

JCoR Guide to the

67th Commission on the Status of Women



6-17 March 2023 **INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**
CSW67 **EDUCATION IN THE DIGITAL AGE**
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN Progress toward gender equality



Justice Coalition of Religious

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 20 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). For centuries, congregations of Religious have served people who have been rendered poor, vulnerable, oppressed, and marginalized by existing global systems. Through our membership in JCoR, we have united with our sister and brother organizations to enhance collaboration among our members – at UN Headquarters and around the world – in our common mission: to improve quality of life for people who are living in poverty and to enhance our stewardship of the natural environment.

The primary aim of our collaboration is to strengthen the capacity of Catholic Religious and their partners to address the root causes of human and environmental suffering.

We work toward this goal by coordinating national, regional, and global efforts of Religious to call on political leaders to take action for a just, equitable, and rights-based implementation of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), the United Nations' Agenda for 2015–2030.

We hope these pages will help you join us in this mission!



Commission on the Status of Women

What is CSW67?

The [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of **gender equality** and the **empowerment of women**. It is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. Click [here](#) for an overview of CSW.

This year, the 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women ([CSW67](#)) will gather governments, civil society, and other stakeholders to discuss gender equality and the empowerment of women, with a special focus on its priority and review themes.

Outcomes

Throughout CSW, UN Member States negotiate an outcome document referred to as Agreed Conclusions. Agreed Conclusions contain an analysis of the CSW theme, adopted resolutions, and a set of recommendations for governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, and relevant stakeholders, to implement at the international, regional, national, and local levels.

Themes

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)

CSW67 Details

The CSW schedule is composed of the following three types of events:

- The **Annual Session** is the official gathering of the Commission that convenes high-level government representatives and registered civil society actors to discuss and set policies on gender equality and the rights of women and girls.
- **Side events** coincide with the Annual Session. They are official events organized by UN agencies and Member States, in collaboration with civil society, to raise awareness and influence policy dialogues.
- **Parallel events** take place outside the official UN CSW space. They are organized by civil society and provide a space for the public to engage in open dialogues.



When

6-17 March 2023

Where

United Nations Headquarters in New York

Watch

Join online to follow the proceedings of CSW67 at webtv.un.org (streamed in multiple languages)

Schedule

Click on the following link to view the [proposed schedule of the Annual Session](#) and a list of official [side events](#)

Current draft of Agreed Conclusions

Click on the following link to read the [Zero Draft of the CSW67 Agreed Conclusions](#)

NGO CSW Forum

During CSW, NGO CSW New York hosts the NGO CSW Forum, a program encompassing numerous civil society events. Please see the next page for more information.

NGO CSW Forum

The **NGO CSW Forum is the civil society piece of CSW** that coincides with the official meetings of governments taking place at UN Headquarters. It is organized by [NGO CSW/NY](#) and features **parallel events** sponsored by civil society organizations from around the world. Most importantly, the Forum provides an opportunity for members of civil society, without UN accreditation or a UN grounds pass, to engage in the discourse of CSW.



The NGO CSW Forum will be held from 6–17 March 2023. For additional information, please visit the [NGO CSW Forum website](#).

Registration for the Forum is free for all participants. Please [click here to register](#).



The Forum is made up of over 750 events that inform, engage and inspire grassroots efforts and advocacy needed to empower women and girls. Join in hundreds of events and connect with thousands of participants who share your interests and passion for women's rights and gender equality!



Tutorials

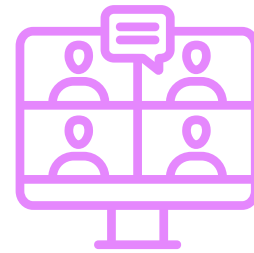
Click [here](#) to watch the full NGO CSW Forum Participant Training – a webinar detailing what you need to know about how to actively engage in the NGO CSW forum.



Click [here](#) to watch a tutorial with step-by-step instructions on how to use the virtual event portal.

NGO CSW Forum

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Forum Events

View the [calendar](#) of NGO CSW/NY's events, which include:

- Parallel Events:** Panels and webinars hosted by civil society
- Conversation Circles:** Spaces to exchange ideas
- Regional Caucuses:** Gatherings to discuss and reflect on regional issues and advocacy
- Civil Society Briefings:** Updates on the status of CSW negotiations provided by UN Women and Member States



Advocacy Toolkit

This [toolkit](#) is a guide that will help NGOs, civil society representatives, and activists build their capacity to advocate for their organization, work, and global gender equality at CSW.

