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It is with deep sadness that the IAW bids farewell to Terpsie Lambrinopoulou, Honorary Member of the GLWR, who recently passed away at the age of 94.

Terpsi, as we all called her, was for us the embodiment of the good friend, the faithful companion. Happy is the leader who can enjoy the privilege of such generous support, and especially the one who appreciates and cultivates such warmth.

And there we are with Alice Marangopoulos, IAW's 10th President from 1989 to 1996, with whose tenure my personal memories of Terpsi begin. Alice was elected our President at the XXVIII IAW Congress in Melbourne.

From Melbourne to Calcutta (XXX Congress) my albums occasionally show souvenir photos with Terpsi's dear face. Rarely in the front row, but always friendly, winning. Always ready to be there when needed.

A special person has left us.

In loving memory

Rosy Weiss, IAW Honorary President,

in the name of the International Alliance of Women.

ECOSOC

NGO status and IAW

IAW Celebrates 75 Years of ECOSOC Status.

by Soon-Young Yoon, IAW main representative to UN New York

In 1947, IAW joined a handful of NGOs officially accredited to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Today, let us be proud of our place among the other 5,450 ECOSOC-accredited NGOs. The UN has counted on us to be partners to improve women's leadership in peacebuilding, economic justice, sustainable development, and to be a voice for those often left behind. And we have stepped up to the challenge. We have contributed our expertise on women's human rights in all spheres of work and in the many ECOSOC commissions, including the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Social Development and the Commission on Science and Technology. IAW members have been advocates and provided expertise at global conferences like Financing for Development, High-Level Political Forum and the UN Fourth World Conference on Women, but we have also taken the global-local through many activities on the ground.

As we look to the future, we should remember that our place at the UN is enshrined in Article 71 of the UN Charter which states:

The Economic and Social Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which are concerned with matters within its competence. Such arrangements may be made with international organizations and, where appropriate, with national organizations after consultation with the members of the United Nations concerned.

For decades, our members have invested time and our own resources to ensure a strong

youth can fulfill their hopes and dreams as global citizens. To do this, IAW members are encouraged to participate in consultations on the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda and to offer our own creative ideas for a Futures Summit in 2023. Let us build a strong UN for the next generation and beyond.

<https://www.un.org/en/content/common-agenda-report/>

Commission on the Status of Women 2022

Agreed Conclusions

The Commission on the Status of Women reaffirms the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome documents of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the declarations adopted by the Commission on the occasion of the tenth, fifteenth, twentieth and twenty-fifth anniversaries of the Fourth World Conference on Women and stresses the need to further strengthen their implementation.

Agreed conclusions



IAW calls for a Changing World Order

How UN's unreformed structure is challenging us in CSW66

A Question of Peace and Progress

Read Acting President's reflections

Reports from parallel events

organised by IAW and /or affiliated organisations.

[Flyer of all planned events- click](#)



Working Women under COVID 19

All India Women's Conference, by
Manju Kak

The CSW-66 Parallel Event of AIWC was organized on 21st March, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. Indian time. The event was organized in collaboration with SACSS.

The topic of the event was – “Working Women under COVID 19: Unprecedented Challenges and Career Setbacks”. The topic was discussed in detail and the program was held for almost 1 ½ hours. Our Principal Representative from the U.S. Mrs Sudha Acharya was the Moderator for the event.

Many countries participated in the event from Turkey, Ghana, U.S. and India.

Speakers from AIWC, India were :

Mrs. Sheela Kakde, President

Mrs. Kuljit Kaur, Secretary General

Mrs. Asha Deshpande, MIC-AIWC

Mrs. Usha Nair, Zonal Organiser, South Zone (B)

The program was very well received and appreciated by all.



Who Owns the Land - Men

**Camilla Wagner,
Fredrika Bremer Förbundet,
Sweden**

Security and ownership of land is critical to social and economic empowerment and land and property can form up to 75% of a nation's wealth. According to a survey of 34 developing nations by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, women own less than 10 percent of the land and female farmers lack equal rights to own land in more than 90 countries.

For women in particular, land and property ownership marks the end to economic uncertainty and vulnerability, and has a potential impact on the entire community. Women invest 90% of their income in their immediate families and, when they own their property, they have more power over household decisions, food security is enhanced, and prospects are greatly improved for their children and future generations.

Furthermore, ownership gives women a seat at the table and in order to reach the goals of Agenda 2030 women need to have a voice.

How this correlates was discussed at a CSW parallel event arranged by Fredrika Bremerförbundet in cooperation with International Alliance of Women, Ownershift, Swedish Women's Lobby, Winnet, Swedish Women on the Left and Unizon.

