



29. January 2022

Dear Delegates of CSW66
dear all members

On behalf of the members of the Executive Board and Planning Team, I welcome you to this year's IAW delegation to the **United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)**.

It is wonderful that you are investing your time to represent the urgent and burning women's human rights issues under the priority and review issue in our IAW delegation.

We all understand that we have to claim women's and girl's ownership in decision making in all politics to combat Climate Change and ensure women's rights and needs are respected. We need to prevent that its devastating impact will double our still not existing de facto equality and will cause more backlash. IAW is concerned about new conflicts might occur from Climate Change and many women and girls in conflict or war zones globally are excluded from actions to cope Climate Change. IAW welcomes the review theme under which we will call for a Caring and Sharing feminist Economy.

I cordially invite you to our first virtual IAW Briefing on CSW66

Saturday, Feb. 5th, 6:30 am PT, 11:30 am EST, 5:30 pm CET, 10 pm IST, 4:30 pm GMT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83112000276?pwd=Q0ZFUURhK2gzMm1aV1NOeXRYNHhDZz09>

The meeting is for team building, all questions and exchange on our advocacy issues and strategy. We want to prepare to attend united, strong and visible voice for women's rights.

Unfortunately, we will experience another only virtual sessions. However, we learned how many advantages this has, such as a much higher participants of many who otherwise never had access. The disadvantage will once more be that our access to observe the negotiations of the Commission at work is very limited which is in contradiction to our NGO's rights and obligations under the Special Consultative ECOSOC Status. However, we can register to interactive dialogues and events of the Commission and follow States Representatives speeches via the streaming of UN WOMEN.

I hope many of you have access to national dialogues with your governments before to urge for your recommendations for the *Draft Agreed Conclusions*. If not, urge them to facilitate national dialogues! They shall provide access for women's active, effective, equal, diverse and meaningful participation.

I am looking forward to meeting you on Saturday, February 5th! Kind regards

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Briefing

The IAW DELEGATION

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With your consent we will create a CSW-WhatsAppGroup and share contact data of the delegation.

Themes of the CSW66 (March 14 - 25, 2022)

The zero-draft of the Agreed Conclusions will be published beginning February (see [UN WOMEN'S CSW66 landing page](#)- documents).

- Priority theme: **Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change**, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes;

See our IAW Statement submitted in October 2021 on our IAW Webpage intranet CSW section

- Review theme: **Women's economic empowerment** in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session) Find the Agreed Conclusion CW61 as a text of reference here

[Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Russian](#) | [Spanish](#)

- The theme relating to Working Methods will also be discussed and is of vital importance, as it will focus on how the UN system in general and the CSW in particular should be renewed to ensure ongoing participatory involvement throughout the year(s). Currently, events/meetings are limited and piece-meal at which geo-politics are more at stake rather than a long-term mechanism for upholding and advancing women and girls rights throughout the world.

On this theme you will find under recommendations we as IAW have co-drafted and signed

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IAW's PARALLEL EVENTS

All Parallel Events are indicated in EST. For CET add 5 hours and for Indian time, add 9,5 hours.

We will present them in an upcoming IAW-flyer which you might like to distribute. For participation we ask you to register with the CSW NGO New York (see description and link below)

TITLE: Alone: Building Paths from Loneliness to Connection and Belonging

DATE & TIME: TUESDAY, 3/15/2022 09.00 - 10:30 am Pacific Time Zone via Zoom

ORGANIZATION: National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco
in collaboration with IAW (Antonia Lavine)

REGISTRATION: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscuysrz-gtE9NKTPHS03WeC_9mlu5EUJZA

TITLE: Women, Peace and Climate Change in a 'divided' Cyprus

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, 3/16/22 12:00 - 2:00 pm EST via Zoom

ORGANIZATION: International Alliance of Women; Peace Commission: c/o Marion Böker
in collaboration with: HANDS ACROSS THE DIVIDE (CYPRUS)

REGISTRATION https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcoduGorTwiHdEX-oLcJs_V_QmhzMTDycg7f

