

CIVIL SOCIETY ONLINE CONSULTATION FOR EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA



AHEAD OF THE 68TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN:

Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty, strengthening institutions, and financing with a gender perspective

24 JANUARY 2024

10:00 - 12:45 Brussels time (GMT+1)

12:00 - 14:45 Istanbul time (GMT+3)

15:00 - 17:45 Astana, Bishkek time (GMT+5)

Zoom meeting
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Language: English with simultaneous translation to Albanian, Armenian, Bosnian-Serbian-Montenegrin, Macedonian, Turkish, Russian, Romanian, Georgian, and Ukrainian

OVERALL CONSULTATION OBJECTIVE: The primary aim of the targeted and multi-stakeholder consultations is to support various sub-regions and stakeholders in preparing for the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68). The objective is to agree on key joint messages that will form the sub-regional vision and various constituencies' vision, including civil society organizations, youth, and adolescents. These messages will encompass perspectives, experiences, and recommendations relating to the 68th session's main 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."**

The consultations will specifically address challenges and opportunities in accelerating gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) by focusing on poverty alleviation, strengthening social protection, unveiling and addressing unpaid care work, women's participation in the labor force, and financing with a gender perspective. The consultations are expected to lead to a **civil society position paper**.

DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 - 10:07

Introduction by facilitators

10:07 - 10:15

Welcoming remarks by UN Women ECARO

PART 1:

Regional Context & Priorities for Addressing Poverty, Strengthening Institutions, and Gender Responsive Financing in the ECA Region

10:15 - 10:45

- Presentation on Gender and Poverty in the region
- Findings of the CSOs' survey on CSW68 key priorities
- A brief overview of the Agreed Conclusions negotiations process and timeline
- Q&A

10:45 - 11:05

Breakout groups informed by a short presentation followed by guided discussion

This segment aims to bring out the context in the region to inform the concrete recommendations that will be discussed in the following segment.

Group 1. Embracing Intersectionality in Addressing Poverty, Strengthening Institutions, and Financing with a Gender Perspective

Group 2. Bridging Financing Gaps for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Building Capacities and Spaces to Influence Policies and Budgets for Gender Equality

Group 3. Tackling Disproportional Burden and Unpaid Domestic and Care Work: Shifting Towards Care Economies

Group 4. Social protection systems and services and the role of civil society

11:05 - 11:25

Reporting back to the plenary - 5 minutes presentation for each group

PART 2:

Discussion on the way forward and recommendations for the CSW68 outcome document

11:25 - 11:55

This segment aims to bring out concrete recommendations and key advocacy messages that civil society organizations can use to advocate with their national governments; the key messages will also be brought to regional multi-stakeholder consultations later in the year.

Guiding questions:

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11:55 - 12:25

Presentation of key recommendations and proposals from each group

Identification of volunteers to contribute to the outcome document of the meeting/civil society position paper

12:25 - 12:40

Wrap up by meeting facilitators

Way forward: How will the outcome document be disseminated and used? Invitation to reconvene after the Agreed Conclusions are adopted to discuss civil society impressions and agree on how to move on with their implementation at national and regional levels.

12:40 - 12:45

Closing remarks by UN Women