57th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and IFUW advocacy

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57th CSW session 2013 Themes and Issues

- **Priority 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.

Future Theme (58th CSW 2014)

- **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).

Participation IFUW in 57 CSW

- IFUW statement, in consultative status with ECOSOC,

- Input in draft text CSW Resolution; emphasis on gender focus,

- Encouraging NFA's to work with their governments,

- Online preparatory discussions for CSW 57,

- Strong "well informed" delegation,

- Introduction session with "pass-distribution" in New York,

- Participation of delegates in many sessions,

- Daily reports on sessions,

- IFUW CSW Side Event; Ending Violence Against Women and Girls – Effective Practices.

What could be improved to make "advocacy" of IFUW more visible (1)

1. <u>Organize</u> short introduction course on "how to do advocacy" as an NGO before the start of CSW (e.g. by the UN reps),

2. <u>Develop</u> "network chart" for IFUW advocacy of important people/organizations,

3. <u>Stress</u> importance of UN Women morning briefings and caucuses,

4. <u>Create</u> (virtual)"IFUW meeting point" with daily short briefings,

5. <u>Use</u> skype/live streaming/Twitter/Facebook to interactive communication with and through NFA's.

What can be improved to make "advocacy" of IFUW more visible (2)

6. <u>Publish</u> daily "newsbulletin" on progress and IFUW's input next to daily reports,

7. <u>Involve</u> all CIR's in the process and content,

8. <u>Design</u> dedicated IFUW webpage: International advocacy; advocacy tools; CSW,

9. <u>Make</u> final report: what has been achieved and what is the impact (evaluation, points for improvements and effect); also for IFUW itself.

10. <u>Treat</u> every CSW as a project and apply projectmanagement