



*NGO CSW Forum Conversation Circles
at CSW 56*

DRAFT GUIDELINES AND AGENDA

1. Events are open to all participants attending the NGO CSW Forum
2. The purpose is networking, building trust and sharing ideas for the future.
3. Participants should select ONE topic only as space is limited. They can attend only one topic session.
4. Output should include a) a listserv managed by facilitators, b) plans to work together during the year, c) suggestions for future collaboration.

SAMPLE SESSION:

Participants sit at tables and fill out small cards with their names and contact emails and organizations names.

30 minutes opening/introduction

1. Facilitators introduce themselves and invite participants to stand up and introduce themselves and identify their organization.
2. Facilitators review the purpose of the Conversation Circles, the schedule (make sure everyone knows about the second session), and importance of a listserv as one output from the process . This is followed by a Q and A .
3. Facilitators ask participants to fill out contact cards and collect them in baskets. Facilitators give their contact information

30 minutes Small Group - Open discussion and exchange of information.

Open discussion at each table. One person volunteers to facilitate. The guideline is to begin each sentence with "I" e.g. "I come from Nepal. I am here because I want to advocate for girls' rights. I want to learn more about the UN. I need help". Organizations are encouraged to share information about their parallel events, exchange contact information.

30 minutes - Musical tables

Everyone stands up and moves to another table. Open discussion and exchange of information with another small group.