

Nothing about us without us!

Statement on the CSW Methods of Work Resolution

As representatives of feminist and women's organizations and organizations working to promote the full realization of the human rights of women and girls, we express our outrage at the way that we have been excluded from both the negotiation of the political declaration and the Commission of the Status of Women (CSW) Methods of Work resolution.

In a context of increasing attacks on the human rights of women and girls and closing space for civil society at all levels, from the national to the global, we had held up the CSW as a place where we could express our views and influence the development of critical policies that affect our lives and futures.

Instead, it seems that governments are intent on closing even that door by trying to limit the robust participation of non-governmental organizations, restrict recognition of the human rights of women and girls and the norm-setting role of the CSW in this regard and skirt responsibility for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. It seems they are intent on discussing everything about us, without us.

Let us be clear: we do not come to the CSW to attend side events. We come to the CSW to hold our governments to account to the commitments they have made to guarantee gender equality, eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against us and achieve the full realization of all of our human rights. We come to the CSW to advance progressive policies that, if implemented, will make a meaningful difference in our lives. If the CSW no longer provides us with a forum for policy change and accountability that fully involves us, we will stay at home.

To ensure the continued relevance of the CSW to women's lives, we demand that the Methods of Work resolution:

- Recognize the role of the CSW in fully realizing the human rights of women and girls, including through its norm-setting role.
- Ensure collaboration with the CEDAW Committee and the Working Group on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Law and in Practice.
- Enhance the role of civil society in the Commission, including by making negotiations of the agreed conclusions open to observation by NGOs (and not just a select few); ensuring that NGO interventions are interspersed with those of governments in the general debate; and increasing participation of NGOs in panels, roundtables and other interactive dialogues;
- Ensure that the CSW plays a role in monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, which contain robust commitments to gender

equality and will be a critical tool for advancing gender equality and the human rights of women and girls in the coming years.

Women's organizations and feminist organizations fought for the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, for the creation of UN Women, and for every change at the local and national level that has led to improvements in gender equality and the enjoyment of our human rights.

We count on UN Women and member states to stand with us in ensuring our seat at the decision-making table so that we can make sure that nothing is discussed about us without us.

Endorsed by the following organizations:

1. Aahung, Pakistan
2. ActionAid International
3. Advocates for Youth, United States
4. African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS), The Gambia
5. African Sky Netherlands
6. African Women's Development and Communication Network, FEMNET, Kenya
7. Agrupación Ciudadana por la Despenalización del Aborto Terepútico, Ético y Eugenésico, El Salvador
8. AIDS Accountability International; AAI, South Africa
9. Akina Maama Wa Afrika, Uganda
10. Alianza de Mujeres Indígenas de Centroamérica y México.
11. All India Women's Conference
12. American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), United States
13. AnA-Society for Feminist Analyses, Romania
14. Anis - Institute of Bioethics, Human Rights and Gender (Brazil)
15. Armenian Relief Society, Inc.
16. Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA)
17. Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development
18. Asia safe abortion partnership, ASAP, Sri Lanka
19. Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
20. Asociación GoJoven Guatemala
21. Asociación Red Guatemalteca Mujeres Positivas en Acción
22. Asociación Sinaloense de Universitarias, México
23. Associacao Mulher, Lei e Desenvolvimento (MULEIDE) - Mozambique
24. Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID), international
25. Association MParocaine de Planification Familiale, AMPF, Morocco
26. ASTRA Network
27. ASTRA Youth
28. Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, United States
29. ATHENA Network

30. Australian Women Against Violence Alliance
31. Aysekansak
32. BAI national network of indigenous women's organizations in the Philippines
33. Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud
34. Baua Baua, Papua New Guinea
35. Business & Professional Women (BPW) of Canada
36. CAL, Africa
37. Cameroon Agenda for Sustainable Development (CASD), Cameroon
38. Campaña 28 de septiembre por la despenalización del aborto en América Latina y el Caribe
39. Canada Voices of Women for Peace, VOW, Canada
40. Canadian Federation of University Women
41. Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), Canada
42. Caribbean Vulnerable Communities Coalition (CVC)
43. CatchAFyah Caribbean Feminist Network
44. CatchAFyah Caribbean Feminist Network
45. Católicas por el derecho a Decidir Mexico
46. Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, México
47. Center for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance (CEWLA)
48. Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) USA
49. Center for Women's Global Leadership
50. Centre for Democracy and Development, CDD
51. Centre for Human rights and Climate Change Research, Nigeria
52. Centre for the study of Adolescence (CSA), Kenya
53. Centro Cultural Esperanza Rodríguez
54. Centro de Apoyo Solidario, Documentación y Estudio
55. Centro de Investigacion para la Accion Femenina (CIPAF)- Dominican Republic
56. Centro Mujeres
57. Centro Mujeres Graciela Hierro
58. Chinese Lala Alliance
59. Cinthya Amanecer Velasco Botello, México
60. Ciudadania en Movimiento en Camino a la Igualdad de Género CIMIGE A.C.
61. CLADEM México
62. Claudia Areli Rosales Acevedo
63. Closet de Sor Juana AC México
64. Coalition for Action on 1325, Uganda
65. Colectiva Ciudad y Género
66. Colectiva con Letra F
67. Colectiva Mujer y Salud- Dominican Republic
68. Colectivo Bolivariano, Oaxaca (MBP-M)
69. Colectivo de Investigación, Desarrollo y Educación entre Mujeres
70. Colectivo Feminista de Xalapa
71. Comisión Beijing + 20 Guatemala
72. Comité de América Latina y el Caribe para la Defensa de los Derechos de las Mujeres, México
73. Comité de Derechos Humanos de Colima, No Gubernamental
74. Comité Promotor por una Maternidad Segura-México

