

Minutes of the CSW 55 planning committee meeting – December 20, 2010

The sixth meeting of the planning committee met on December 20th, 2010th, in the Bahá’i Center. The meeting functioned as a discussion of CSW55 and the Consultation Day, and allowed participants to raise issues, suggestions and comments to the Chairs.

The meeting was conducted by Beth Adamson, Mavic Cabrera-Balleza, Co-Chair of the CSW 55 Planning Sub-Committee and Vivian Pender NGO CSW /NY Chair.

Appendix A- Attendees of the meeting and contact information

Next Meeting: TBA

Part I: CSW 55 Overview

The NGO CSW NYC Chair, Vivian Pender and Beth Adamson Co-Chair of the planning sub-committee opened the meeting.

Part I: Speaker

Elanor Solo gave an update from DAW in regards to pre-registration:

1. Newly appointed: **Ms. Myriam Dessables- The Chief of Coordinaton and Outreach at UN Women.**
2. Pre- registration
 - a. Currently there are 2024 persons pre-registered for CSW 55 out of 344 organizations.
 - b. Closing date **December 31st, 2010.**
 - c. 20 passes per organization; thus, 1 pass allowed per day.
 - d. 79 statements were submitted to DAW.
3. Round Table Meeting:
 - a. January 13th, 2011 (location TBA).
4. Caucus Meeting
 - a. This will be held at the North Lawn building at the United Nations. (Date/Room TBA).

Eleanor is open to ideas and suggestions; please email her at solo@un.org.

Part II: Announcements

1. Consultation Day & Parallel Events:
 - Over 100 participants registered for consultation day
 - Over 300 parallel events have been pre-registered.
 - 245 spaces are available with few cancelations.
 - Acceptance/Hold will be sent out during the period Dec. 20th - 24th
2. Handbook:
 - **Deadline January 29th 2011.** The goal is to have the handbooks ready for February 18th, 2011. (**NOTE: The final front cover for the handbook is completed.**)
3. It was suggested that organizations who purchased advertisements in the handbook should receive a hard copy of the book.
4. **Handbook Committee:**
 - **Urgently needs a volunteer that specialize in layout.**

Part III: Discussion

1. Review on CSW Programs
 - a. Break-out sessions topics are finalized.
 - b. Break out session group 3 should incorporate “psychosocial cultural barriers”.
 - i. Eliminating barriers to women’s participation in science and technology employment.
2. Report on suggested speakers/panelist (to be a part of the breakout sessions):
 - a. Four(4) of the six (6)invitations to speakers/panelist were confirmed:
 - i. *Dr. Eleanor Nwadnobi, of Nigeria*
 - ii. *Dr. Akanasi Kedrayate Tavulaevu, of Fiji.*
 - iii. *Dr. Shelly Canright, of United States.*
 - iv. *Mavic Cabrera-Baleza.as Moderator*
 - b. The moderator of the event will communicate with each speaker before CSW 55 session begins; thus giving them the guidelines on what each speaker is expected to talk about.
3. Tentative acceptance from the keynote speaker, Michelle Bachelet; at this point, her presentation is expected to be 10-15 minutes long. The Exec is pursuing a Theme Key note speaker – as per award discussed in following.
4. Leaders are needed for the breakout sessions. This is open to both experts and committee members. PLEASE SEND NOMINATIONS TO:
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Additional Comments

For discussion by members: The Pinkerton Foundation is willing to match funds for a Fellowship program. Pinkerton will contribute up to \$3000.

-The idea is to sponsor an expert from Global South to come to the CSW, present a key note address related to the Theme, and partake in events - including being honored at the reception.

Madeline Brecher from ICJW spoke about girl's performance; this performance is an authentic piece that was written based on the themes of CSW 55. Their event is March 1st, 2011 at 2:00PM.

Beth Adamson suggested having a girl's performance on the opening of Consultation Day.

Eileen Reilly of Notre Dame indicated that the WGG orientation is on February 20th 2011. The theme for the day is "Girls Stand Up", this event will be held at Pace University from 8:00 AM – 5: 00 PM. The conference is expected to cover the following:

- Knowledge
- Networking
- Advocacy of both themes from CSW 55

THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE NEED NOT MEET WEEKLY DURING 2011. PLEASE WATCH NOTICES FOR DATES OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PLANNING MEETINGS

If you would like to suggest any Break-out Leaders, please contact Tevia (tevia@ngocsw.org).

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