



Circular 14/2018

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To: GWI Leaders, NFA Presidents and CIRs, and NFA Members
From: GWI Headquarters
Subject: **Call for Delegates to the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, 11 to 22 March 2019**

The 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019. The priority theme is **“Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls;”** The review theme is: **“Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development,”** (agreed conclusions of the sixtieth session of CSW).

Call for Delegates – Deadline Thursday, 15 November 2018

The CSW is strictly limiting the number of delegates NGOs are allowed register for the official 63rd 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:

- Each candidate is required to have the full endorsement of their NFA President or CIR in order for consideration be given. The CSW63 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 aspects of the priority theme and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals for women and girls OR strong experience with the United Nations advocacy/lobbying process is a plus.
- Strong knowledge of GWI programmes and priorities.
- Ability to make *ad hoc* oral presentations.
- Willingness to prepare short report summaries of CSW63 sessions attended; photos and captions are encouraged as well.

Please note: Applicants will only be considered if their NFA has paid its 2018 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 email both completed forms to the GWI Office at gwi@graduatewomen.org no later than **15 November 2018 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 CWS63 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 CSW63.