75. Commonwealth Medical Trust (Commat) United Kingdom
76. Comunicación e Información de la Mujer AC (CIMAC)
77. COMUNICACION E INFORMACION DE LA MUJER, AC (CIMAC) MEXICO
78. Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd
79. Consorcio para el Dialogo Parlamentario y la Equidad Oaxaca Defensoría para la Igualdad
80. Consorcio para el Dialogo Parlamentario y la Equidad. Mexico
81. Coordinadora 28 de Mayo Guatemala
82. Coordinadora d la Mujer -Bolivia
83. Coordinadora de Mujeres Oaxaqueñas "Primero de Agosto"
84. Cordillera Women's Education Action Research Center (CWEARC), Philippines
85. Curious Minds, Ghana
86. dance4life, netherlands
87. DAWN (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era)
88. Ddeser
89. Defensa Jurídica y Educación para mujeres s.c. Vereda Themis
90. Derya SENTURK KADER Kadıkoy TURKEY
91. Diar Sudan
92. Diverse Voices and Action for Equality, Fiji/Pacific
93. Domestic Violence Intervention Centre Austria
94. Eastern European Alliance for Reproductive Choice
95. Echoes of Women in Africa Initiative(ECOWA)Nigeria
96. Education as a Vaccine (EVA), Nigeria
97. Education International, El
98. EIMAN
99. Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario- ETFO, Canada
100. Elige Red de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos
101. Elsa Maria Arroyo Hernández, México
102. Equality and Social and Environmental Justice. Latin America and the Caribbean
103. Equality Bahamas
104. Equality Now
105. Equidad de Género: Ciudadanía, Trabajo y Familia
106. Equidad y Vida Nueva A.C.
107. Esan Women Movement(ESM) NIGERIA
108. Espolea
109. Eugenia Magaly Pecher Gómez
110. Family Planning and Sexual Health Association, Lithuania (https://www.facebook.com/pages/%C5%A0eimos-planavimo-ir-seksualin%C4%97s-sveikatos-asociacija/366903170533?ref=aymt_homepage_panel; <http://tavogyvenimas.lt/>)
111. Family planning Association Sri Lanka, FPASL, srilanka
112. Federacion de Estudiantes de la Universidad de Costa Rica, FEUCR, Costa Rica
113. Federación Planificación Familiar Estatal - FPFE Spain
114. Federation for Women and Family Planning, Poland
115. Federation for Women and Family Planning, Polandd
116. Feminist Task Force
117. FemLINKPACIFIC (FemLINK), Fiji

