

# The 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60)

*Women's empowerment and its link to  
sustainable development*



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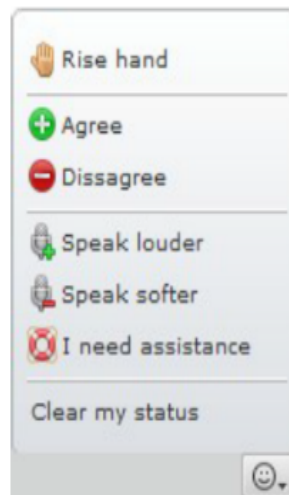


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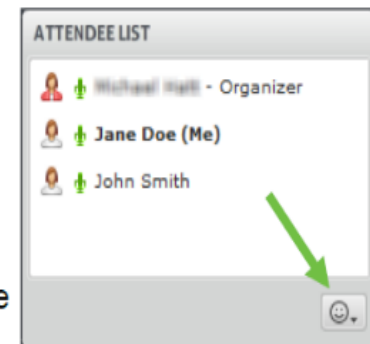


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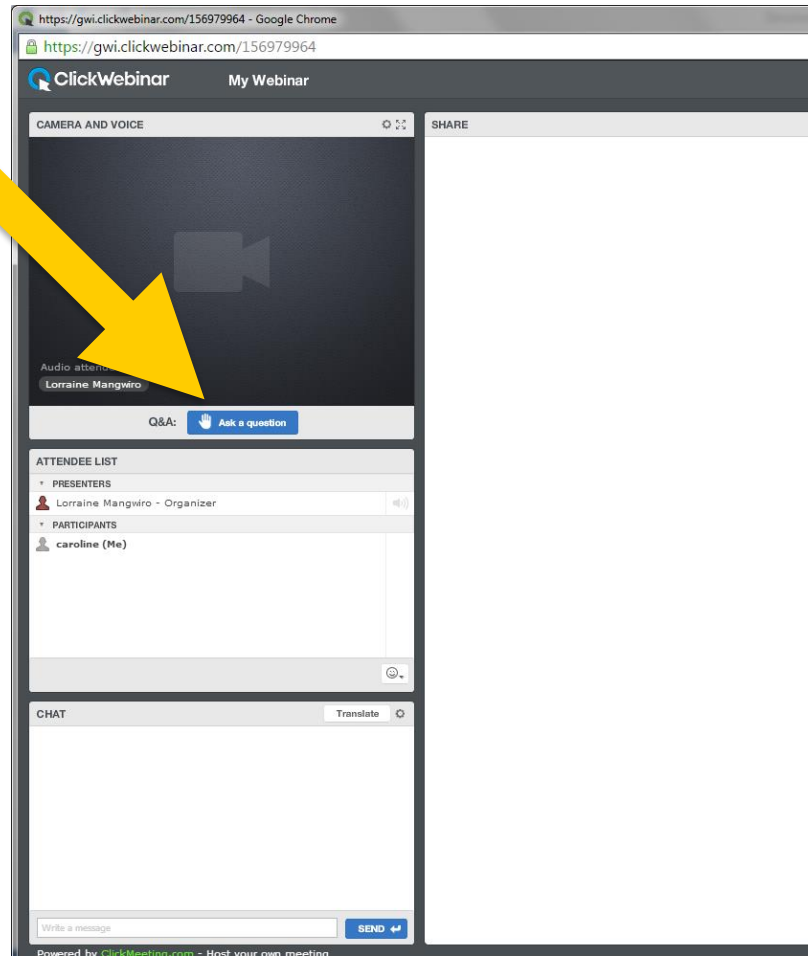
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# Ask a question





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# Agenda

- Background to CSW
- CSW and the UN system
- CSW60 theme and outcomes
- How GWI members can engage with CSW
- GWI & NFA CSW parallel events
- Questions and discussion



