



Circular 2/2017
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To: GWI Leaders, NFA Presidents and CIRs, and NFA Members
From: GWI Headquarters
Subject: **Call for Delegates to the 62nd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, 12 to 23 March 2018**

The 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018. The priority theme is **“Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls.”** The review theme is: **“Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women,”** from the 47th session of the CSW.

Call for Delegates – Deadline Friday, 3 November 2017

The CSW is strictly limiting the number of delegates NGOs are allowed register for the official 62nd CSW session. Once again, GWI is pleased to invite members interested in participating to propose their candidacy. Individual delegates will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- Something new for 2018: Each candidate is required to have the full endorsement of their NFA President or CIR in order for consideration be given. The CSW62 Candidate Endorsement Form signed by the President or CIR must accompany the delegate application.
- EITHER current or recent professional or volunteer work experience related to women’s economic empowerment and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals for women and girls OR strong experience with the United Nations advocacy/lobbying process; work with rural women and girls is a plus.
- Strong knowledge of GWI programmes and priorities.
- Ability to make *ad hoc* oral presentations.
- Willingness to prepare short report summaries of CDW62 sessions attended; photos and captions are encouraged as well.

Please note: Applicants will only be considered if their NFA has paid its 2017 dues in full before your application is submitted.

Some delegate spaces will be reserved for members of NFAs presenting parallel NGO events. One or two places may be reserved for high level experts. Priority will be given to members who are able to attend for at least five days.

Members who are interested in attending as part of GWI’s delegation, including those who have already expressed interest, should download the application form, the CSW Candidate Endorsement Form and send both completed forms to Stacy Dry Lara at sdl@graduatewomen.org no later than **3 November 2017 at midnight Central European Time (CET)**. This early deadline for applications will give the successful candidates adequate time to complete the United States of America visa application process. **Please include in the subject line of your email: GWI CWS62 Delegate Application.**

Please note:

While delegation members will have access to the many side panels and workshops, there will be limited access to the official government sessions.

Regretfully, GWI does not have adequate funding available to assist with travel, accommodation, subsistence or other costs but we will greatly enjoy seeing the delegates and doing advocacy work as a team at CSW62.