TITLE: Climate change: Women's Wisdom versus Military Contribution to Disaster

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY, 3/17/22 12:00 - 1:30 pm EST via Zoom

ORGANIZATION: International Alliance of Women's Peace Commission: c/o Heide Schütz & Rosy Weiss

REGISTRATION LINK:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrdO-qpjgrGdUY1qqfIBwjO1_ma7LqadOa

TITLE: Addressing the Correlation between Climate Change, Migration and Human Trafficking

DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, 3/18/22 2:00 pm EST via Zoom

ORGANIZATION: San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT)
in collaboration with IAW (Antonia Lavine)

REGISTRATION:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZckce-srT4tE9YOmflU9yXpuYf8cQkZn8iM>

TITLE: Who owns the world - men

DATE & TIME: SATURDAY, 3/19/22 8:00 am EST via Zoom

ORGANIZATION: Fredrika Bremer-förbundet / Frederike Bremer Foundation: c/o Camilla Wagner

REGISTRATION LINK: [Who Owns the World - Men \(facebook.com\)](https://www.facebook.com/WhoOwnsTheWorldMen)

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INFORMATION to PREPARE

UN WOMEN who is the organising unit of the UN
[CSW66 \(2022\) | Commission on the Status of Women | UN Women](#)

Our NGO Community in New York at the UN
[NGO CSW/NY](#)

On New York's NGOCSW's webpage I like to recommend you and Q& A booklet [as of jan 27 - NGO CSW66 FAQs](#) and to join the upcoming trainings or advice as many especially new/ young members to join them.

TRAININGS by NGOCSW NY

[Climate Change, Environment, and Disaster Risk Reduction | Youth Preparation Series - YouTube](#)
 (Recording of the Youth Training, Jan 26)

Upcoming training Feb 17th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST [NGO CSW66 Forum Training | February Monthly Meeting | NGO CSW/NY](#)

REGISTRATION

We advice all IAW members to still register and take deadline into account. Still both REGISTRATION procedures, and on the NGO CSW platform with its 750 Parallel Events are open:

A) Official proceedings for the *UN Commission on The Status of Women*: Deadline is March 13, 2022, 18:00 EST (NYC time)

Only NGOs with UN ECOSOC status can register. IAW Assistant Secretary General Miranda Ruzario has accredited so far the following IAW delegation members who came forward after our call.

However, if your organisation does not have this status, and has not yet a delegation member accredited an interested person who wants to attend via IAW it is possible to register under the IAW. To register **Step-by-step**:

- 1) Go to: CSW66 Mailing List Sign-Up (30 November 2021 - 13 March 2022): Overview · Indico (un.org)
- 2) Add your email address and create a password (or use a previous one of last year)
- 3) Add your details: add that the registration is under the European Women's Lobby
- 4) Inform **Miranda Ruzario**: assist.secgen@womenalliance.org that you have registered; she is IAW's
- 5) 'Focal point' and will then approve your registration
- 6) You will receive a confirmation email from UN Women (address: noreply@un.org)

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B) NGOs CSW66 Forum (750 Parallel Events including those by IAW)

You can also register online for the [NGO CSW66 Forum](#): see button **REGISTER TO ATTEND**

- 1) NGO CSW Registration (configio.com)
- 2) You will then receive an email with a link to log into the Virtual Portal
- 3) You will set up your account
- 4) You will then have access to the Virtual Portal (meet other participants, explore side events and access all information relating to CSW66)

All SIDE EVENTS AND PARALLEL EVENTS will be [ONLINE!](#)

Our New York IAW Representatives can use annual passes to enter the UN building. Thus there will be no invitations to anyone to attend CSW. UN ECOSOC and UN WOMEN encouraged us not to attend in person. The CSW Bureau has informed us that all side events will be virtual and that there will be face to face negotiations and Ministerial events – other elements of CSW66 will be virtual.

DESA has informed us that for every organization there are only 3 passes, one of which has to be for the President/CEO of the organization. Also that **Covid -19 restrictions** are in place within the UN.

