reporting processes at the CSW). **Strengthen integration between CSW and other related and complementary UN mechanisms and processes.**
Including CEDAW, Universal Periodic Review (UPR), High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and others. Consider linkages and interactions in terms of content, actions, processes and engagements, etc.

Other recommendations mentioned but not (entirely) explicitly included in the above currently:

- Recognize and use what happened before Beijing (BpfA), like the earlier Women's Conferences and CEDAW. *[CEDAW is explicitly mentioned]*
- Keep the CSW on the agenda during the year, through for example check-ins halfway through the year. *[accountability & country level follow up is explicitly mentioned]*
- Strengthen intergenerational interaction. *[youth engagement is included, this seems more focused on NGOs than CSW/Member States specifically]*

For civil society:

- engage and pressure your own governments; work with your decision makers.
- US based NGOs should make strong advocacy issues to change US policy on visa entry requirements for gender advocacy