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# COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)

## WHAT IS THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)?

Once a year around March the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meets at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for two weeks around International Women's Day.

Member States meet for the sole purpose of working on gender equality and women's rights.

These meetings consist of high-level government ministers, representatives from NGOs and UN delegates, as well as hundreds of events set up by grassroots organisations and activists to discuss and make progress on specific issues, from child marriage to equal pay.

There is a central theme each year, but the events running alongside the Member State meetings cover a huge range of topics and areas of passion.

Progress and gaps are discussed, and at the end of the two weeks a policy document is produced containing specific recommendations for the future of women's and girls' place in society.

Member States agree on and sign up to this document together, and create action plans to put the recommendations into effect.

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Any and all Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) or Non-Profit Organizations (NPO) who are accredited under the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) body can participate.

Ilitha Labantu is an accredited organization under ECOSOC and holds a series of events around the main themes and topics of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) every year. Under Ilitha

Labantu the organization is able to submit requests to accredit participants / individuals to be able to attend CSW parallel session including session held at the Headquarters, besides sessions that are closed off to the public.

## UPCOMING CSW THEMES

### #CSW67 - 2023

**Priority theme:** Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

**Review theme:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session).

### #CSW68 - 2024

**Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.

**Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session).