

CSW 2026 Concept Note

Event Title: “Ending Trafficking Together: Good Practices for Girls and Women”

Date: March 18, 2026

Duration: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

Location: United Nations Church Center (Hybrid format)

Event Overview: This event will bring together grassroots leaders, survivor advocates, and international partners to explore community-driven and survivor-centered strategies to end trafficking of girls and women. By highlighting practical models and cross-regional collaboration, the session seeks to inspire collective learning and strengthen the link between local action and global policy for justice and dignity.

Organizers: The event is jointly organized by the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Loreto Generalate, with the support of Misesan Cara.

Together, these partners work globally to uphold the dignity and rights of girls and women, addressing the root causes of trafficking, poverty, and exploitation. Their shared commitment to systemic change integrates grassroots experience, survivor leadership, and advocacy at the international level to advance justice and equality for all.

A Call to Action: Trafficking in persons—especially of girls and women—remains a grave violation of human rights rooted in gender inequality, exploitation, and violence. Addressing this crisis requires more than commitments on paper; it demands survivor-centered justice, community engagement, and partnerships that connect local realities with global action.

This event will highlight survivor-led and community-driven practices that are transforming responses to trafficking. Through peer learning and shared exchange, participants will explore how collective knowledge strengthens coordinated action and builds more inclusive systems of justice and care.

Theme: By connecting grassroots practices, survivor leadership, and advocacy, this event emphasizes peer learning as the foundation for building effective, survivor-centered, and community-driven responses to trafficking—particularly for girls and women.

Strategic Objectives: This side event aims to:

- Elevate survivors and community practitioners as leaders in shaping justice and policy.



- Highlight adaptable good practices in prevention, survivor care, and advocacy.
- Foster cross-regional learning to strengthen collaboration and solidarity.
- Link community-level action to international human rights mechanisms and policymaking spaces.

Proposed Event Structure:

- **Opening (10 minutes):** Welcome and introductions from organizers and partners. Brief framing on the importance of survivor-centered and community-driven approaches to end trafficking of girls and women.
- **Keynote Segment (10 minutes):** A representative from a government, intergovernmental organization, or UN entity will deliver an opening message connecting gender justice and human rights with the importance of community-led and survivor-centered approaches. *(If a Member State is not confirmed, this segment may feature a senior advocate or partner organization representative to maintain policy linkage.)*
- **Panel Discussion (60 minutes):** The panel will feature diverse perspectives that illustrate effective and inclusive responses to trafficking of girls and women through community-based practice, survivor-centered approaches, and cross-regional collaboration.
 - **Proposed Panelists:**
 - **Good Shepherd Bolivia** – Sharing testimony as a survivor
 - **Good Shepherd Bolivia** – Sharing holistic initiatives, including community-based prevention programs, therapeutic centers for survivors, and advocacy efforts developed in partnership with the Bolivian government.
 - **Good Shepherd Nepal** – Sr. Taskila Presenting strategies addressing trafficking through prevention, survivor reintegration, and advocacy rooted in local realities.
 - **Congregation of Jesus (Loreto Sisters), Nairobi, Kenya** – Represented by the Director of Loreto Neema, a social development program supporting girls and women living with HIV in Eastleigh and leading anti-trafficking initiatives in the Kangemi community.
 - **NGO CSTIP** – Offering reflections on good practices for how to bankrupt trafficking and advocating at a global level
- **Audience Engagement (10 minutes):** Interactive Q&A inviting participants to share insights, challenges, and innovative practices from their own contexts.
- **Closing Reflections (10 minutes):** Key takeaways and collective commitments to continued peer learning, partnership, and survivor-centered action.

Note: The session will be recorded to support future learning, capacity building, and advocacy across Good Shepherd, Loreto, Misesan Cara, and partner networks.