

ON THE ROAD TO CSW68

Advocacy Training Webinar



Moderator Welcome

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&

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Opening Remarks

**SI President
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Training Goals and Objectives



Leigh Ellwood-Brown



Gaining Knowledge

**Gaining knowledge
about the UN CSW68
and NGO CSW68
Forum**



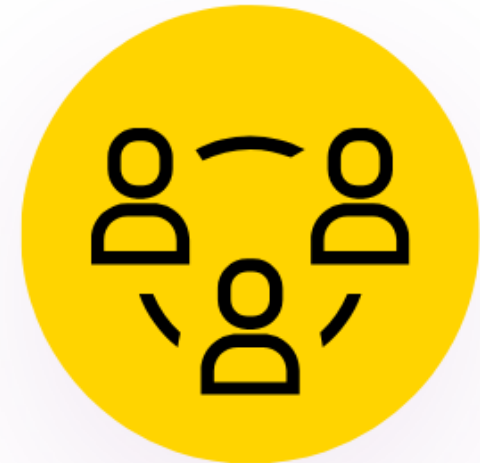
Upskilling

**Upskilling advocacy
strategies**



Planning

**To help you plan how
to get the most out of
CSW68**



Collaboration

**To set up a path of
collaboration
between SI & the
Federation advocates
for CSW**

What is CSW?

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The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The Commission on the Status of Women is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council, one of the main UN entities within the United Nations. There are 45 Member States on the commission.





What is the Difference Between the NGO CSW Forum and UN CSW?

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NGO CSW Forum

- Civil Society gathering parallel to the UN CSW & outside of the UNHQ
- Organised by NGO CSW/NY (a Civil Society Organisation)
- Hosts virtual and in-person Parallel Events and other Civil Society-led events, activities, and spaces.
- Recommendations prepared by Civil Society to include in the CSW outcome document
- Free and open to the public

UN CSW

- Official UN Commission at the UNHQ
- Coordinated by UN Women (a UN agency)
- Hosts official Side Events organised by UN agencies, Member States, and CSOs
- Outcome document negotiated by member states
- Only ECOSOC-accredited organisations can officially register

CSW68 and Themes

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The sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place from 11 to 22 March 2024.

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.

SI's CSW68 Main Recommendations

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Women and Girls are among those most impacted by Poverty, but poverty and gender inequality are not inevitable.

Education plays a transformative role as a driver for sustainable development, peace, equality, and social justice.

All policies and legislation must hold gender inclusivity and human rights at their core to ensure equal protection for all.

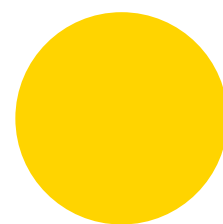
Intended financial support must change to reach those that need it and to enable them.

Care Crisis is a gender crisis that impeded positive intergenerational development

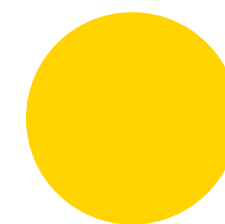
Critical health services and education must be made available to all women and girls.

Important Documents

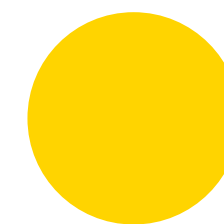
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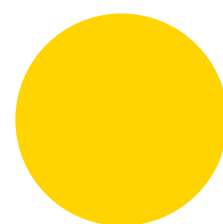
Review Theme: CSW63
Agreed Conclusions



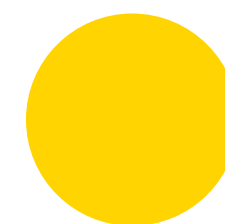
Previous Theme: CSW67
Agreed Conclusions



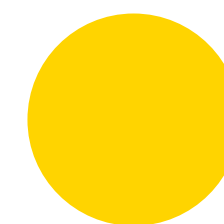
UN Expert Group Meeting
Report for CSW68



Countries CSW68 Reports



NGO-CSW
Recommendations to the
Zero Draft CSW68



SI Recommendations for
CSW68

Events and Meetings

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- SI Reception, Tuesday 12 March, 6-8pm
- SI Parallel Event (Virtual)
- SI & SI Federations Parallel Event (In-Person)
- SI & WfWP Parallel Event (Virtual)
- SIGBI Parallel Event (Virtual)
- SISEAP Parallel Event (In-Person)
- SISEAP Parallel Event (Virtual)

How to Get Involved

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- Register for the NGO-CSW Forum and download the app and handbook.
- Watch the official CSW68 online at UN Web TV and see the Proposed Organisation of Work for CSW68.



How to Be Involved

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- Know what Soroptimist International and your Government stand for!
- Know the SDGs and BPfA
- Get in contact with your UN Country Mission and share the SI CSW68 Statement, (Google “The UN Blue Book” to find their contact details).
- Have your talking points ready.
- Interact with the CSW process in your region by attending regional meetings.

How to be an SI Influencer

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- SI Where We Stand Position Papers
- Advocacy Guide App
- UN Blue Book
- Directory of National Mechanisms for Gender Equality
- Mission's CSW68 Statements (UN Women Web)



Making the Most of CSW68

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- Learn from other NGOs
- Take the opportunity to network
- Interact with Social Media networks
- Learn about 'the status of women worldwide'
- Be strategic. You don't have to attend every event!

SI Social Media Toolkit

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Ideas for Social Media Post! Post! Post!

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**Use quotes
as captions
and pictures
of events**

**Tag speakers and
organisations
@UNWomen and
follow them**

**Visit the SI
Lab**



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- #CSW68
- #BreakTheCycle
- #EndPoverty



Don't Forget!



- Download the CSW68
Advocacy Resource Pack
from the SI Website.
- Download the NGO-CSW68
Forum Handbook



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Thank you