Films:

Ana Tiul, member of Comité de Unidad Campesina, Guatemala

Anuarite Muyuwa Siiriwabu, lawyer, legal defender and coordinator of sofedec DR Congo.

Panel:

Rebecca Juga, President of Bali Women's Union of Farming Groups, Cameroon

Beth Roberts, Director, Center for Women's Land Rights

Professor Govind Kelkar, Executive Director, GenDev Center for Research and Innovation.

[Watch the event](#)



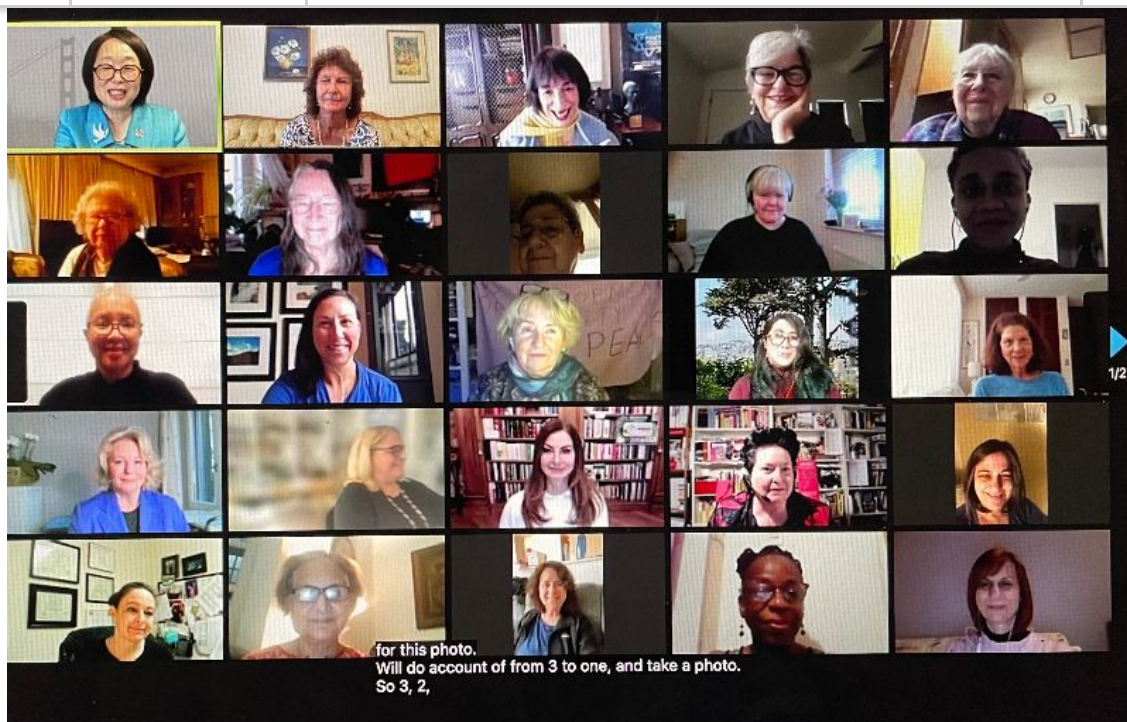
Addressing the Correlation between Climate Change, Migration and Trafficking of Women & Girls.

By **Antonia Lavine**

On March 18th, together with San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, we co-hosted the panel discussion *Addressing the Correlation between Climate Change, Migration and Trafficking of Women & Girls*. This event was co-sponsored by the United Nations Association, San Francisco Chapter.

The discussion focused on the extreme living conditions due to climate change that are forcing the migration of entire communities world-wide and make them an easy catch for the criminal trafficking networks. The World Bank estimates that by 2050 climate change will force more than 140 million people in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America from their homes. Migrants, especially women and girls, are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking and forced labor. The speakers, law enforcement experts, survivor service providers, international scholars, and policy makers, explored the correlation between climate change, migration, and human trafficking and suggested ways to reduce the resulting increased vulnerability of women and girls. They shared also best practices to protect and assist the survivors.

The IAW members strongly supported this event and participated in the discussion with questions and comments. Three of the presenters were IAW members: Anne Pelagie Yotchou TZUDJOM, IAW Board Member, Dr. Emily Murase, IAW Northern America Coordinator, and Antonia Lavine, IAW Treasurer. We are proud of their excellent presentations and our support for this outstanding event!



Alone: Building Paths from Loneliness to Connection and Belonging.

by **Antonia Lavine**

On March 15th, with the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco and the United Nations Association, San Francisco Chapter, we co-hosted the panel presentation *Alone: Building Paths from Loneliness to Connection and Belonging*.