We have been informed by Member States that some of them will not be sending a delegation from Capital and some will. Some Member States have used vague language, probably drafted before the current UN thinking was clarified, that indicates they are thinking many NGOs will attend.

The provision of three passes, together with the restrictions relating to Covid, is a de facto monopoly for NY/US based NGOs to attend. Many organisations outside of NY and the US are unhappy about this situation and are calling for a virtual only event.

Regional Caucus's meetings and work & NGO's recommendations to the UN

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The collective NGO's delegates, members, interested individuals who will take part in the two weeks of CSW66, March 13, until March 25, 2022, can join a Caucus of their region. Most Caucuses have a chair person, a team of speakers, or installed a Core Group of coordinating members who serve as focal point in volunteering status, some core Groups are just confirmed or undergone a new procedure of an election. The regional Caucuses gather regularly (online). End of CSW65 it was agreed upon working constantly over the year until CSW66. This has resulted in the beforehand finalized documents which you find listed below and (online under CSW on our IAW webpage) as a great source.

We can only recommend every IAW member who continually visits CSW or who wants to be kept informed to join her regional Caucus.

Most of them have a mailing list, Whats-App-Groups, and are a rich source of expertise, collective advocacy, and provide first hand information. The Caucuses are regularly inviting CSW representatives from Member States Embassies to the UN, UN WOMEN, the Bureau, the Chair of the Commission to catch up with information and provide advocacy.

All regional Caucuses gather in the LINKAGE CAUCUS from time to time and at least two times if not more during CSW to exchange and build joined forces of advocacy towards Member states delegations, regional delegations, the Commission, its Bureau and UN Women.

Each region hosts two Caucuses throughout the two weeks of the NGO CSW Forum.

If you have information from your Caucus we can also share within IAW. At least, you can visit Caucus meetings of other regions.

North American and European Caucus:

(Meets throughout the year every last Friday in a month)

Special additional meeting: Geo-politics and how this affects CSW - as a follow up to the briefing that took place in the autumn, will be at the same time on Friday 21 January.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87040391172?pwd=cWhxcnVLOGtrUkpJeJjcVVISmttdz09>

Meeting ID: 870 4039 1172

Passcode: 614489

This Caucus produced several documents

in 2021/2022 before CSW66 and so far has sent them to the President of the CSW Bureau and ED UN Women. You can use them as a source for your own advocacy statements or, just distribute them to your national governmental units, ministries, Machinery of the Advancement of Women, Foreign Office and within your NGO community and networks.

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- N+E Caucus ZERO DRAFT and Cover letter
- Statement on Civil society Space/ Working Methods (long/short, **with IAW's contribution**)
- Statement: Sustainable and Equitable Working Methods

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The Key recommendations of the Civil Society for the CSW66 Zero Draft here

[Advocacy Research Group | NGO CSW/NY](#)

- 1) Investment in gender-responsive policies and programs that prioritize girls and women of all ages (including underrepresented, rural, Indigenous and people with disabilities) in decisionmaking, implementation and monitoring of mitigation and adaptation strategies at the local, community and national level.
- 2) Prioritization of knowledge management and strategies for disaster reduction and resilience that focus on the care, protection and support of girls and women who are dependent on natural resources for their well-being and livelihoods.
- 3) Collection of comprehensive data on displaced girls and women, disaggregated by birth and marriage documentation, to form evidence-based policies on climate-induced migration, as outlined in the [Global Compact for Safe, Orderly Migration](#).
- 4) Training for women in climate-resilient jobs, including food and water security, to transition to a carbon-free environment and education in schools on climate crisis mitigation and adaptation for a sustainable future.
- 5) Financial support for mitigation and adaptation to climate change for women in the Global South through dedicated funds, debt cancellation, grants instead of loans and 1 reparations from the Global North that privilege local ecosystems, Indigenous knowledge and youth leadership. 6) The elimination of legal barriers to women, including widows, concerning land ownership, resources and inheritance, to reduce the economic impacts of climate change on girls and women who suffer most from food and water insecurity.

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