

# The NGO Committee on the Status of Women

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**NGOs Working for the  
Advancement of Women  
since 1947**

# CSW Membership 2011

Argentina 2014	Gabon 2011	Mongolia 2014
Armenia 2011	Gambia 2014	Namibia 2011
Azerbaijan 2011	Germany 2013	Nicaragua 2013
Bangladesh 2014	Guinea 2013	Niger 2011
Belarus 2013	Haiti 2012	Pakistan 2011
Belgium 2011	India 2012	Paraguay 2011
Cambodia 2011	Iraq 2013	Philippines 2014
Central African Republic 2014	Israel 2013	Republic of Korea 2014
China 2012	Italy 2013	Russian Federation 2012
Colombia 2013	Japan 2013	Rwanda 2013
Comoros 2014	<i>Membership Term expires at close of session in the year</i>	Senegal 2012
Cuba 2012	Libyan Arab	Spain 2011
Dominican Republic 2012	Jamahiriya 2014	Swaziland 2014
El Salvador 2014	Malaysia 2014	Sweden 2012
Eritrea 2012	Mauritania 2013	Turkey 2011
		United States of America 2012
		Uruguay 2014

# **New Members of CSW 2011-2015**

- Belgium
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Iran
- Jamaica
- Liberia
- Netherlands
- Spain
- Thailand
- Zimbabwe

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

**New York ~ Geneva ~ Vienna**

- **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 United Nations**

# The Conference of NGOs (CONGO)

New York Committees and Sub-Committees (with similar committees in Geneva and Vienna)

- 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

# **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**

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

# **CSW Multi-Year Program of Work**

## **2010-2014**

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**2011- “Women and girls in science and technology: Increasing opportunities in education, research and employment”.**

**2012- “The empowerment of rural women, in relation to climate change and food security”.**

**2013-“Addressing stereotypes which constrain the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of women, including in decision-making”.**

**2014-“Prevention of violence against women and girls”**

## **NGO participation is welcome in the UN process**

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- **Expert group meeting 28 September to 1 October in Paris on Science and Technology: education and work. (Invitation only for NGO observers).**
  - Interactive panels (sign-up to speak before CSW 2011 online)
  - Written statements
  - Shadow reports
  - NGO caucuses during the CSW

# **New Gender architecture of the United Nations**

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**Report of the Secretary-General  
(61<sup>st</sup> Session of the General Assembly)**

**“The existing United Nations architecture dealing with gender equality and the empowerment of women is fragmented and lacks the necessary coherence to achieve maximum impact. To strengthen the Organization's capability to fulfil its mandates related to women, the present report proposes the establishment of a post of executive director for gender equality and advancement of women. The executive director would work on the details of the basic structure of the new office and would oversee the development of the new entity in consultation with the relevant intergovernmental bodies and institutions of the United Nations system.”**

# Civil Society position on new UN Gender Architecture

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## GEAR: Gender/Equality/Architecture/Reform

“One of the principles of the GEAR campaign has been to ensure that the new women's entity is both accountable to and informed by civil society through the establishment of formal mechanisms that include women's groups in decision-making at the United Nations nationally, regionally, and at headquarters. ”

“NGOs with gender expertise and a history of doing the work on women's equality and empowerment can bring much of the women's experiences and gender analysis that will be needed in the new entity. This should include full access to meetings and participation in all levels of decision-making, meaningful policy formulation, agenda setting, strategic planning, resource mobilization, budgetary allocation, monitoring and evaluation, and accountability mechanisms...”