Read the toolkit to learn more about topics ranging from basic information on CSW to recommended advocacy platforms and tips for social media engagement.

Visit JCoR's Exhibit Booth

JCoR is co-hosting a virtual exhibit booth at the NGO CSW Forum.

[Click here to visit us at the Exhibit Hall!](#)

The JCoR exhibit booth is a dedicated webpage on the NGO CSW Forum platform, which serves as a central hub where you can access:

- Information and links to all our CSW-related events, activities, and programs, including:
 - Parallel events and panel discussions facilitated by our member organizations
 - [Calendar](#) of events that will stream live from our exhibition booth and opportunities for you to participate too!
- Resources and publications created by our member organizations
- More information about our coalition and its advocacy initiatives

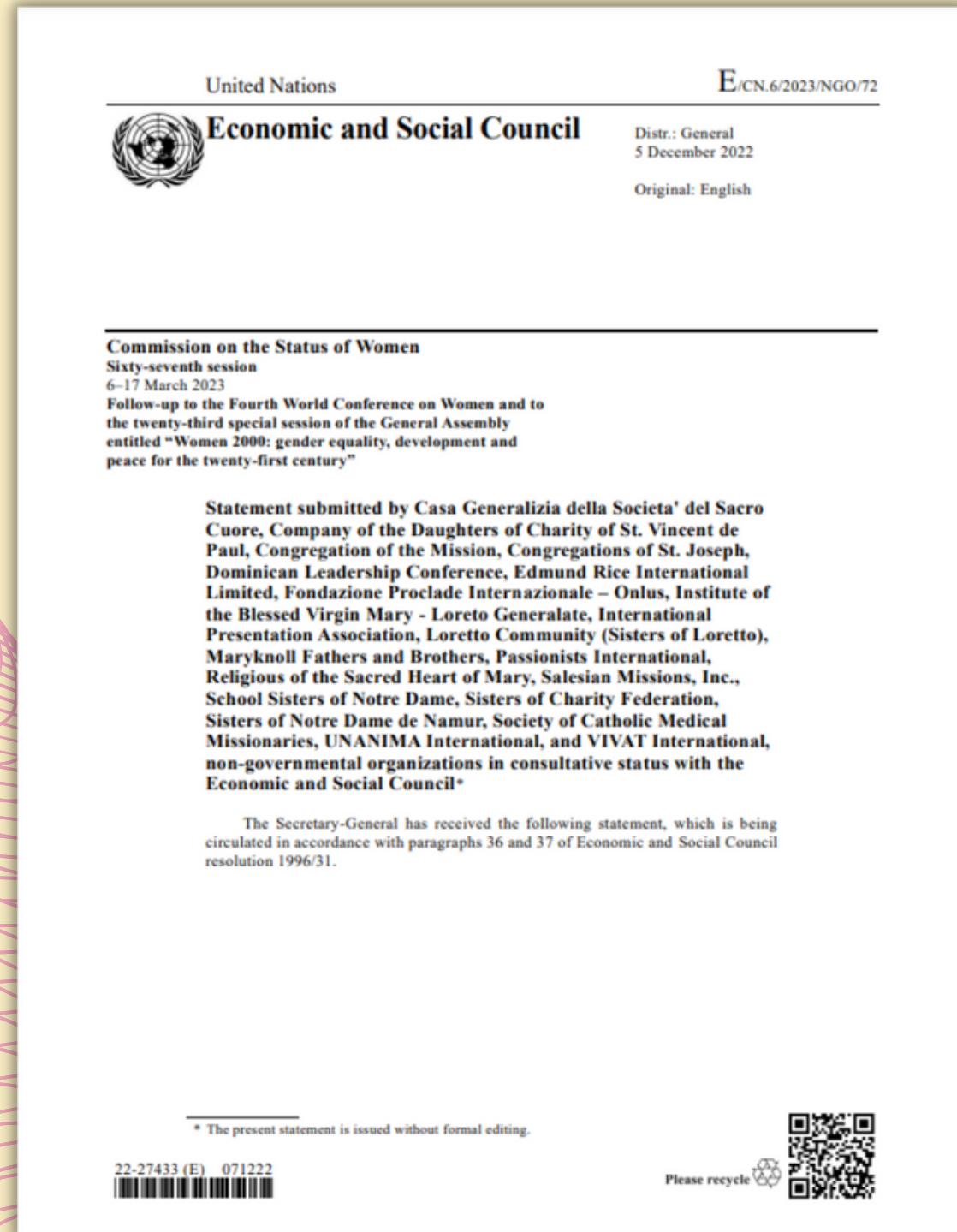


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22 ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATING FOR
PROGRESS TOWARD GENDER EQUALITY

