

# The NGO Committee on the Status of Women

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NGOs Working for the  
Advancement of Women  
since 1947

# CSW Membership 2008

- Armenia 2011
- Azerbaijan 2011
- Belgium 2011
- Belize 2009
- Brazil 2011
- Cambodia 2011
- Cameroon 2010
- China 2008
- Croatia 2009
- Djibouti 2010
- Dominican Republic 2008
- Ecuador 2010
- El Salvador 2008
- Gabon 2011
- Germany 2009
- Ghana 2008
- Hungary 2008
- Iceland 2008
- Indonesia 2010
- Iran (Islamic Republic of) 2010
- Japan 2009
- Kazakhstan 2008
- Lesotho 2010
- Malaysia 2010
- Mali 2009
- Mauritius 2008
- Mexico 2010
- Morocco 2009
- Namibia 2011
- Netherlands 2009
- Niger 2011
- Pakistan 2011
- Paraguay 2011
- Peru 2009
- Qatar 2009
- Republic of Korea 2010
- Spain 2011
- Suriname 2008
- Togo 2010
- Turkey 2011
- United Arab Emirates 2010
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 2009
- United Republic of Tanzania 2009
- United States of America 2008
- Zambia 2010

# **Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women**

**52<sup>nd</sup> Session 2008**

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- **Mr. Julio Peralta (Paraguay)**  
**Vice Chairperson**
- **African Group**  
**Vice Chairperson (TBC)**

# Women and Human Rights

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- **1945** UN charter
- **1946** CSW established
- **1948** UN Declaration of Human Rights
- **1948 – 58** UN Decade for Human Rights

# Women and Human Rights

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- **1975** International Women's Year
- **1975** 1<sup>st</sup> World Conference on Women, Mexico City
- **1976 – 85** UN Decade for Women
- **1976**
  - INSTRAW established
  - UNIFEM established
- **1979** CEDAW adopted ( 180 state parties as of March 2005)

# Women and Human Rights

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- **1980** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference, Copenhagen
- **1985** 3<sup>rd</sup> World Conference, Nairobi
- **1990**
  - World Summit for Children emphasized disadvantages faces by girls as compared to boys
  - World Conference on Education for All, Jomtien, Thailand

# Women and Human Rights

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- **1995** 4th World Conference, Beijing
- **2000**
  - GA Special Session: Women 2000 (Beijing +5)
  - Security Council Resolution 1325 Women, Peace and Security
  - UN Millennium Development Summit
- **2002** Special Session of the General Assembly on Children
- **2005** 10 year review: Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA)

# Beijing Platform for Action

## 12 Critical Areas of Concern

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1. Women and Poverty
2. Education and Training of Women
3. Women and Health
4. Violence Against Women
5. Women and Armed Conflict
6. Women and the Economy

# Beijing Platform for Action

## **12 Critical Areas of Concern**

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7. Women in Power and Decision-Making
8. Institutional Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women
9. Human Rights of Women
10. Women and the Media
11. Women and the Environment
12. The Girl Child

# Beijing + 5 Identified New Challenges

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- Globalization
- Macroeconomic policies and external debt
- Poverty
- Violence against women
- Population movements
- Education and training for women
- Health
- HIV/Aids
- Women and armed conflict
- Women and the economy
- Women in power and decision-making
- Institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women
- Human rights
- Role of men
- Women and the media
- Information and communications technology
- Women and the environment

# Legal Documents

## Concerning the Rights of Women

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- International Bill of Human Rights
  - Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)
  - Covenant on Civil & Political Rights (1976)
  - Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1976)
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)(1981)
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)(1990)
- Security Council Resolution 1325

# UN World Conferences

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- **1992** UN Conference on Environment and Development
- **1993** World Conference on Human Rights
- **1994** International Conference on Population and Development

# UN World Conferences

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- **1994** Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
- **1995** World Summit for Social Development
- **1996** UN Conference on Human Settlements

# UN World Conferences

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- **2001** UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS
- **2001** World Conference Against Racism
- **2002** Second World Assembly on Ageing
- **2002** Special Session of the General Assembly on Children
- **2003** World Summit on Information Society (WSIS)– Geneva (Phase I)
- **2005** CSW 49 - Beijing +10
- **2005** WSIS – Tunis (Phase II)

# UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

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- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieve universal primary education
- Promote gender equality and empower women
- Reduce child mortality

# UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)

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- Improve maternal health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Develop a global partnership for development

**Beijing + 10:** Here are some important outcomes of the Beijing + 10 review. There were several other resolutions, however, these were some of the more significant:

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- Reaffirmed the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action E/CN.6/2005/L.1
- Draft resolution entitled “Special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women” E/CN.6/2005/L.4
- Draft resolution entitled “Mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes” E/CN.6/2005/L.5

# CSW Multi-Year Program of Work

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In 1996, following the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration](#) and [Platform for Action](#), a multi-year program of work was adopted for the period 1997-2000.

