



**63rd Session of the  
Commission on the Status of Women**

**Priority theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

**Review theme:** Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development



## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS**

### **Delegation Information**

Congratulations on being selected to be a part of the Soroptimist International Delegation for CSW63, the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, where you will work with Soroptimists from all over the world to advocate for women and girls. The Delegates Packet will help you to be an effective delegate and help you to have a successful time at CSW. Advocacy resources for CSW63 can be found in the CSW63 Advocacy Pack which was sent separately. Please review the Advocacy packet carefully as it contains important resources about the focus of CSW 63 including the SI Where We Stand statements and Soroptimist key asks.

### **Delegation Structure:**

The delegation for CSW 63 includes over 80 representatives from all four Federations, including federation officers, SI officers and board, SI United Nations representatives from New York and Vienna and the SI International Communications Manager.

The Core SI Delegation includes:

- SI President Mariet Verhoef-Cohen (President of Women for Water Partnership)
- SI President-Elect Sharon Fisher
- SI Director of Advocacy Bev Bucur
- SI Assistant Director of Advocacy, Hafdis Karlsdottir
- SI UN Representatives Bette Levy, Marie D'Amato Rizzi, Barbara Rochman, Frances Zaenoddin, Vanesa Treer, Christine Peer and Martina Gredler

The Federation Delegations will be led by:

- President Elizabeth Di Geronimo & Federation Programme Director Sue Riney (SIA)
- President Renata Trottman Probst with Vice President-Advocacy Elizabeth Nyadwe (SIE)
- Federation Programme Director Kay Richmond (SIGBI)
- Federation Programme Director Catherine Evans (SISWP)

The Core Delegation will meet as needed and will distribute to all members of SI's global delegation. You will be notified of meetings by email.



### **SI UN Representatives**

Soroptimist International's UN Representatives play a key role in the delegation. Their invaluable work at the United Nations in New York is critical to SI being able to give women and girls a global voice. They have extensive experience and knowledge and have been working on committees throughout the year to ensure a successful CSW and to raise Soroptimist International's profile at the UN in New York. They are happy to meet you and willing to answer your questions. Also, please include them when you are visiting missions so that they can follow-up when you leave New York.

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### **Daily briefings with Members of the UN CSW Bureau and UN Women staff**

Each morning at CSW there is a briefing on what has happened the previous day and what will be happening during that day. It is a very good way of meeting the UN Women leaders and often obtaining some 'inside' information relevant to advocacy activities - this information can help you lobby government representatives. The daily briefings will be held inside the UN complex each day starting on Tuesday 12 March 8.30 AM. in Conference Room 4.

**Soroptimist International updates and briefings will be provided before the AM briefings at 8:00 AM in Room 4 starting on Wednesday, March 13. Look for the Soroptimists in the room.**

Please watch the postings on CSW63 Soroptimist Delegates-March 19 Facebook Page and look for information from your Federation Advocacy Committee member.

The core delegation will be notified of meetings by email.



## RELEVANT LINKS FOR CSW63

### Official Program for CSW63 Meetings

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019/official-meetings>

### Zero Draft of the Agreed Conclusions by Members States

[http://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/63/csw63%20draft%20agreed%20conclusions\\_text%20presented%20by%20the%20csw63%20bureau.pdf?la=en&vs=1755](http://www.unwomen.org/-/media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/63/csw63%20draft%20agreed%20conclusions_text%20presented%20by%20the%20csw63%20bureau.pdf?la=en&vs=1755)

### Soroptimist International Written Statement for CSW63

<https://undocs.org/E/CN.6/2019/NGO/78>

### Side Events

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019/side-events>

### Parallel Events by NGO-CSW - APP for the Events

<https://guidebook.com/g/ngocsw63/>

### UN Documents for CSW63

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019/official-documents>

### UN Blue Book

[https://protocol.un.org/dgacm/pls/site.nsf/files/BB306/\\$FILE/bb306.pdf](https://protocol.un.org/dgacm/pls/site.nsf/files/BB306/$FILE/bb306.pdf)

### SI Where We Stand Statements

<https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/where-we-stand-statements/>

### UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/>

### UN Women Website for CSW63

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019>

### NGO-CSW Website

<https://www.ngocsw.org/>

### UN Journal

<https://journal.un.org/>

### UN Web TV

<http://webtv.un.org/>



## SOROPTIMIST EVENTS

### Soroptimist International Parallel and Side Events:

**Organizer:** PPSEAWA International

**Co-organizer:** Soroptimist International

**Title:** Addressing Gender Through the Compact for Safe and Orderly Migration

**Date:** March 11, 2019

**Time:** 10:30am

**Venue:** 4W 43rd Street

**Room:** Social Hall

**Organizer:** Soroptimist International of Europe

**Co-organizer:** Women for Water Partnership

**Title:** Vocational Training of Women: an Excellent Investment

**Date:** March 11, 2019

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**Venue:** 4W 43rd Street

**Room:** The Blue Room

**Organizer:** Modern Women's Foundation

**Co-Organizer:** SIA Taiwan Region

(SIA President-Elect, Tina Pan's Foundation)