@JCoR2030

JCoR'S CSW67 Joint Statement



JCoR's member organizations submitted a joint statement for CSW, identifying important issues related to CSW67's priority theme and providing recommendations that should be included in the outcome document. We encourage you to read our statement and incorporate its messaging into your advocacy efforts throughout CSW.

"Our global community seeks to bring about the common good, through service to many of the most marginalised and remote communities of the world. From this position, we have borne witness to the tremendous potential of digital innovation and technology to catalyze development through the empowerment of women and girls. On the basis of our experiences we recommend the following actions from UN Member States to maximise the empowerment potential of digital innovation while minimising its risks to women and girls..."

Click on the following link to access the full statement and read our recommendations for the outcome document: <http://bit.ly/3XYerFV>

Recommended Events

The following pages contain details on parallel events sponsored by JCoR members. Please click the following links to access a full list of NGO CSW Forum [parallel events](#) ([registration required](#) to view the list) and the official schedule of CSW67 [side events](#).



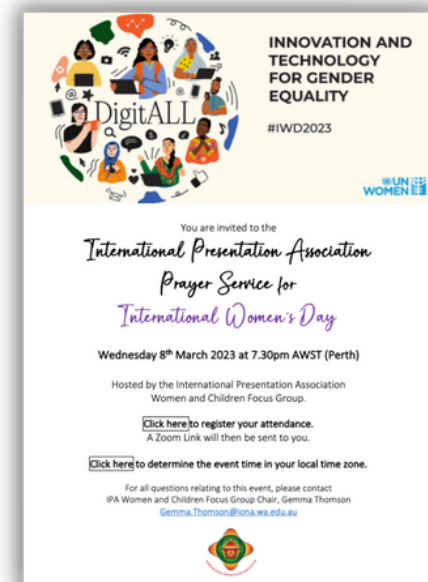
JCoR Welcome Gathering for Delegates of Religious NGOs

4 March 2023, 9:00am-10:30am (New York time)

JCoR is offering an online welcome gathering for CSW67. This event will be held for delegates of Religious NGOs who intend to participate in some part of CSW. It will provide an opportunity to meet other delegates, to pray and reflect on hopes and intentions for engagement with the CSW proceedings, and to ask questions about how to participate and follow online.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3Soi7zk>

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish



Prayer Service for International Women's Day

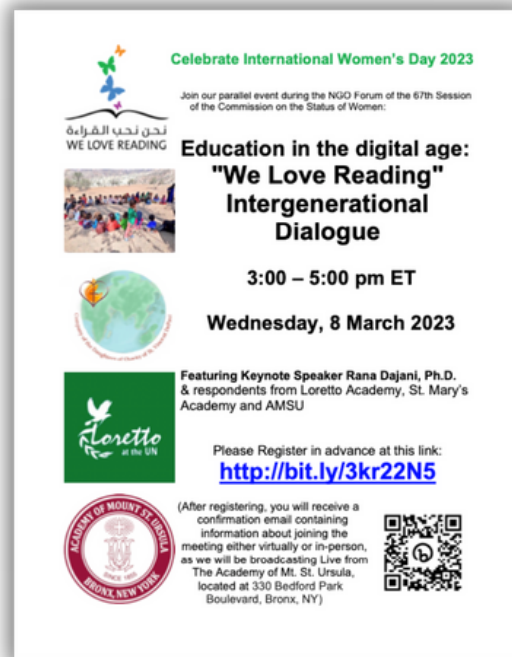
8 March 2023, 6:30am (New York time)

The International Presentation Association (IPA) Women and Children Focus Group, will host a virtual Prayer Service to commemorate International Women's Day (IDM). The theme for IDM 2023 is DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality.

Register: <https://bit.ly/3J1OsrN>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/41zMebs>

Recommended Events



Education in the Digital Age: "We Love Reading" Intergenerational Dialogue

8 March 2023, 3:00pm–5:00pm (New York time)

Join this intergenerational, cross-cultural, multi-faith event where we explore the power of expanding mindsets through reading and literacy skills. We Love Reading is a social movement that leverages collective action at the local level to create change within communities and throughout society. A panel of girls from several countries will also weave connections with Laudato Si, the 2015 “letter to the world” by Pope Francis, as well as their own life experiences.