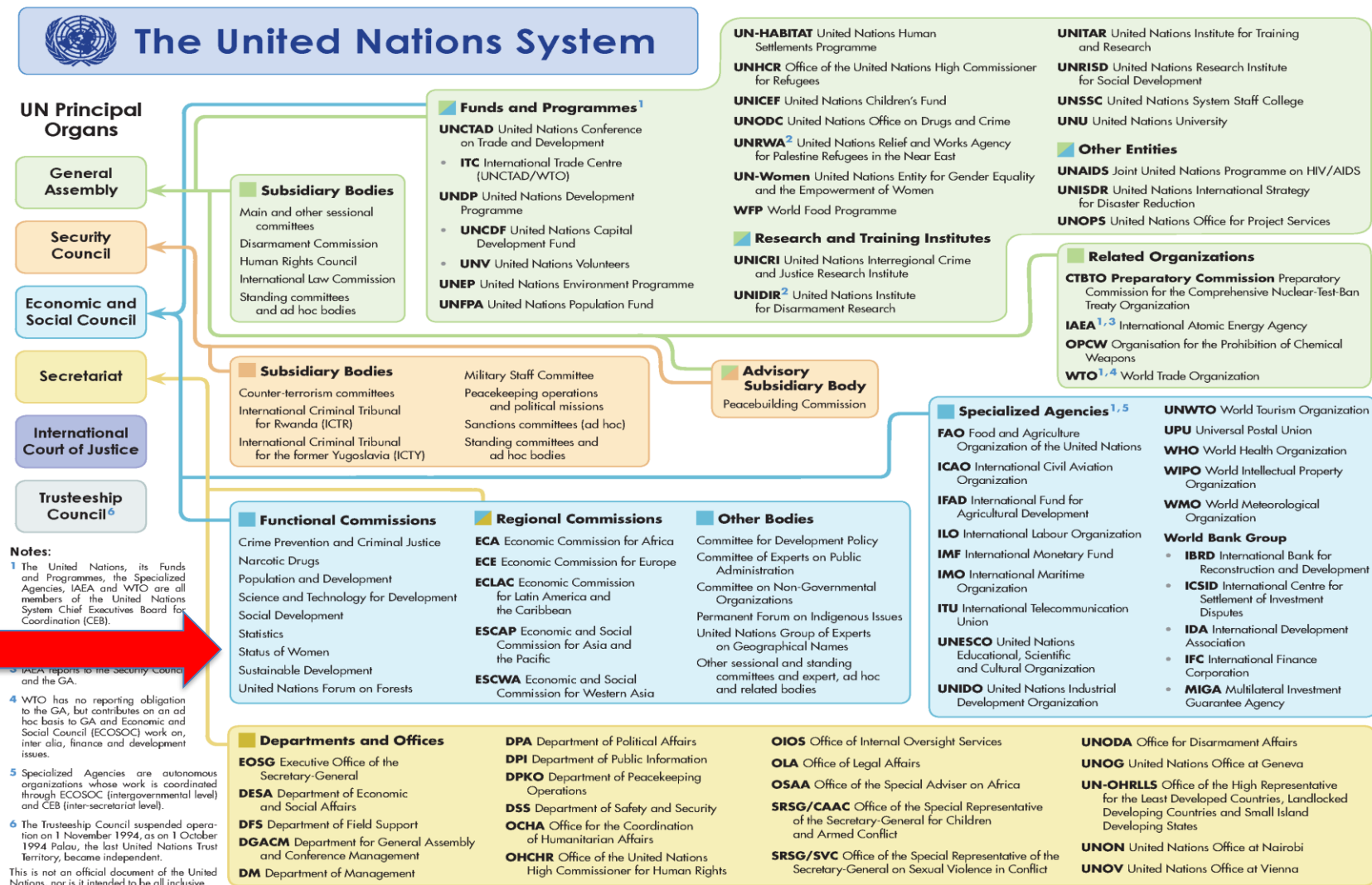
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# CSW Background

- Established in 1946, shortly after the first meetings of the of the newly established United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- Its founding mandate was to “prepare recommendations and reports to the Economic and Social Council [ECOSOC] on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields” and to make recommendations “on urgent problems requiring immediate attention in the field of women’s rights.”
- The Commission was instrumental in drafting important legal frameworks, including the seminal Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women [CEDAW] (1979).