**Title:** NGO/GO Partnership for Women Under the Service of Domestic Violence

**Date:** March 12, 2019

**Time:** 8:30 AM

**Venue:** Armenian Convention

**Room:** Guild Hall

**Organizer:** Soroptimist International

**SIA, SIE, SIGBI, SISWP**

**Title:** Lifting Women from Poverty Through Lifelong Learning

**Date:** March 14, 2019

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Venue:** 4 W 43rd Street

**Room:** Social Hall



**Organizer:** UN Mission of the Republic of Korea

**Co-organizer:** International Council of Women

**Title:** Social Protection, Gender Equality, and Women's Empowerment

**Date:** March 14, 2019

**Time:** 4:45-6:00

**Venue:** United Nations Main Building

**Room:** 11

\* SI UN representative Dr. Martina Gredler to speak

**Organizer:** Mission of Romania and Sorooptimist International

**Title:** From the Cradle to the Grave: Social Protections for Women and Girls

**Date:** March 15, 2019

**Time:** 1:15-2:30

**Venue:** United Nations CR A

**Organizer:** Women for Water Partnership

**Co-Organizer:** Environmental Law Institute

**Title:** Advancing Women's Legal Rights to Water

**Date:** March 19, 2019

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**Venue:** Salvation Army, Auditorium

**Organizer:** Coalition for Global Citizenship 2030

**Co-Organizer:** Sorooptimist International

**Title:** Global Citizens - Global Coverage for Women and Girls

**Date:** March 21, 2019

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**Venue:** Salvation Army

**Room:** Downstairs



## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES DURING CSW 63

Make the most of your time in New York. Here are some suggestions from Social Director, Lois, from SI New York.

- 1. Whitney Museum** - 99 Gansevoort Street (taxi or #1 subway to 14<sup>th</sup> St) On Fridays pay what you wish, 7-9:30, pm getting tickets online is recommended. [www.whitney.org](http://www.whitney.org) (restaurants inside) Current exhibit Protest Art and Permanent collection. Next to Whitney is a NYC favorite, the High Line, a park built on abandoned railway line (entrance right outside Whitney) do this before/during sunset and before the museum. Chelsea market is nearby for shopping and eating- 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> St.
- 2. Metropolitan Museum** - Fifth Avenue and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street On Friday evening, pay what you wish. Music and light refreshments of wine and cheese available on museum balcony. Grazie, an excellent 4 star restaurant is nearby at 26 E. 84th St.
- 3. Theatre** - Try the Ticket Booth in Times Square for discounts on the day of the performance. Discounts may also be available at [broadwayabox.com](http://broadwayabox.com)
- 5. Jazz-Dizzy's Club** - in Time Warner Bldg., Columbus Circle. Nightly sets at 7:30 and 9:30. See website for band. Cover M-Th, Sun \$20-40 Cover charge and \$15. Min for drink/food. Fri. and Sat., \$35-45 Cover charge.
- 6. Red Rooster** - 125<sup>th</sup> Street & Lenox Ave. (taxi or subway 2 or 3. Stop only a few steps away from door). Nightly music (see website) Dinner M-Th, 4:30-10:30, costs \$24-38., Brunch Sat. and Sun. 10 am - 3pm
- 7. Perilous Bodies**- An art exhibit at the newly opened gallery at the Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York Monday-Saturday 11am-6:00pm
- 8. Delegates Dining Room at the UN**- Why not treat yourself to lunch in the delegates dining room. A great experience but be sure to make reservations ahead of time.

Join members of the SI team for networking at McFaddens on Monday night, March 11, at 6:30 PM. McFaddens Saloon, 800 Second Ave.,  
RSVP Bev



## GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNICATION

CSW63 provides an opportunity for Sorooptimist International to maximise its voice and presence, through communications and social media output. A communications team will be on site to assist you with communication.

### News and Blogs

Sorooptimist International is looking forward to posting news stories and blogs during and following CSW63. Your blogs may cover what Sorooptimists are doing at CSW63, SI and other events, news from the Consultation Day, great speeches you hear - anything you feel is interesting and relevant to Sorooptimists back home. SI Communications Manager Sarah will be at CSW 63. If you have any ideas please feel free to contact Sarah. You can also provide SI with quotes and photographs for Twitter. [sarah.wilkin@sorooptimistinternational.org](mailto:sarah.wilkin@sorooptimistinternational.org).


### Social Media

When using social media it is your own voice that you are using - it's great to hear the thoughts and opinions of Sorooptimist. When using social media as a Sorooptimist at the NGO Forum, please try to do the following:

- Use your own voice and experiences at CSW63 as Sorooptimists.
- Try to add value by providing worthwhile information and perspectives.
- Use relevant quotes where possible.

Please remember that whatever you say will affect how other Sorooptimists are thought of and tone can be easily misinterpreted. This is important as Sorooptimists will be working and advocating together as a united delegation at CSW63. If you are unsure about a post or comment you want to make, then please email SI's Communications Manager, or talk to a member of the Core Delegation.

