



Justice  
Coalition of  
Religious

*9-19 March 2026*

70TH SESSION OF THE  
**COMMISSION  
ON THE  
STATUS OF  
WOMEN**

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# JUSTICE COALITION OF RELIGIOUS

This guide was produced by the [Justice Coalition of Religious](#) (JCoR), a coalition of 23 non-governmental organizations that are accredited to collectively represent over 200 congregations of Roman Catholic women and men Religious at the United Nations (UN). Congregations of Religious sustain the long-standing tradition of serving people who experience the marginalisation, oppression, and vulnerability resulting from unjust global systems. At the grassroots, Sisters, Brothers, priests, and their mission partners are leaders in the provision of essential services. While these efforts offer vital temporary assistance, our common home cries out for lasting global transformation, a transformation that requires addressing the root causes of human and environmental suffering. We are thereby called to the work of advocacy.

JCoR coordinates the efforts of Religious and their ministry partners – across more than 100 countries – in pursuit of our common mission: *To facilitate collaboration among members and partners of Catholic Religious congregations working at the grassroots and at the United Nations in order to: (1) strengthen one another's capacity for advocacy and (2) advocate collectively for social, economic, and environmental justice and peace in international, regional, and national fora.*

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching and the Universal Human Rights Framework, JCoR envisions a just and peaceful world where the dignity of every person, particularly the most marginalized, and the sanctity of all creation are upheld. In this world, all people can fully participate in the social, economic, political, and cultural life of society, working together to foster the common good. We strive to realise this future world by coordinating the 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 empower you join us in this mission!

What is CSW ?

# COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) is the largest global policy-making body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity. It is instrumental in promoting the rights of women and girls, shaping global standards and policy agendas, and documenting the reality of the lives of women and girls across the globe.

This year, the 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women ([CSW70](#)) will gather governments, civil society, and other stakeholders at UN Headquarters in New York to discuss the progress and challenges of promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls throughout the world. These discussions will focus on the priority theme: *Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.*

Throughout CSW, UN Member States negotiate an outcome document, with civil society organizations influencing discussions through member state engagement. This outcome document is referred to as the Agreed Conclusions, and it contains an analysis of the theme, adopted resolutions, and a concrete set of recommendations for governments, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, and relevant stakeholders, to implement at the international, regional, national, and local levels.

To learn more about CSW, [click here](#).



# CSW70 Details

## When & Where

9–19 March 2026, United Nations Headquarters in New York

## Watch

Join online to follow the proceedings of CSW70 at [webtv.un.org](https://webtv.un.org) (streamed in multiple languages)

## Official Website

Click on the following link to access the [CSW70 website](#)

## Schedule

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

## Current draft of CSW70 Agreed Conclusions

[Click here](#) to access the current draft of the Agreed Conclusions

## NGO CSW Forum

During CSW, the NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO CSW/NY) hosts the NGO CSW Forum, a program encompassing numerous events that prioritize civil society engagement. Please see the next page for more information.

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



### Annual Session

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

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

Parallel events take place outside the official United Nations CSW space. They are organized by civil society and provide a space for the public to engage in open dialogues

NGOCSW70

# NGO CSW FORUM

The [NGO CSW Forum](#) is a civil society gathering that coincides with the official UN Commission on the Status of Women. It is organized by the [NGO Committee on the Status of Women](#) (NGO CSW/NY) and features **more than 750 parallel events** (in-person and virtual) facilitated by civil society and non-governmental organizations from around the world. These events inform, engage, and inspire grassroots efforts and advocacy to promote the equality and empowerment of women and girls. The NGO CSW Forum is a particularly important space because provides an opportunity for all members of global civil society, even those without special qualifications such as UN accreditation or a UN grounds pass, to engage in the processes and discussions of the CSW.

For more information on the NGO CSW70 Forum, visit the [official website](#). Registration is free for all participants. Please click on the following link to [register](#).

After submitting your registration, [sign into the virtual portal](#) to begin browsing the extensive list of Forum events and create a personalized agenda.