Register: <http://bit.ly/41FN9XF>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3KN5pbO> Concept note: <https://bit.ly/3y6WgDp>



Women's Role in Peacekeeping, Peace Building, and Peace Mediation

9 March 2023, 10:00am–12:00pm (New York time)

This event is sponsored by Pax Christi International and will feature peace practitioners from around the world.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3y9TZHJ>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3EWGuPm>

Recommended Events



Digitally Empowered Girls: Achieving Gender Equality

9 March 2023, 10:30am-12:00pm (New York time)

This will be a hybrid event sponsored by the Grail and United for Equity and Ending Racism.

Location: Salvation Army 221 E. 52nd Street (in-person) and Zoom (virtual)

Register: <http://bit.ly/3EA6sI5>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/4lk54mP>



Girls & Women Impacting the Digital Revolution

10 March 2023, 8:00am (New York time)

This is a girl-led panel event where girl advocates will discuss their experiences of access and lack of access to internet and devices and how they use the access and devices in numerous situations.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3Zc0UeE>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3kiN23L>

Interpretation will be available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish

Recommended Events



CSW Week 1: Debriefing

11 March 2023, 8:00am–9:00am (New York time)

JCoR will provide a space for an unstructured open discussion in which participants are invited to share experiences and reflections on the first week of CSW67. Delegates are encouraged to exchange ideas to take into the second week of the Commission.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3IFYuOK>

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish



Asia-Pacific Regional Discussion on Gender

13 March 2023, 7:00am–9:00am (New York time)

JCoR will facilitate a group discussion on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, specifically focused on the Asia-Pacific region. We invite all participants from this region to join us and share your perspectives on the questions: What are the areas of deepest concern for women and girls in your country or community? What small victories or progress toward gender equity have you witnessed in your country or community in recent years?

Register: <http://bit.ly/3KKMkai>

Recommended Events



Digital Engagement as Key to Women's Empowerment and Feminist Leadership

13 March 2023, 4:30pm-6:00pm (New York time)

Featuring speakers from the Mercy Global Action Emerging Leaders Fellowship, this event will showcase how digital technology has been used to promote women's leadership and development, and enhance connections around the world. Panelists will share how the Fellowship has provided them with tools and pathways to be agents of change in their own communities and prompt reflection and interactive engagement on how we can all use these tools to transform our societies.

Location: CCUN, 11th Floor (in-person) and Zoom (virtual)

Register: <http://bit.ly/3Sh3kXr>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3Z4C6WB>

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish



Challenges and Opportunities Working with Women's Empowerment in Rural Areas

14 March 2023, 8:00am (New York time)

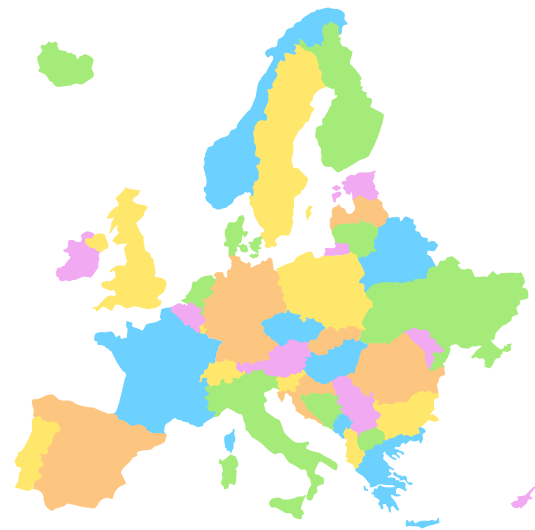
At this parallel event, Dominican Sisters will share their experience of working with rural women in Burkina Faso, Ecuador, Honduras, and Pakistan.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3kOmAyW>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3YjKnVc>

Interpretation will be available in English, French, and Spanish

Recommended Events



Europe and North America Regional Discussion on Gender

14 March 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm (New York time)

JCoR will facilitate a group discussion on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, specifically focused on the regions of Europe and North America. We invite all participants from these regions to join us and share your perspectives on the questions: What are the areas of deepest concern for women and girls in your country or community? What small victories or progress toward gender equity have you witnessed in your country or community in recent years?

