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From March 13 to 24, 2017, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will bring together representative of countries, civil society and other world's main actors to debate on the “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”.

The Latin America and the Caribbean women from the organized civil society are preparing to participate and to make our voices heard.

Agenda Items:

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TOWARDS CSW61: THE VOICES OF LATIN AMERICAN AND THE CARIBBEAN

This 2017 the Priority theme of CSW61 will be **“Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”**. The Review theme will be “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls” and the Emerging issue will be “the empowerment of indigenous women”.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the **Regional Consultation for CSW61** will be held on February 7 and 8. Prior to that, on February 6, the **NGOs Forum** will be convened. It will be organized and coordinated by the NGO Regional CSW Committee (CoNGO CSW LAC).

In preparation to that event, the NGO Committee will hold a Consultation that will contribute to the elaboration of a discussion document at the NGO Forum. To this aim, a consultation will be organized for English-speaking Caribbean organizations in January and another one in Spanish for NGOs and Women’s groups from the rest of the region.

The meeting will take place on February 6, from 9 to 17m at [The Bristol Hotel](#) in Panama. With the support of UN Women, there will be an English/Spanish translation.

Registration should be carried out by completing the following online form before January 31, 2017: <https://goo.gl/forms/zDzbOMe86mtEeSA13>.

The Statement of the NGO Forum will be presented to the Ministers and the High Authorities of the national mechanisms for them to take to the women of the Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The presentation will be carried out during the **Regional Consultation for CSW61**, organized by the National Institute of Women of Uruguay and the National Institute of Women of Panama, with the support of the Regional Office of UN Women. The consultation will take place from February 7 to 8, 2017, at The Bristol Hotel, in Panama.

>Registration to the NGO Forum of Latin American and the Caribbean February 6, 2017, Panama.

Fill Online Form Before January 31st, 2017

<https://goo.gl/forms/zDzbOMe86mtEeSA13>.

See more about CoNGO NGO LAC

<http://ngocswlac.org/>

NGO CSW Forum: CSW 61

For over 45 years, every March, women activists and non-governmental organizations from all over the world meet in New York to attend the Forum to debate and present positions and strategies on the main topic of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). In 2017 the main topic will be “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”.

Organized by CoNGO CSW NY, the [NGO Forum CSW61](#) will be held from March 12 to 14, simultaneously to the 61st Session of CSW. The Forum Agenda will include the Consultation Day, a Reception, Side Events, a Rally and the Celebration of the 45th Anniversary and an Artisan Fair. **To attend the Forum, the registration will be open until March 3rd.**

Registration to all the Forum events and the purchase of tickets can be done online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ngo-csw-61-forum-events-and-ads-registration-29735918934>

Main Activities at the NGO CSW Forum

The Consultation Day will be on Sunday March 12, 2017, from 9 am to 15.30 at the Hunter College Campus Brookdale, 425 East 25th Street, NY.

There will be 5 debate groups on the following topics:

- A. Ending all Forms of Forced Labor (Modern-day Slavery, Early Marriage, Trafficking)
- B. Envisioning a Feminist Internet
- C. Creating Equalities of Work (Equal Pay, Upgrading Domestic and Formerly Unpaid Work)
- D. Mitigating Heightened Instabilities: How Climate, Conflict, and Migration Impact Work
- E. Tackling Gender Violence at Home and in the Workplace

The **NGO NETWORKING RECEPTION** will be held on Tuesday, 14 March 2017 at NYU Kimmel Center. The Woman of Distinction Award will be presented there. You can buy your tickets from November 28, 2016 to March 3, 2017. The ticket costs 65 dollars.

In March 16, from 1 to 3 pm **the Rally for Women's Rights** will be held from One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

To read more about the NGO Forum:

<https://www.ngocsw.org/ngo-csw-forum>

CSW61 NEWS AND NGO PARTICIPATION

The registration to participate at the CSW61 ends on January 27. NGOs with ECOSOR Status will be able to register. NGO with/without ECOSOC Status will be able to attend all Side Events.

The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017. The Commission will debate on the “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”. They will also analyze the “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls” and they will debate on “the empowerment of indigenous women” as a new approach to the subject.

Four ministerial roundtables on the priority theme which will be held in two parallel meetings on 13 March in the afternoon, there will also be a general debate and several Side events. Two interactive dialogues among ministers will be held and both NGO and other actors will be able to participate after the Ministers. The first dialogue, named “Building alliances for women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work” will be on Tuesday 14 March 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and the participation of workers and employers will be prioritized. The second dialogue on “Accelerating implementation of Agreed Conclusions commitments for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” will take place the same day from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., participants of this dialogue will be Government representatives, Parliamentarians, representatives of human rights treaty bodies, of national human rights institutions, of the UN system, of media, of civil society organizations, and of functional commissions.