# CSW within the UN system





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# How CSW functions

- A functional commission of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- 45 members elected by ECOSOC for a 4-year term, based on equitable geographical representation
- **Dedicated exclusively to gender equality and the advancement of women**
- Meets annually for 9-10 days at UN headquarters in New York
- CSW receives secretariat support from [UN Women](#)
- UN Women is a UN General Assembly entity established in 2010 to *inter alia* support inter-governmental bodies, such as CSW, in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms





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# CSW60



**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT  
AND ITS LINK TO SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**

New York 14 – 24 March 2016





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# CSW60

- Dates: 14-24 March 2016.
- Priority theme: *Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development.*
- Will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the 57<sup>th</sup> session (2013) on: *The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.*
- Emerging theme - to be determined.
- The 9-day session will also discuss its multi-year programme of work and a ministerial segment and high-level dialogues.
- Many parallel and side events to draw attention to critical aspects of the work on gender equality.



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# Outcomes of CSW

- Agreed conclusions on priority themes set for each year.
- CSW adopts a number of resolutions on a range of issues, negotiated by member states.
- Summaries by the chair of the Commission of high-level round tables and interactive dialogues highlight key issues discussed including recommendations for further action.



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# Why does GWI participate?

- CSW is THE UN gender event of the year
- Platform to draw attention to specific issues and shape their outcomes
- Chance to network and form partnerships for greater visibility and strength on key GWI messages, share strategies and good practices
- Opportunity to lobby governments to implement resolutions and treaties



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# How can we participate?

## On *the international level*

- Representatives contribute to the resolutions and other documents, on the basis of GWI advocacy priorities and specific arguments from the NFAs.
- Can be done through oral and written interventions (statements and spoken interventions)
- By organising parallel and side events to highlight specific issues

## On *the national level* NFAs have the possibility to:

- Inform their members and their community when a new international agreement is announced or not implemented
- Write position papers and articles in the media
- Organise conferences and/or roundtable discussions
- Lobby their government
- Engage with other NGOs to increase support



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# Side and parallel events

## National Women's Committee of the United Nations for NGOs.

Panel discussion on 18 March (Fri) at  
18:30 to 19:45 at Rm CR1 inside the UN  
building.

Focus will be on the issue of a gender  
gap in terms of economy, responding to  
the proposals made in SDGs.



