

Commission on Status of Women (CSW65): March 15-26, 2021 Call for Delegates, Details on Virtual Access and Registrations

As the principal global intergovernmental body, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is exclusively dedicated to promote gender equality and empowerment of women. Every year, the CSW event is held in New York in the month of March. In the wake of the pandemic in 2020, the in-person event was cancelled with the hope to meet in 2021. Given the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the events will be held virtually and no CSW65 ground passes will be issued. A limited number of organisations in consultative ECOSOC status will be able to speak during the general discussion, interactive dialogues and potentially other virtual informal meetings, subject to time availability and interest showcased. But, this year will be drastically different than the traditional format.

The theme this year is "[Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life](#)".

How can you participate?

- For the World YWCA, with no CSW65 grounds passes being issued, the limit of 20 approved representatives is not relevant and will not be in effect for CSW65. If you want to attend the event VIRTUALLY through the UN Women platform as a World YWCA Delegate, you must contact World YWCA at worldoffice@worldywca.org. The registration for the virtual event is open till February 22, 2021.
- If your YWCA has an ECOSOC status and you wish to participate, please talk to the respective YWCA representative from your association regarding your registration.
- If you are the representative for your YWCA that has ECOSOC status, please let the World YWCA know the names and email addresses of your delegation once it is set.

Criteria to be a World YWCA Delegation Member:

For the YWCA movement, CSW is an opportunity to come together as a movement, showcase the strength of our global community, share ideas and partner for good. For CSW65, if you are interested to be part of the World YWCA Delegation, please write to us at worldoffice@worldywca.org by February 10, 2021 Midnight CET with an email expressing your interest.

Priority will be given to applicants who:

- Are active in the YWCA movement.
- Have an active interest in using the platform to progress their day to day work in the movement and in their community.
- Are keen to write blogs, share stories, do online social media advocacy and movement building work during the CSW65.
- Are keen to report back to the wider community and provide support when and if requested before, during and after CSW.

Please share a short note expressing your interest. More details on process of application will be shared as a follow up to your email expressing your interest.

Please consider the following before submitting an expression of interest:

- The event will be held in New York, EST time zone. Time zone management and access to internet are key requirements for attending the event.



- When considering applying, keep in mind that the official CSW meetings will be live webcast on UN WebTV at <http://webtv.un.org/>, which will be available in the six official UN languages and will have no restrictions on the number of viewers.
- The main benefit of CSW65 registration is information sharing, as approved registrants will receive direct email communications about CSW-related activities and updates leading up to and during the session, social media packages, and information and invitations to specific events, including side events. Please note that side event participation and access is up to the discretion of the individual side event organizers as well as any possible technical limitations. *UN Women Indico registration does not guarantee access to any specific event or meeting.*

Attending NGO CSW Platform:

Access to the NGO CSW platform for the side events grants access for individuals to NGO Parallel Events hosted by respective NGOs. All information pertaining to NGO CSW may be found at www.ngocsw.org. The registration for the side events is open now. If you are keen to register on the NGO CSW platform, please do so on your own.

Are you hosting an event at CSW65? Share with Us!:

If you are hosting a side or parallel event at CSW65, please share all the details with World YWCA in this [document](#). We will be developing a calendar of events and will be happy to add the event with the goal of ensuring maximum participation and social media publicity from World YWCA.

For any further information and questions, please write to talisa.avanthay@worldywca.org.