Register: <http://bit.ly/3Zs1JQJ>

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Spanish



Spirituality & Technology: Exploring Ways to Sustain an Effective Transformative Action

14 March 2023, 12:00pm (New York time)

This virtual parallel event, sponsored by the Grail and United for Equity and Ending Racism will facilitate a dialogue with women from all over the world.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3xO00te>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3Yc5Ak9>

Recommended Events



Latin America and Caribbean Regional Discussion on Gender

15 March 2023, 11:00am-1:00pm (New York time)

JCoR will facilitate a group discussion on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, specifically focused on the regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. We invite all participants from these regions to join us and share your perspectives on the questions: What are the areas of deepest concern for women and girls in your country or community? What small victories or progress toward gender equity have you witnessed in your country or community in recent years?

Register: <http://bit.ly/3kHg117>

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish

Women and Girls in Digital Education for Gender Equality

16 March 2023, 8:00am-10:00am (New York time)

Access to digital technology and education allows young women and girls to fulfill their potential, contribute to their community, become leaders, and participate in decision-making. This webinar will highlight what young women and girls can achieve when barriers to quality education and technology are removed.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3JhGMCV>

Flyer: <https://bit.ly/3JeLvEn> Concept note: <https://bit.ly/3JhrsWK>



Recommended Events



Africa Regional Discussion on Gender

16 March 2023, 10:00am-12:00pm (New York time)

JCoR will facilitate a group discussion on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, specifically focused on the region of Africa. We invite all participants from this region to join us and share your perspectives on the questions: What are the areas of deepest concern for women and girls in your country or community? What small victories or progress toward gender equity have you witnessed in your country or community in recent years?

Register: <http://bit.ly/3ZrTEMI>

Interpretation will be available in English, French and Portuguese



CSW Week 2: Debriefing and Closing Prayer

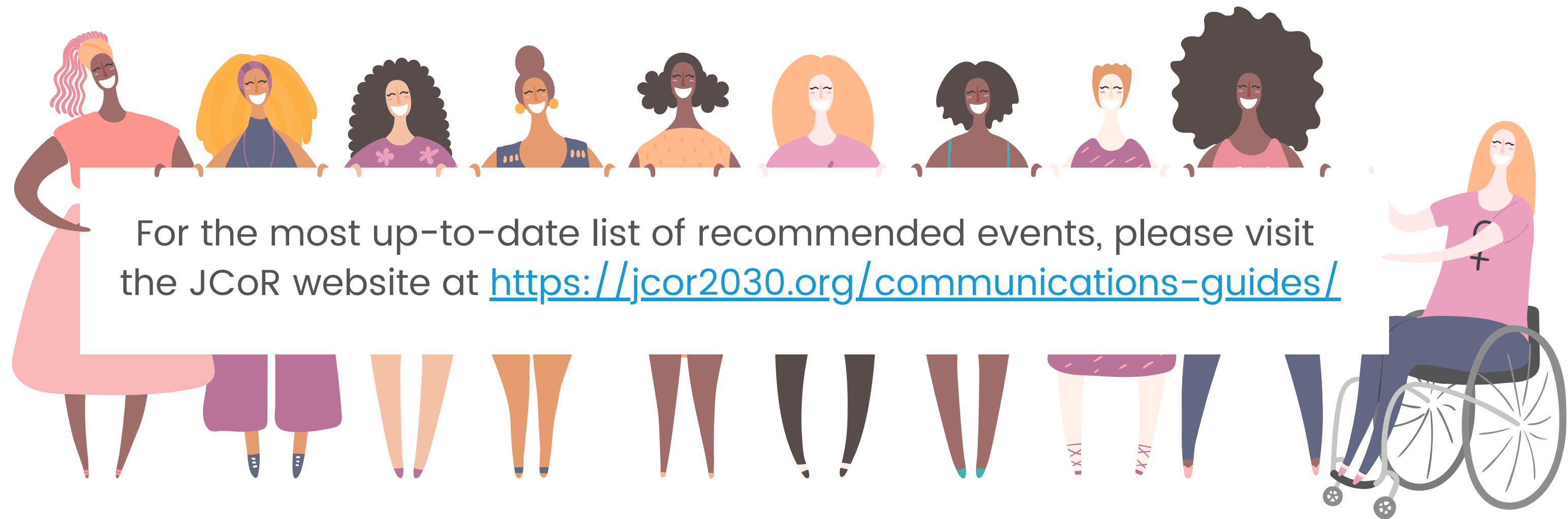
18 March 2023, 9:00am-10:00am (New York time)

JCoR will provide a space for unstructured open discussion, during which participants are invited to share experiences and reflections following the second and final week of CSW67. JCoR will guide the group in collective reflection and prayer.

