



57th COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE
16 DÍAS DE ACTIVISMO CONTRA LA VIOLENCIA DE GÉNERO
16 JOURS D'ACTIVISME CONTRE LA VIOLENCE DE GENRE
25 NOV - 10 DEC <http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu>



Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls

What is the Commission on the Status of Women?

The [Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW\)](#) is a functional commission of the [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#). Established in 1946, it is the principal global policy-making body dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. The aim of the CSW is to prepare recommendations and reports to the Council on promoting women's rights in political, economic, civil, social and educational fields. Every year, representatives of Member States gather at United Nations Headquarters in New York to evaluate progress on gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

The principal output of the Commission on the Status of Women is the agreed conclusions on priority themes set for each year. Agreed conclusions contain an assessment of progress, as well as of gaps and challenges. In particular, they contain a set of concrete recommendations for action by Governments, intergovernmental bodies and other institutions, civil society actors and other relevant stakeholders, to be implemented at the international, national, regional and local levels. In addition to the agreed conclusions, the Commission also adopts a number of resolutions on a range of human rights issues. The annual report of the Commission is submitted to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The 57th Session (2013)

The fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from March 4-15, 2013.

The priority theme of CSW 57 will be the **elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls**. Specific focus areas will include primary prevention strategies and multisectoral responses to the needs of survivors. The review theme will be the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS. For more information on the review theme, see the CSW 53 Agreed Conclusions, available at: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/agreedconclusions.html#53>.

More information about the 57th session can be found at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/57sess.htm>.

How Can We Get Involved?

Organizations are encouraged to visit the CSW website for continued information on how to participate in CSW preparations and activities. NGOs that are accredited to and in good standing with the [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#), may designate representatives to attend the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, and may submit written statements to the Commission. NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC may send representatives to open official meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

More information is available at <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/NGO.html>.