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# Helvi Sipilä seminar

## Women at the Heart of Peace and Security

### 11th International Helvi Sipilä Seminar

March 17th 2016

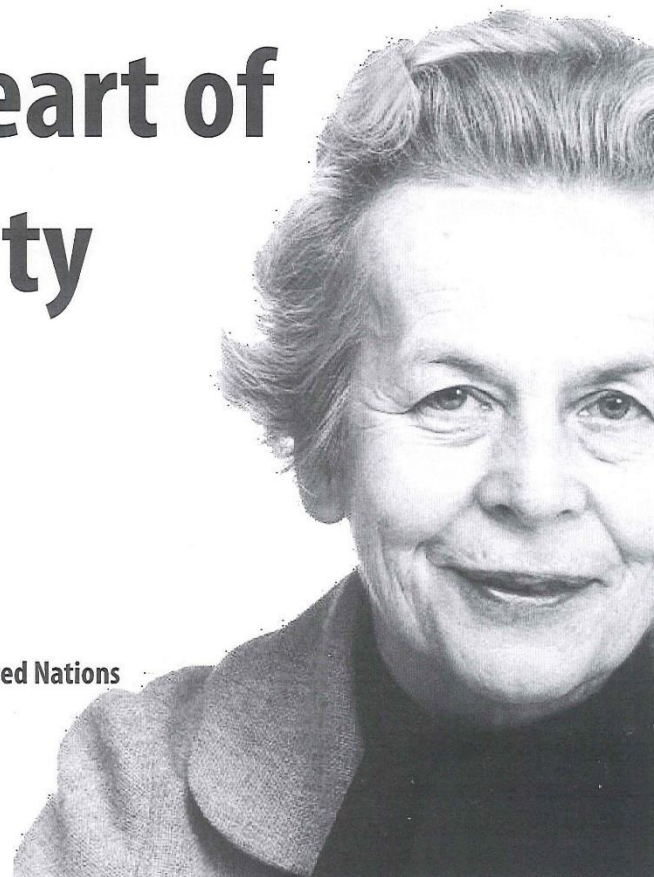
4:45-6:00 pm

Conference Room 11, GA Building

United Nations Headquarters, NY

#### **A side event organized by Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations**

in cooperation with Finnish Federation of Graduate Women FFGW •  
National Council of Women of Finland NJKL • Coalition of Finnish Women's  
Associations NYTKIS • Finland National Committee for UN Women •  
Young Women's Christian Association of Finland YWCA







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# Parallel events

## **WG-USA**

### **NonViolent PeaceForce: South Sudan**

Date: 14 March

Time: 12:30 PM

Venue: CCUN (Church Center of the UN), 777 UN Plaza

Room Assignment: Second Floor

## **WG-USA: Jeannette Wesbrook**

### **“The World’s Oldest Oppression: Violence and Torture against Women and Girls: Prostitution, Trafficking, and Non-State Torture”**

Date: Friday, March 18

Time: 4:30 PM

Place: The Thai Cultural Center

## **WG-USA: Geeta Desai**

### **“Stop the Public Sexual Harassment of Women and Girls with International Multi-Lateral Advocacy and Diplomacy”**

Date: 21 March

Time: 2:30 PM

Venue: CCUN (Church Center of the UN), 777 UN Plaza

Room Assignment: 10th Floor





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# References and useful links

- <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016>
- <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/history.htm>
- <http://www.ngocsw.org/>
- [http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/pdfs/UN System Chart 30June2015.pdf](http://www.un.org/en/aboutun/structure/pdfs/UN_System_Chart_30June2015.pdf)
- <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/outcomes#57>
- <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016/official-meetings>

The GWI events calendar will be distributed to GWI's delegation when further side events and parallel events are confirmed. If you are attending CSW as part of another delegation please let us know! We would like to share information so people can network.



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# Questions?





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# Next webinar

## **Introduction to Graduate Women International**

**29 February 2016, 09.30 & 17.30**

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## 32<sup>ND</sup> TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

*"At the crossroads of education, gender and human rights"*

Graduate Women International's 32<sup>nd</sup> triennial conference in Cape Town, South Africa, in August 2016, is a leading conference focusing on the confluence of education, gender and human rights.

The Conference, developed for a varied audience, will comprise four main strands:

- Managing complexity in education (social, economic, cultural, environmental)
- New technologies and their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education (e.g. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), home education, mobile education, etc.)
- Human rights and education – from teenager to adult in education
- Access to education for girls and women; challenges and solutions (e.g. Violence against Women, affordability, economics, infrastructure, etc.)

[www.gwiconference.org](http://www.gwiconference.org)

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Honourable Minister Matsie Angelina Motshekga  
South African Minister of Basic Education

Professor Jonathan Jansen  
Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State

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**Who We Are**

- Our Vision
- Our Story
- Our Leadership
- Our Staff
- Our Members

**Our Vision**

GWI advocates for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality secondary and tertiary education, and training up to the highest levels. Our vision is 100% of girls...[Read More](#)

**Upcoming Events**

There are no upcoming events at this time.

**Where We Work**

**Some Facts**

In Yemen, women living in urban areas are almost three times as likely to be literate as

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