



The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global inter-governmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

CSW is a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Every year, representatives of Member States, United Nations entities and non-governmental organisations in consultative status with ECOSOC gather at UN's HQ in New York for the annual session. This provides an opportunity to review progress towards gender equality and the empowerment of women, identify challenges, set global standards and norms and formulate policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.



Zonta are there because equality and empowerment of women are global issues...

- ▶ Women's rights are human rights and a prerequisite for poverty eradication and for a positive sustainable development
- ▶ Women's economic empowerment is fundamental to create profitability in the economy as a whole and promote social justice and equal opportunities

Zonta's CSW aim is to ensure women's economic empowerment by providing:



- ✓ Equal access to quality education at all levels
- ✓ Equal access to the work place
- ✓ Guarantee of appropriate and equal remuneration for work
- ✓ Promotion of shared responsibility for unpaid work and provision of social services and protection policies in the same area
- ✓ Equal access to banking and financial services
- ✓ Ensuring women's rights to property, land and inheritance
- ✓ Women's access to decision making positions in political, economic and public life
- ✓ Gender neutral laws
- ✓ **CSW 61 - Ideas for your local Zonta club to support the CSW aims...**

- ▶ *Follow the CSW 61 news from the District 29 Advocacy Committee Chair Jacqueline Abbott-Deane and Advocacy Committee member Inge Koutsjes.*



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