



The sixty-fifth session of the **Commission on the Status of Women** will take place from 15 to 26 March 2021. In light of the evolving COVID-19 situation, and taking into account the latest guidance from the United Nations Secretary-General and the World Health Organization (WHO), CSW65 will take place in a hybrid format with mostly virtual meetings. Representatives of **Member States**, UN entities, and **ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs)** from all regions of the world are invited to attend the session.

Themes

- **Priority theme:** Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;
- **Review theme:** Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (**agreed conclusions** of the sixtieth session)

Bureau

The Bureau of the Commission plays a crucial role in facilitating the preparation for, and in ensuring the successful outcome of the annual sessions of the Commission. Bureau members serve for two years. In 2002, in order to improve its work and ensure continuity, the Commission decided to hold the first meeting of its subsequent session, immediately following the closure of the regular session, for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairperson and other members of the Bureau (**ECOSOC decision 2002/234**).

The Bureau for the 65th session (2021) of the Commission on the Status of Women comprises the following members:

- H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan (Armenia), Chair (Eastern European States Group)
- Ms. Ahlem Sara Charikhi (Algeria), Vice-Chair (African States Group)
- Mr. Na Sang Deok (Republic of Korea), Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific States Group)
- Ms. Shilpa Pullela (Australia), Vice-Chair designate (Western European and other States Group)
- Vice-Chair for the Latin American and Caribbean States Group; to be nominated

Preparations

- **Regional consultations**
- **Expert Group Meeting:** Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls
- **Input for the report of the Secretary-General on the review theme**

Organization of the Session

The Commission's two-weeks session will include the following activities:

- [Organization of Work](#)

Official Documents

- [Official documents for the session](#)

Session Outcomes

The outcome of the Commission's consideration of the priority theme during its 65th session will take the form of agreed conclusions, to be negotiated by all Member States.

- [Agreed Conclusions – draft presented by the Bureau](#)

NGO Participation

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Side events

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Commission on the Status of Women

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw>

Member States

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/member-states>

ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation>

agreed conclusions

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/outcomes#60>

ECOSOC decision 2002/234

<https://www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/2002/decision%202002-234.pdf>

Regional consultations

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/preparations>

Expert Group Meeting

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/preparations/expert-group-meeting>

Input for the report of the Secretary-General on the review theme

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/preparations>

Organization of Work

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/official-meetings>

Official documents for the session

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/official-documents>

Agreed Conclusions – draft presented by the Bureau

<https://www.unwomen.org/->

/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/65/csw65_ac_draft%20presented_by_the_bureau.pdf?la=en&vs=1031

Overview

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation>

Eligibility

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Registration

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation/registration>

Opportunities for NGOs to address the Commission

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation/written-and-oral-statements>

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<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw65-2021/side-events>

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