This event focused on the impact of the loneliness that during the pandemic has had a disproportionate impact on girls and women whose mental health has suffered tremendously. Depression, anxiety, suicide have become alarmingly prevalent. The speakers discussed ways to build paths to connection and belonging. The participants in this event had an opportunity to engage with community leaders while exploring advanced models of building resilience to loneliness among disabled individuals, seniors, girls and young women, immigrants, and survivors of gender-based violence.

The IAW members attending this event participated in the discussion with questions and comments. IAW Acting President, Marion Boeker delivered the opening remarks. Dr. Emily Murase, IAW Northern America Coordinator, moderated. Antonia Lavine, IAW Treasurer, presented the closing remarks. We congratulate our team members for helping to organize and present this wonderful event!

WOMEN, PEACE & CLIMATE CHANGE IN A 'DIVIDED' CYPRUS

Hands Across the Divide (HAD) with 114 participants.

The large number of experts HAD had invited from both parts of Cyprus demonstrated in their presentations the many interrelated elements you need to know about Climate Change and conflict solution which urgently need to be addressed for achieving change and, as it was confirmed by the experts from India, Kashmir, Ukraine and Georgia – similar to experts in our and many other NGO Parallel Events – which are accumulating already with increasing dangerous economic and social impacts, especially worsening the lives of women. However, as their projects and action show, there is hope, there are ways to create dialogues for peace, change and mere survival when women lead, do not accept the status quo, and invest and invent new sharing technologies of farming, consuming, and producing human security.

We invite you to take time and stream our recorded Parallel Event which is now accessible at the IAW YouTube channel :

[WOMEN, PEACE & CLIMATE CHANGE IN A 'DIVIDED' CYPRUS - YouTube](#)

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

IAW Peace Commission's Parallel Event CSW66

March 17, 2022

93 participants

The Peace Commission wanted to bring this topic to the attention of our membership and the wider public especially since the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement do not address the role of the military as a prominent spoiler of any eager attempts to mitigate the disaster of climate change.

Our intent was to let women be heard here who elaborate on the contribution of the military to climate change. We need to share their experience of war and armed conflict in societies in which they work daily on the grass roots level to bring back peace and deal with the deep rooted impact of war and military.

The ordeal of war, its rhetoric and its devastating impact on the long run was visible while we were listening to our excellent speakers in our Parallel Event and in the other fora of the CSW66.

See the recording on IAW's YouTube anytime here and share and refer to it:

[Climate change: Women's Wisdom vs Military Contribution to Disaster - YouTube](#)

Water and Pads at CSW

different issues.

[Read Ursula's reflections](#)

Ursula Nakamura rapporte comment les membres de l'IAW, qui sont actifs dans les projets Water et Pads, étaient également actifs dans d'autres domaines à CSW. Beaucoup étaient des conférenciers lors d'événements parallèles sur différentes questions.

[Lire les réflexions d'Ursula](#)

Impressions of CSW66

In addition to attending IAW events, **Alison Brown** had her own agenda and among other events visited the UN Office on Drugs and Crime's presentation of a report on the gender dimensions of Corruption and “Neither sex nor work: abolishing prostitution to promote decent work” organized by CAP International.

[Her impressions of CSW66 are available here.](#)



Dr. Uzma Gul, Youth representative for IAW participated in a C4UN event entitled “Changing Leadership for Our Common Agenda and a Futures Summit” that featured intergenerational speakers. Among these were Maria Espinosa, WLCI, co-chair of the C4UN and former president of the UN General Assembly. The speakers unanimously supported the UN Secretary-General’s call for a Futures Summit in 2023 and a new Youth Council.

sent by Soon-Young Yoon.

Introducing CSW and IAW at the University of Basel

On February 7, 2022 I had the honor of being a guest speaker at the annual Regio Model United Nations conference at the University of Basel.

As I have represented civil society at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York as a delegate of the International Alliance of Women (IAW) in recent years, I was in a position to provide insights into how governments and civil society work together. In my speech I focused on SDG 5, Gender Equality and the importance of civil society for the United Nations.

I also introduced the IAW and its important goals: the promotion of women's human rights, of equality and of the empowerment of women. I highlighted that the IAW has general consultative status at the UN Economic and Social Council and is accredited at many specialized UN agencies, including CSW.



New member of the Water and Pads Working Group

by Ursula Nakamura

Pascale is French with degrees in business plus marketing and project engineering. During her professional life she has worked with small businesses and large companies. She also had established regional partnerships among public institutions in France. When Pascale was 30 years old, she spent a year in Madagascar where she was faced with homeless and vulnerable people.

Pascale always felt that one should put human beings and not profit at the centre of all actions. Besides her professional life, Pascale joined groups helping needy, homeless, or old people in Paris.

In 2015 Pascale launched her own project aiming at more humanity within enterprises, and in 2019 she joined an experimental project working for an economy based on solidarity and social responsibility.

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