Register: <http://bit.ly/3Z4pQ8m>

Interpretation will be available in English and Spanish

Recommended Events



For the most up-to-date list of recommended events, please visit the JCoR website at <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

Who to Follow and Tag

on Social Media

Justice Coalition of Religious (JCoR)

Twitter: [@JCoR2030](#) Facebook: [@JCoR2030](#)

JCoR Members

Click [here](#) to access a Twitter list of JCoR members

NGO Commission on the Status of Women

Twitter: [@NGO_CSW_NY](#) Facebook: [@NGOCSWNY](#)

UN Commission on the Status of Women

Twitter: [@UN_CSW](#) Facebook: [@UNCSW](#)

Your Congregation's NGO at the UN

Need help? Find many congregations' NGO's social media details [here](#)

Your government's permanent mission to the UN



JCoR would like to help spread the word.

[@JCoR2030](#)

Tag us so we can share your social media posts and increase the reach of your advocacy messaging!

Recommended #Hashtags

#CSW67 and #CSW
#NGOCSW67
#GenderEquality
#DigitALL
#SDG5



Suggested Messaging

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#CSW (6-17 March) is a space where **@UN** Member States, civil society, and other stakeholders gather to accelerate progress on **#GenderEquality** and the empowerment of **#women**.

Learn more about **#CSW67**, the theme of **#DigitALL**, & how you can participate: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

Join us at **#CSW** to create the future we want, prioritizing **#GenderEquality** & **#DigitALL** equity. A future where: women & girls are safe online, everyone has equal access to technology, and women & girls are included in innovation and technology. Learn more: <https://jcor2030.org/communications-guides/>

At **#CSW67** we implore the **#UN** to promote free internet access programs & digital tool training for **#women** that is linked to entrepreneurship topics that help them to promote an income for themselves & their families.

Read our statement & advocate with us:

<https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E/CN.6/2023/NGO/72&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>

At **#CSW67** we call on **@UN** Member States to establish national digital literacy curriculums incl. components dedicated to internet safety, critical discernment of facts from misinformation, & responsible communication. **#DigitALL**

Read **#JCoR**'s statement:

<https://undocs.org/Home/Mobile?FinalSymbol=E/CN.6/2023/NGO/72&Language=E&DeviceType=Desktop&LangRequested=False>



Suggested Messaging

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At [#CSW67](#) we join [@NGO_CSW_NY](#) in advocating for governments to engage with [#girls](#) in the formulation, design & development of adequately financed policies & programs that prioritize digital literacy, online safety, & STEM education. [#DigitALL](#)
Learn more: <https://ngocsw.org/arg-csw67/>

As stated in the [#CSW67](#) zero draft, we must implement programmes to increase the digital literacy and skills of [#women](#) and [#girls](#), focusing on their needs and building confidence and trust for meaningful use.

https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/CSW67%20Agreed%20Conclusions_zero%20draft_1%20February%202023.pdf

[#DigitALL](#) [#GenderEquality](#)

At [#CSW67](#) we call on Member States to uphold the recommendations of the zero draft: support the role of civil society in promoting & protecting the [#HumanRights](#) & fundamental freedoms of all women & take steps to protect them, incl. human rights defenders

https://www.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/2023-02/CSW67%20Agreed%20Conclusions_zero%20draft_1%20February%202023.pdf

Did you know? Bringing women & other marginalized groups into technology results in more creative solutions & has greater potential for innovations that meet women's needs & promote [#GenderEquality](#). Learn more at [#InternationalWomensDay](#) 8

March: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/womens-day>

[#DigitALL](#)

We simply can no longer afford to deny the full potential of one half of the population. The world needs to tap into the talent and wisdom of women. Whether the issue is food security, economic recovery, health, or peace and security, the participation of women is needed now more than ever.

Michelle Bachelet

Former Executive Director of UN Women and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Call to Action

How will you act to accelerate progress on gender equality and women's empowerment?

Throughout CSW, we encourage you to share your recommendations to engender positive change: meet with government representatives, speak up and exchange ideas at parallel events, utilize social media to promote your perspectives, and participate in intentional spaces of prayer.

Together, we can make a difference!

