CSW63

THE SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
MARCH 11 – 22, 2019
Overview

**CSW63, Social Protection Systems, Access to Public Services and Sustainable Infrastructure for Gender Equality and The Empowerment of Women and Girls**

“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. A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by [Council resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946](https://www.unwomen.org/en/about-us/history). The CSW is instrumental in promoting women’s rights, documenting the reality of women’s lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.” (UN Women)

This year’s CSW63, held from March 11 to March 22 2019, will focus on social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

Social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure are crucial in the achievement of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development and the Paris Agreement.

One of the main goal with this theme is to promote equal access to decent work for women. Ensured public services and sustainable infrastructure provide job opportunities, and address occupational segregation and gender pay gaps. Those must prevent any form of discrimination and support the empowerment of women and girls.

Emphasis will be placed on the gender differentiated risks that women and girls are exposed to over their life course.

**Newly Published 63rd CSW Agreed Conclusions**

**Priority Theme**
Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

**Review Theme**
Women’s Empowerment and The Link to Sustainable Development (From 60th Session)
### CSW63: List of Events

Below is a list of events that WEDO allies might be interested in attending. **Please note that WEDO is not affiliated with events listed here unless indicated**

#### MONDAY MARCH 11

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<td>Public-Private Partnerships: Accelerating Innovation &amp; Ensuring Sustainability</td>
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<td>Wilting in Bloom: Lived Experiences of Women Workers (Flower Industry)</td>
<td>Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor</td>
<td>Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries (Hivos)</td>
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#### TUESDAY MARCH 12

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<td>Building Sustainable Infrastructure for Women Globally</td>
<td>The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall</td>
<td>Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW-ICREF)</td>
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<td>10:30 am - 12:00 pm</td>
<td>Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs Through the Sustainable Development Goals</td>
<td>4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall</td>
<td>TCF Global; BPW WA</td>
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<td>12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</td>
<td>Achieving Gender Equity: Improving Women’s and Families’ Health in a Changing Climate</td>
<td>Salvation Army, Downstairs</td>
<td>Nation to Nation Networking Ltd.; National Counsel of Women of the US (N.C.W.U.S)</td>
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2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Women's Future, Empowerment by Sustainable Development
Church Center for the United Nations, Second Floor
Sponsoring Organization
Business and Professional Women Spain
CoSponsoring Organization
Institut Catala de les Dones

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Linking Feminist Peace, Sustainable Development, and Postwar Infrastructure Reconstruction
The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall
Sponsoring Organization
Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights
CoSponsoring Organization
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

WEDO SIDE EVENT
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
The Smart Feminist City
Church Center of the United Nations, 2nd Floor

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Pathways to Peace: How Women's Land Rights Promote Sustainable Post-Conflict Development
Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
Sponsoring Organization
MADRE
CoSponsoring Organization
NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security

2:30 pm – 4 pm
Systèmes de protection sociale, accès aux services des femmes déplacées (Social protection system and services access for displaced women)
Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
Sponsoring Organization
Ligue Pour La Solidarite Congolaise
CoSponsoring Organization
MSI USAID

THURSDAY MARCH 14

8:30 am - 10:00 am
Tourism and Hotels Globally Empowering Women and Sustainable Development
Salvation Army, Downstairs
**Sponsoring Organization**
United Religions Initiative
**CoSponsoring Organization**
Florida International University

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
*Interlinkages between systems of social protection, public services and sustainable infrastructure*
Church Center for the United Nations, Chapel
**Sponsoring Organization**
Ilitha Labantu
**CoSponsoring Organization**
African Women Independent Forum

**FRIDAY MARCH 15**

8:30 am - 10:00 am
*Khadi Goes Global is a Template to Provide Sustainable Livelihoods*
The Armenian Convention Center, Guild Hall
**Sponsoring Organization**
All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA)

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
*The African Woman in Sustainable Development: The Journey to 2030*
Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
**Sponsoring Organization**
African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA)
**CoSponsoring Organizations**
INAUSA, AWC

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
*Gender Parity in Sustainable Development: A Global Legal Appraisal*
Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
**Sponsoring Organization**
International Bar Association Women Lawyers Interest Group (IBA WIG)
**CoSponsoring Organization**
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4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
*A Strategic Plan for Gender Equality in Agribusiness in the Nations*
4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall
**Sponsoring Organization**
New Future Foundation

6:15 pm - 7:45 pm
Film Presentation: "Activating Women Participation in Politics for Sustainable Development"
Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
**Sponsoring Organization**
Global Empowerment Movement Corporation

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**SATURDAY MARCH 16**

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
*Hear Her: Narrative Programs & Platforms Inspiring Sustainable Development*
Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor
**Sponsoring Organization**
Footage Foundation
**CoSponsoring Organization**
SayItForward.org

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**MONDAY MARCH 18**

10:30 am – 12 pm
*Women as agents of Sustainable Peace and Progress: From Revolution to Governance*
Church Center for the United Nations, Second Floor
**Sponsoring Organization**
Armenian International Women’s Association

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
*Community Mapping Driving Women Responsive Sustainable Infrastructural Development*
Salvation Army, Downstairs
**Sponsoring Organization**
Huairou Commission
**Co-Sponsoring Organization**
UN Habitat Public Spaces Program

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**WEDNESDAY MARCH 20**

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
*Empowering Women Economically and Socially to Increase their Participation in Sustainable Development*
Salvation Army, Downstairs
**Sponsoring Organization**
International Muslim Women's Union

**WEDO SIDE EVENT**

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
*Why Gender Advocates Should Care about Climate Finance & the GCF*
Church Center Chapel, 8th floor
Sponsoring Organization
Heinrich Boell Stiftung North America

THURSDAY MARCH 21

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Public Preparedness: Empowering Women and Girls to Build Sustainable and Resilient Societies
Church Center for the United Nations, Chapel
Sponsoring Organization
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

FRIDAY MARCH 22

10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Building Sustainable Social Protection Systems to Achieve Gender Equality
Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor
Sponsoring Organization
Women’s Freedom Forum, Inc.
CoSponsoring Organization
ManUp Campaign