As a result of the CSW61, a document will be elaborated on the Conclusions on the main topics after the negotiation between all State Members, which will be then adopted by the Governments, the intergovernmental organizations and other involved actors. To this aim, the Commission will analyze the reports, including the statements sent by Women’s NGOs from all over the world.

UN Women, as substantive secretariat to the Commission, will provide the participation of representatives of the civil society at the Sessions of the Commission.

Board.

Latin America and the Caribbean hold 9 members out of the 45 who are part of the CSW, and they serve for a 4 year period, chosen by the Economic and Social Council. The members are: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay. At the same time, the Directive Board of CSW61, a two-year period, is headed by H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar

Patriota (Brazil), Chair (Latin American and Caribbean States Group). The rest of the members are representatives from Egypt, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Japan and Germany.

Video message from H.E. Mr. Antonio de Aguiar Patriota (Brazil), Chair of the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4sJgrajrEq4>

Side Events.

It was decided to limit the number of Official Side Events. Each Member State may have up to two Side events during the first week.

More information on CSW61:

<http://www.unwomen.org/es/csw/csw61-2017>.

HOW WILL NGO PARTICIPATE AT THE CSW61

The President of the CSW61 Board, Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, and the Executive Director of UN Women, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, issued a joint letter to the State Members asking that 50% of each delegation should be representatives of the Civil Society and that a significant number of young feminist should be incorporated.

During CSW61, organizations of the civil social will be able to participate at the spaces assigned to NGOs, whether it is by asking to speak in the general debate or intervening at the end of the interactive dialogues.

More information on the participation of NGOs.

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation>

>**Informative Sessions.** NGO CSW NY will continue organizing the informative meetings from 8.30 to 9.30 at UN headquarters every day during the CSW61.

Latin American and Caribbean NGOs At CSW61

>**Regional Meetings.** During CSW61, the participants of Latin America and the Caribbean will be able to participate at the Regional Orientation Meeting which will take place on March 13 at 12:30, at the Church Center, 10th floor Room. At the same time, there will be two other Regional Caucus Meetings: the first one on March 14 and the second one on March 20. Both of them will take place at the Hardin Room (Church Center) at 18.15.

>**Parallel Event:** The CoNGO CSW LAC is organizing the Side event named “Economic Empowerment of Women in the Framework of SDG 5 in LAC”, and it will be held on March, 15, 2017 at 12:30 pm, at the Church Center for the United Nations (Room: Boss Room)

KEY DATES

January 24.

Opening of the reception period of Oral Statements for CSW61 (It closes on February 17).

January 27

Deadline for CSW61 registration

January 30

Deadline for Panama NGO Forum registration

February 6

9 am to 16 pm
Regional Consultation Meeting to NGOs
The Bristol Hotel, Panama
Organized by CoNGO CSW LAC

February 7 to 8

Regional Consultation for CSW61
The Bristol Hotel, Panama
Co-Sponsored: INM Uruguay, INM Panama and Regional Office UN Women LAC.

February 17

Deadline for reception of Oral Statements

March 3

Deadline for registration to the NGO CSW Forum.

March 12

9 am to 15 pm
Previous Consultation NGO CSW Forum
Hunter College Campus Brookdale, 425 East 25th Street, NY.
Organized by CoNGO CSW NY

March 13

12.30 to 14 pm
Meeting for Latin American and the Caribbean NGOs
Church Center, 10th floor Room.
Organized by: CoNGO CSW NY.

March 14

NGO Reception and presentation of the Woman of Distinction Award
NY Kimmel Center
Organized by CoNGO CSW NY

10.00 am to 13.00pm

Interactive Dialogue: "Building alliances for women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work"

15.00 pm to 18.00 pm

Interactive Dialogue: "Accelerating implementation of Agreed Conclusions commitments for gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls"

18.15 pm to 19.45 pm

Regional Caucus Meeting LAC
Church Center, Hardin Room.
Organized by: CoNGO CSW NY.

March 15

12.30 pm

Parallel Event: "Economic Empowerment of Women in the Framework of SDG 5 in LAC",
Church Center – Boss Room
Organized by CoNGO CSW LAC.

March 16

13.00 pm to 15.00 pm

Rally for Women's Rights from One Dag
Hammaraskjold Plaza.
Organized by CoNGO CSW NY.

16:30 pm to 19.00 pm

45th Anniversary of CoNGO CSW NY
Church Center, 2nd Floor.
Organized by CoNGO CSW NY.

March 20

Regional Caucus Meeting LAC
Church Center, Hardin Room.
Organized by CoNGO CSW NY.

What is CSW?

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

Since 1946, the CSW has the responsibility of elaborating recommendations on the promotion of Women's Rights in political, economic, civil, social and educative fields. Also, the Commission is in charge of in monitoring and reviewing progress and problems in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action of 1995 and now it also contributes to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for the Sustainable Development, among other issues. [Read More](#).

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