 Twitter: tag us @SoroptiTweet

 Tag us on Facebook @Sorooptimist International and use hashtags #CSW63





### **Photography Guide:**

Please do try to take photographs and share them whenever possible. In particular, please try to take photos of:

- Group shots involving Sorooptimists
- Sorooptimists attending and participating in events
- Pictures of events and major speakers

When sharing and submitting photographs for communications purposes, please make sure that they are clear, focused and well lit. If you send any of your photographs of Sorooptimists to SI's Communications Manager please say who is in the photograph so that you and they can be appropriately acknowledged. Please ensure you have the permission of individuals photographed to use the photos on social media or websites.

Thank you for your contributions to the Sorooptimist Delegation, and SI's communications during CSW63. The SI Communication Manager's contact details are: Sarah Wilkin - [sarah.wilkin@sorooptimistinternational.org](mailto:sarah.wilkin@sorooptimistinternational.org)

### **SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES FOR ADVOCACY AT CSW63**

The objectives outlined below are designed to support the members of the Sorooptimist International Delegation achieve the most possible at CSW63. Each Sorooptimist Federation may have additional objectives that will be communicated to their delegation.

### **Objectives for Delegates:**

During CSW, raising Sorooptimist International's profile is mainly done through contributing to the NGO CSW Forum, participating in events, and other activities including providing reports. Other ways to raise SI's profile include:

- a) Networking with other organisations, government representatives and other relevant parties;
- b) Providing information on Sorooptimist International through distributing materials where appropriate, and;
- c) Providing information on SI's key asks and messages, project work and UN involvement.



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### **Objectives:**

1. To make SI delegation presence across CSW known

Many events will have an interactive element, and may have rapporteurs reporting on what happens at the meeting. If possible you can make an intervention explaining the Sorooptimist position on the topic, and possibly giving examples of projects from your Federation.

2. To make our SI focus for CSW known as widely as possible and to as many people/ organisations as possible. CSW provides a wonderful opportunity for you to share the Sorooptimist position with whoever you meet and wherever you go. Please review the Advocacy Pack which was sent separately for SI's key asks.

3 .To obtain new contacts and extend networks

Government delegates will be at CSW, and what you say could influence what their government does to help women through international development in the future. Other NGOs will also be present for the duration of CSW63, and so CSW is an important networking opportunity for Sorooptimist International, building alliances and sharing information.

4. To enthuse and inspire Sorooptimists for SI advocacy work.

Advocacy is one of the main 'Pillars of Action' for Sorooptimist International. Please share your experience and knowledge of CSW with others, both while you are in New York but also when you are in your own club, region or country. It is a marvelous opportunity which Sorooptimists have in being personally involved on the world stage at the United Nations supported by so many other like-minded women. This is your chance to inspire others!

## **Objectives for members who have been to CSW before:**

More experienced delegates may wish to expand and develop their CSW experience, by doing the following:

1. Develop stronger relationships with country missions, regional networks. Country delegations will have representatives who contribute to negotiations at CSW.

Getting to know who your country delegation is can be a key part of advocacy work. Sometimes country delegations include NGO representatives. If you already know your country representative, then please continue to build your relationship and advocate on SI's key messages. Events can provide key opportunities for you to show SI's presence and for you to speak to country delegation members.

2. Improve contact with country missions in New York.

Every Member State of the UN has a permanent mission in New York. If you can make contact with them or extend your existing contact then this can assist the work of the SI UN representatives as well as offering the opportunity for you to get the Soroptimist message to that Mission.

3 Strengthen relationships with compatible NGOs that have similar missions.

Look out for other NGOs who support our Vision and Mission.

## **Objectives for delegates who are Attending CSW for the First Time:**

For delegates attending CSW for the first time the amount of activity happening at CSW can make it difficult to identify what you can focus your time on. These objectives may help you choose what you would like to do and how you can contribute to SI's advocacy work at the United Nations that helps empower women and girls worldwide. If you have any questions about these objectives please contact your Federation Delegation Leader or a member of the Core Delegation. Contact details are provided in this Information Pack.

### **1 To increase/ improve knowledge of CSW and UN Women**

Sometimes the intricacies of the work of the UN including CSW can be bewildering the first time you attend. Please ask any of the members of the Soroptimist delegation if there is anything more you need to know. Some useful contact details are included in this Information Pack. The more you can learn, the more effective you will be, both at CSW and afterwards with your advocacy work.



**2 To make contact with other NGOs working within your own country**

Working in partnership with NGOs which share the Seroptimist Vision and Mission can lead to a stronger voice in your own country. You can take your business cards and make contacts with others so that you can continue to develop relationships with other NGOs and representatives during and after CSW.

**3 To extend networks with other women's organisations working in the same field of interest eg trafficking, land rights, child marriage, water rights**

Reaching out to specialist organisations can provide Seroptimists with detailed information on issues which members are working on to increase the Human Rights of women and girls. The implementation of the SDGs will be enhanced by deeper knowledge of the issues.

**4 Network with others**

Meeting and making friends with other Seroptimists is a rewarding experience.

5 Have fun, learn lots and don't forget to find fellow members to ask for guidance.