Subsequent work programs were adopted in 2001 (Council resolution 2001/4) and most recently in (Council resolution 2006/9). Priority themes on the Commission's agenda for the period 2007-2009 are:

**2007- The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child.**

**2008 - Financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women.**

**2009 - The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS.**

# Glossary and Acronyms

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- **Aide Memoire – A document of the DAW (See DAW) establishing the background and agenda for the EGM (See EGM)**
- **BPfA– Beijing Platform for Action**
- **CCUN or Church Center – Church Center of the United Nations (44<sup>th</sup> St. & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave)**
- **CEDAW – Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women**
- **CONGO – Conference on NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC of the UN (See ECOSOC)**
- **CSW – Commission on the Status of Women**
- **Dag Hammarskjöld or DH Audit - Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium and Library, United Nations.**

# **Glossary and Acronyms**

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- **DAW – Division for the Advancement of Women**
- **DESA- Department of Economic and Social Affairs**
- **DPA – Department of Political Affairs**
- **DPI – Department of Public Information**
- **DPKO – Department of Peace Keeping Operations**
- **EGM – Expert Group Meeting. The Expert Group Meeting in September marks the beginning of this year's Commission on the Status of Women. This year, experts from around the world come together to discuss how the world can jointly eliminate all forms of violence and discrimination against the girl child.**
- **GA – General Assembly of the United Nations**

# Glossary and Acronyms

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- **Informals – Unofficial Meetings held outside the main forum**
- **Interventions – A statement made at an official meeting. Interventions must be registered prior to the meeting. Member states make statements before non-member states followed by UN agencies and last to present their interventions are NGOs.**
- **MDGs – Millenium Development Goals. Recognizing human development as essential to achieving sustainable social and economic development, as established in the Millenium Declaration.**
- **NGO – CSW – NGO Committee on the Status of Women**
- **Non-Papers – An unofficial paper with no standing in formal proceedings, usually composed of a collection of ideas circulated informally among members**

# UN political groups

- G77 and China: Regarded as the developing country bloc, it contains most of the countries in the less developed category.
- EU (European Union)
- JUSCANZ (Japan, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland)
- OIC (Organization of the Islamic Conference)
- GRULAC (Latin American and Caribbean)
- African Group

# **Glossary and Acronyms**

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- **OSAGI – Office of Special Advisor on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women**
- **Prep-Com – Preparatory Committee. The preparatory process leading up to an important report or meeting**
- **SRSG- Special Representative of the Secretary General**
- **UNDP/GIDP – UN Development Program/ Gender in Development Program**
- **UNFPA – United Nations Populations Fund**
- **UNGASS – United Nations General Assembly Special Session**
- **UNICEF – United Nations Children’s Fund**
- **UNIFEM – United Nations Fund for Women**

# The Conference of NGOs (CONGO)

**New York ~ Geneva ~ Vienna**

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- **assists** the great variety of non-governmental organizations in consultative status to promote their common aim of supporting the United Nations Charter
- **works** on behalf of non-governmental organizations in consultative status to develop that status and improve their relationship and cooperation with the United Nations and its various organs
- **provides** a forum for non-governmental organizations with common interests to come together to study, plan, support, and act in relation to the principles and programmes of

# **The Conference of NGOs**

## **(CONGO) New York Committees and Sub-Committees**

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- Africa
- Ageing
- Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Disarmament
- Education
- Family
- Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Health and Communications
- HIV/AIDS
- Human Rights
- Human Settlements
- International Decade for World's Indigenous People
- Mental Health
- Narcotics and Substance Abuse
- Population and Development
- Social Development
- Southern Africa
- Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns
- Status of Woman
- Sustainable Development
- Youth

# **The Conference of NGOs**

## **Geneva Committees and Sub-Committees**

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- **Ageing**
- **Development**
- **Sub-Committee on the South**
- **Disarmament**
- **Human Rights**
- **Freedom of Religion and Belief**
- **Sub-Committee on Racism, Racial Discrimination and Decolonization**
- **Status of Women**
- **Panel on Health**
- **Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns**
- **Youth**

# **The Conference of NGOs (CONGO)**

## **Vienna Committees and Sub-Committees**

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- Ageing
- Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- Development
- Narcotic, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- Peace
- Status of Women