

THE 57TH COMMISSION ON THE

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2013 CSW57 Theme

“Elimination and Prevention of all Forms of Violence against Women and Girls.”

- **Review theme:** the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV/aids (agreed conclusion from the 52rd session).
- **Emerging Issue:** Key gender equality issues to be reflected in the post-2015 development framework.

General participation of delegates

- Delegates were of diverse professions, age, race, religion, etc.
- Men's participation was encouraging
- Many delegates passionate about fighting violence against women
- Side events and high level seminars very informative

IFUW'S participation at CSW57

- ▶ Attended official sessions
- ▶ Attended various side events and high level seminars
- ▶ Organised a very successful and well attended high level seminar. The theme was, **“Ending Violence against Women and Girls: Effective Practices and the Potential for Creating Positive Social Change.”** The panelists were Ambassador Usman Sarki: Deputy Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, Dr. Changu Mannathoko, Senior Education Advisor, UNICEF, Mick Minard, Expert in Social Impact Assessment and Reporting, and Michelle Moloney-Kitts, Managing Director, Together for Girls. The session was moderated by Sophie IFUW's UN Representative in New York.

Limitations

- Inadequate orientation of IFUW delegates
- Inadequate time for effective interaction between/among IFUW delegates
- Interactions mainly on individual basis
- Limited access badges to official sessions

The Role of NFAs in CSW advocacy

- Sensitise and disseminate information about UNWomen's role and activities
- Sensitise members about CSW and IFUW'S advocacy works at the UN
- Collect, analyse and discuss national data and statistics on CSW themes
- Implement current year's CSW theme by organising programme of activities
- Discuss following year's CSW theme
- Collaborate with relevant and vibrant CSOs in your country
- Lobby your government and other relevant stakeholders
- Work with other NFAs and share best practices
- Seek IFUW intervention if in need

The Role of IFUW

- Selection of well qualified and experienced delegates suitable for the CSW theme
- Adequate orientation of delegates
- Clear defined expectations to be known before hand
- Length of stay for delegates
- Encouraging NFA's to work with their governments especially prior to CSW

The Role of IFUW (cont.)

- Ensure IFUW's visibility at the CSW
- Market IFUW activities to other CSW delegates
- Participation of delegates in many sessions
- Well-informed and qualified coordinator of activities and sessions during CSW sessions
- Encourage and support young members and New Generation members to participate as delegates

The 2014 CSW58 Theme

Priority theme:

“Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls”

Review theme:

Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work (agreed conclusions from the 55th session)

Emerging issue: To be determined

THE 2015 MILLENIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- ▶ **Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**
- ▶ **Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education**
- ▶ **Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women**
- ▶ **Goal 4: Reduce child mortality rates**
- ▶ **Goal 5: Improve maternal health**
- ▶ **Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases**
- ▶ **Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability**
- ▶ **Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development**

Conclusion

- ▶ Let us all play our individual roles as IFUW members and together, we shall change the face of the earth for the better...
- ▶ I thank you all and wish you God's blessings.