118. FEMNET (African Women's Development and Communication Network), Kenya
119. Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM), Fiji
120. FOKUS-Forum for Women and Development (Norway)
121. Fondo de Aborto para la Justicia Social MARIA
122. Foro de Mujeres y Políticas de Población México
123. Forum for Women in Democracy (FOWODE), Uganda
124. Frente por los Derechos Igualitarios, FDI, Costa Rica.
125. FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund
126. Fundación Arcoiris por el respeto a la diversidad sexual, Mexico
127. Fundación Mexicana para la Planeación Familiar, México
128. Fundación para Estudio e Investigación de la Mujer -FEIM- Argentina
129. GCAP- Dominican Republic
130. Gender Education, Research and Technologies (GERT), Bulgaria
131. Gender Equity: Citizenship, Work and family. Mexico
132. Gender Justice and Sustainable Development Network
133. Girls Power Initiative (GPI) Nigeria
134. Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)
135. Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA), USA
136. GOJoven Honduras
137. Grassroot Soccer, GRS
138. GROOTS Trinidad & Tobago (GROOTS T&T)
139. Grupo de Mujeres de San Cristóbal las Casas
140. Grupo Impulsor Cairo + 20 Guatemala
141. Gulriz Ozyildirim
142. HDP (Peoples' Democratic Party) Women's Coordination, Turkey
143. Hollaback! Bahamas
144. Humanist Institute for Co-operation with Developing Countries, Hivos, the Netherlands
145. Igualdad y Justicia Socio-Ambiental (Latinoamérica)
146. INCLUYE AC MEXICO
147. Innabuyog, Philippines
148. INSTITUT PEREMPUAN (Indonesia)
149. Institute for Science and Human Values, Inc (ISHV) USA
150. Instituto de Investigación y Estudios para la Atención de la Violencia hacia Niñas, Niños y Adolescentes REHILETE
151. INTER-MUJERES, Puerto Rico
152. Interfaith Nrtwork- Indian Ocean Islands
153. International Community of Women living with HIV (ICW)
154. International Community of Women Living with HIV & AIDS - Zimbabwe (ICW-Z), Zimbabwe
155. International Council of AIDS Service Organizations (ICASO), Canada/global
156. International federation of University Women IFUW HQ CH
157. International federation of Women Lawyers, FIDA Nigeria
158. International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)
159. International Women AIDS Caucus -IWAC-

160. International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) Australia
161. International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), USA
162. International Youth Alliance for Family Planning (IYAFP) Burkina Faso
163. Ipas
164. Ipas México
165. IRIS Woman Watch Group, Turkey
166. Isabel Villegas, El Salvador
167. Isis-Women's International Cross Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE), Uganda
168. Istanbul Women Organisations Union - IKKB
169. Jakelin Johana Cuyán Sosa
170. Jamaica Community of Positive Women, JCW+, Jamaica
171. Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN)
172. JANETTE GONGORA MEXICO
173. Japan Women's Watch, JAWW, Japan
174. JASS (Asociadas por lo Justo)
175. Jayne Burt-Ozyildirim
176. JERA International, Australia
177. Jóvenes Positivos de Latinoamérica y el Caribe
178. KADER, TURKEY
179. KAAdin Adaylari Destekleme Dernegi, KA.DER, Turkey
180. Kadın Partisi, KP, Turkey
181. KAMER FOUNDATION DİYARBAKIR
182. Kaos Gay and Lesbian Cultural Researchers Association-Turkey
183. Kebetkache Women Development and Resource Centre, Nigeria
184. Kerubo Abuya, Member of FEMNET, Kenya
185. Khan Foundation, KF, Bangladesh
186. Kimberly Brown, Kenya
187. Kinal Antzetik Distrito Federal, México
188. Kirmizi Biber Dernegi, KBD, Turkey
189. Kitakyushu Institute on Sustainability, Japan
190. Korean Women's Association United (KWAU)
191. Lambda Istanbul LGBT Solidarity Association, Turkey
192. Leaders & Experts for Social Impacts (BENIN)
193. Leading Everyone to Participate in Africa (LEPA)
194. leitana nehan women's development agency papua new guinea
195. Ma. de Lourdes García Acevedo - México
196. Ma. Irma Flores Aguilar
197. Make Every Woman Count (MEWC)
198. Maria Elena Ortega Cortes integrante de la CORDINACION feminista olimpia de gouges A.C Mexico
199. Medical Women's International Association MWIA
200. MIDSON, Nepal
201. Milenio Feminista en Querétaro
202. MIRA RED-UNAM
203. MIRA, Mujeres Iberoamericanas en Red por la Igualdad Presupuestal entre Mujeres y Hombres
204. Modemmujer Red Feminista de Comunicación Electrónica
205. Monitoring Gender Equality-CEID/Turkey
206. MOSAIC Training, Service & Healing Centre, South Africa

