



WOMEN DELIVER ***AT CSW70***

9-19 March 2026 | United Nations Headquarters in New York

Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and civil society organizations will convene in March for the **70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women** (CSW).

Established in 1946, CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to gender equality and the rights of girls and women. It is mandated to review progress on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and contribute to implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

CSW70's Focus on Access to Justice Comes Amid a Year Marked by:

- **Escalating armed conflicts and humanitarian crises** — from Gaza and Sudan to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Yemen — where girls, women, and gender-diverse people face grave violations of international law.
- Rising **authoritarianism, shrinking civic space**, and coordinated **backlash** against gender equality and feminist movements.
- **Reductions in official development assistance** (ODA), alongside cuts to gender equality and humanitarian funding, weakening already fragile justice and protection systems.
- Visible **double standards in the application of international law**, particularly by Global Minority governments, undermining accountability mechanisms.
- The accelerating **climate crisis** and deepening **economic inequality**, which disproportionately restrict women's and girls' access to safety, protection, and justice.

Holding the Line: Our Approach to CSW70

While CSW has historically been a significant global policy forum, it is not accessible and therefore cannot be the preeminent gender equality space for the movements and constituencies Women Deliver seeks to amplify. Structural barriers — including passport discrimination, restrictions on civil society participation, and security risks for those traveling from Global Majority countries — have increasingly constrained the space, limiting the ability of many of those most directly affected by injustice to shape outcomes.

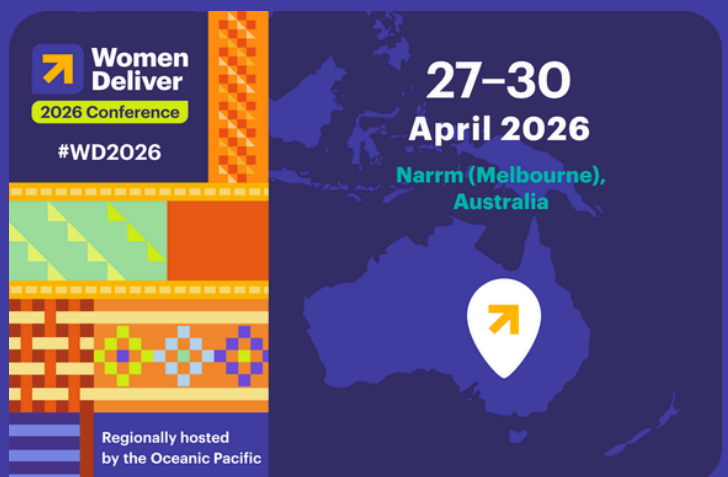
In light of this reality, Women Deliver will engage in a limited and intentional way — using our privilege and access to help hold the line against rollback, while recognizing that transformative gender justice will not be secured within multilateral negotiation rooms alone.

While we acknowledge the flaws of and advocate for systemic changes to CSW, we also recognize that withdrawing completely from this space would risk ceding further ground to coordinated anti-rights actors. In this context, our engagement will advance movement priorities — including adolescent girls' bodily autonomy, sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), climate justice, and feminist systems change — but only through targeted, high-level dialogue with priority States, funders, and core partnerships.

We are intentionally shifting our primary focus to WD2026 and encouraging stakeholders at CSW70 to participate in our next Conference.



We stand in solidarity with partners in seeking more inclusive global spaces for collective action. With the **Women Deliver 2026 Conference (WD2026)** taking place just one month after CSW, we are offering it as an **alternative space** and a key moment for the inclusive, future-facing dialogue and collective action that **CSW is currently unable to fully hold.**



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WD2026 will not only serve as a global convening to advance gender equality, but will also mark a key milestone for the **Declaration for the International Development Sector**, which we are building collectively with movements worldwide to outline how the sector must rebuild to better serve girls, women, and gender-diverse people.

Over the past months, we have engaged partners and diverse actors across regions, generations, and movements to listen, gather insights, and identify the structural changes needed to advance gender equality. Following global consultations, we are bringing forward emerging priorities to CSW70. Engagement at CSW provides an opportunity to mobilize stakeholders around the Declaration's priority areas and secure endorsements.

Building the **Declaration** around the world



At CSW70, Women Deliver Will Prioritize:

Pushing for urgent action and reaffirming that gender equality, SRHR, and the rights of all girls, women, and gender-diverse people are non-negotiable.

Elevating the Declaration as a shared vision for gender justice and mobilize commitments in support of its priorities.

Maintaining strategic relationships at CSW70 while intentionally shifting political energy and convening power toward WD2026.

Supporting the participation of young advocates during CSW70, within the constraints of an increasingly narrowed space.

- Advocate at CSW70 through joint mark-ups, statements, meetings, and events emphasizing these non-negotiable rights.

- Socialize emerging themes and priorities from the Declaration with partners, civil society, and States.
- Host a Declaration event with UN Women to elevate the declaration within multilateral spaces.
- Secure endorsements and commitments.

- Hold bilateral meetings with allies and partners to strengthen strategic partnerships and identify collaboration opportunities.
- Engage UN agencies and other key stakeholders to encourage active participation at WD2026.

- Support Emerging Leaders Program members in navigating CSW70 spaces by connecting them with stakeholders and facilitating speaking opportunities.



Key Messages



1 **Reparations from Global Minority governments are not solidarity; they are a core component of justice.** They are necessary to repair harm, restore dignity, and address the structural inequalities that girls, women, and gender-diverse people continue to face. SRHR services must be part of reparations, since they are essential to restoring dignity and bodily autonomy.

2 **The climate crisis is not gender-neutral.** Girls, women, and gender-diverse people are disproportionately affected — especially in contexts of poverty, conflict, and displacement. The climate crisis is rooted in systems of militarization, colonialism, and extractive economic models. These same systems deepen inequality and fuel violence and harm.

3 **There is no global health without access to justice.** Access to justice allows communities to hold governments and corporations accountable, challenge harmful laws and policies, seek remedies for harm caused by neglect, environmental degradation, conflict, or climate impacts.

4 **Adolescent girls must be at the center of justice reform.** Centering adolescent girls as rights-holders means redesigning justice systems to prioritize safety, agency, and access to services — rather than punishment, criminalization, stigma, or coercion.

5 **The future of gender justice starts with a shared vision for change.** The Declaration for the International Development Sector sets out a bold pathway to transform the systems, narratives, and ways of working that shape our sector — so they better serve girls, women, and gender-diverse people. By coming together to co-create it, we are building collective power and growing a movement strong enough to realize that future.

6 **WD2026 is a rallying cry for gender justice, a collective pause, and a strategic moment.** It's a generational opportunity to align around a shared political vision grounded in rights, accountability, and structural transformation to accelerate gender equality. As a convening space, it will challenge existing power dynamics and mobilize commitments that move us from promises to justice.

Join us at this event

**Strategic Litigation for Reproductive
Dignity: Perspectives from Africa and
Latin America**

Date: March 13, 2026

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 AM ET

Location: Scandinavia House

Co-hosted: Women Deliver, Libera, the Organization
for Safe Abortion Dialogue, Ius Dignitas, and Global
Justice Center.

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