207. Mujeres Revolucionarias de México (MRM)
208. Mujeres Trabajadoras Unidas A.C
209. Mujeres, Democracia y Ciudadanía A.C. México
210. Muş Kadın Derneği(Turkey)
211. Nadia Pineda, El Salvador
212. NAWO (UK)
213. Nazan Moroglu, Istanbul Bar Association Women Right Commission
214. Nazra for Feminist Studies, Egypt
215. Network for Women's Rights (NETRIGHT) Ghana
216. Network of NGOs of Trinidad and Tobago for the Advancement of Women
217. New Zealand Family Planning
218. Niger Delta Women's movement for Peace and Development (NDWPD) Nigeria
219. Nimmo Elmi
220. NOMREK Law Consultants and Advocates, NOMREK, Uganda
221. Nucleo de Apoyo a la Mujer (NAM)- Dominican Republic
222. Observatorio de Igualdad de Género de la URJC
223. Observatorio de Mortalidad Materna, México
224. Pacific Disability Forum
225. PActo por la Vida, la Libertad y los Derechos de las Mujeres, México
226. PaKasipiti Zimbabwe
227. Participatory Rural Development Organisation (PRDO), Malawi
228. People with Disability Australia (PWDA)
229. Peoples' Democratic Party Women's Assembly, HDP, Turkey
230. PG United, ASEAN
231. Planned Parenthood Association of Liberia (PPAL)
232. Positive Women Inc. New Zealand
233. Poverty Elimination and Community Education (PEACE) Foundation USA
234. POWA - South Africa
235. Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand
236. Programa de Género, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro. México
237. Public Services International
238. RABÈJ/SD (BENIN)
239. Rainbow Action South Korea (South Korea)
240. Raks Thai Foundation, Thailand
241. Real People Real Vision (RPRV) Georgia
242. Red Ciudadana Feminista de México, RECIFEM
243. Red Colombiana de Periodistas con Visión de Género
244. Red de Feministas en Querétaro
245. Red de Investigadoras Por la Vida y la Libertad de las Mujeres
246. Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe - RSMLAC
247. Red Feminista de Colima
248. Red Feminista Sonorense, México
249. Red Internacional de Periodistas con Visión de Género
250. Red Internacional de Periodistas con Visión de Género en Argentina
251. Red Latinoamericana de Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir
252. Red Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Jóvenes por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos- RedLAC

253. Red Nacional de Periodistas México
254. Red por los Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos en Mexico - ddeser- Mexico
255. Sala a]
256. Salamander Trust
257. Salud Integral para la Mujer
258. Salud y Género Querétaro
259. Salvadorean Network Women Human Rights Defenders
260. Sayoni, Singapore
261. Sex og Politikk - the Norwegian association for sexual an reproductive health and rights
262. Shirkat gah Pakistan
263. SHOTTAMA
264. Si hay mujeres en Durango, México
265. SICAA, S.C. México
266. Simavi, Netherlands
267. Sinergia por la Igualdad
268. Social Change and Development (SCAD) Malawi
269. Society for Education in Contraception and Sexuality, Romania
270. Solidarité des Femmes pour le Développement Intégré"SOFEI"
271. Solidarity Center
272. Sonke Gender Justice, South Africa
273. Soroptimist International
274. Soroptimist International of the Americas
275. Soroptimist International, Australia
276. SPACE International
277. Spatium Libertas
278. Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) Uganda, East Africa.
279. SustainUS, USA
280. T`ek`ei Grupo Interdisciplinario por la equidad
281. Tafadzwa R Muropa ,ZIMBABWE
282. Teatro Cabaret Reinas Chulas
283. Territorios de Cultura para la Equidad
284. the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians, the Circle
285. The Foundation for Women's Solidarity-Turkey Ankara
286. The Sophia Forum HIV Charity United Kingdom
287. Theatre for a Change (TfaC), UK, Malawi and Ghana
288. Tierra Viva, Guatemala
289. Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health(TICAH)
290. Turkish assosiation of university women
291. Ucan Supurge (Flying Broom), US, Turkey
292. United and Strong Inc, U&S, Saint Lucia
293. United Belize Advocacy Movement,UniBAM,Belize
294. wales assembly of women
295. WECF/WICF
296. WESNET, Australia
297. Widows For Peace Through Democracy (WPD)
298. WiLDAF WEST AFRICA
299. WomanHealth Philippines
300. Women and Media Collective (WMC), Sri Lanka
301. Women Environmental Programme
302. Women for Women's Human Rights, WWHR, Turkey
303. Women Health and Family Planning Charity Foundation, IPPF MA, WHFP, Ukraine
304. Women in Alternative Action (WAA) CAmeroon

305. Women In Politics Support Unit, WiPSU, Zimbabwe
306. Women International for a Common Future
307. Women NGO Secretariat of Liberia-WONGOSOL
308. Women Peacemakers Program (WPP), The Netherlands
309. Women Union Association , Turkey
310. Women Want Wait end AIDS and Gender Violence Now International Campaign WWW
311. Women's Coalition of Zimbabwe (WCoZ), Zimbabwe
312. Women's Coalition-Turkey
313. Women's Federation for World Peace International WFWPI
314. Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR)
315. Women's Solidarity Foundation-Istanbul
316. World Federation for Mental Health
317. World YWCA
318. Yaotlyaocihuahatl Ameyal Redes regionals
319. YE, former UN Rapporteur on VAW, Turkey
320. YouAct, European Youth Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
321. Young Women's Leadership Institute (YWLI) Kenya
322. Youth Ambassador for The Bahamas on Sexual Violence
323. Youth peer education network YPEER, Sri Lanka
324. YWCA Australia
325. Zenab for women development