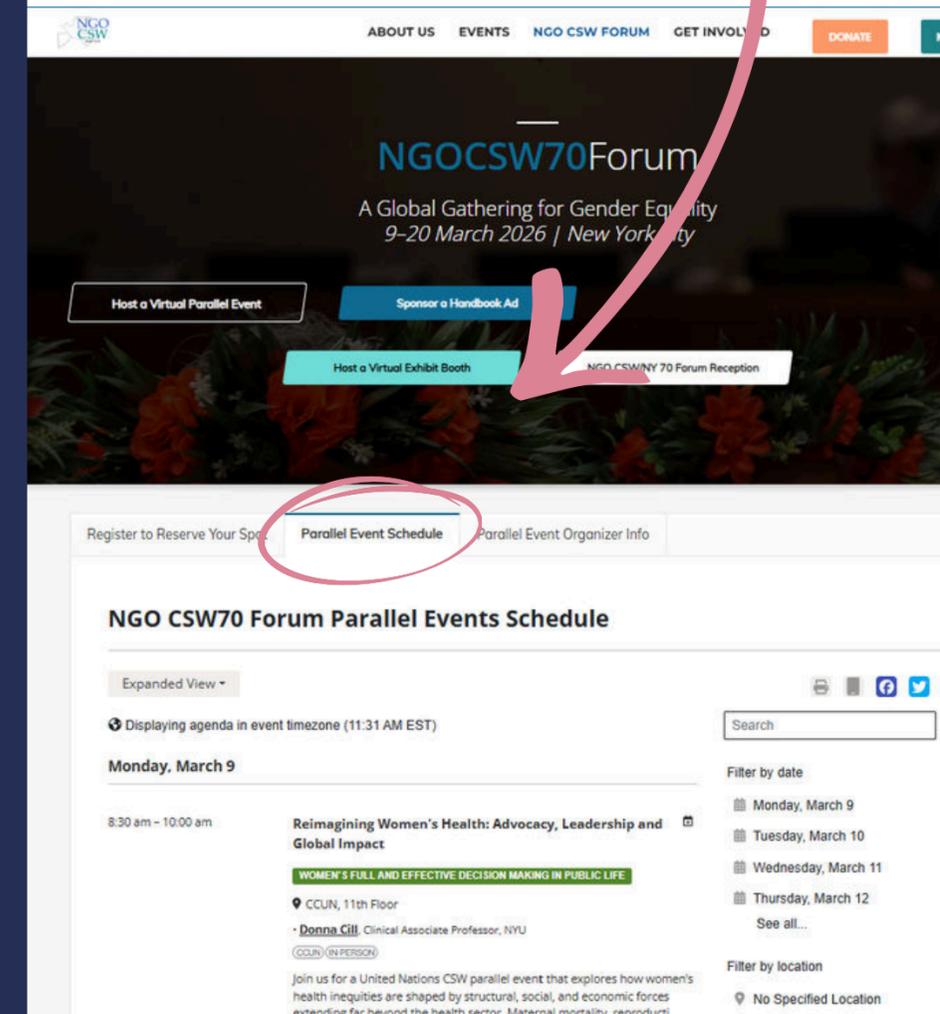
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Please see the following page for more information on the different types of events offered during the NGO CSW Forum.

## Parallel Events Schedule

To access and search the schedule of CSW70 parallel events by topic, date, and location, go to the NGO CSW Forum website. Scroll down until you see a tab labeled "Parallel Events Schedule." Click on that tab to view the parallel events schedule.



# EVENTS

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The schedule for the NGO CSW Forum is composed of more than 750 events, and this multitude of options can seem overwhelming. To navigate the calendar and select events that best fit your interests and expertise, it is helpful to begin with an understanding of the main types of events offered throughout the Forum:



**Civil society briefings:** UN Women and NGO CSW/NY convene Member States, UN agencies, and civil society to provide updates on the negotiations of the CSW outcome document



**Conversation circles:** Facilitated discussion spaces pertaining to pre-determined topics related to gender equality. The circles promote the sharing of emerging issues and exchange of ideas among participants

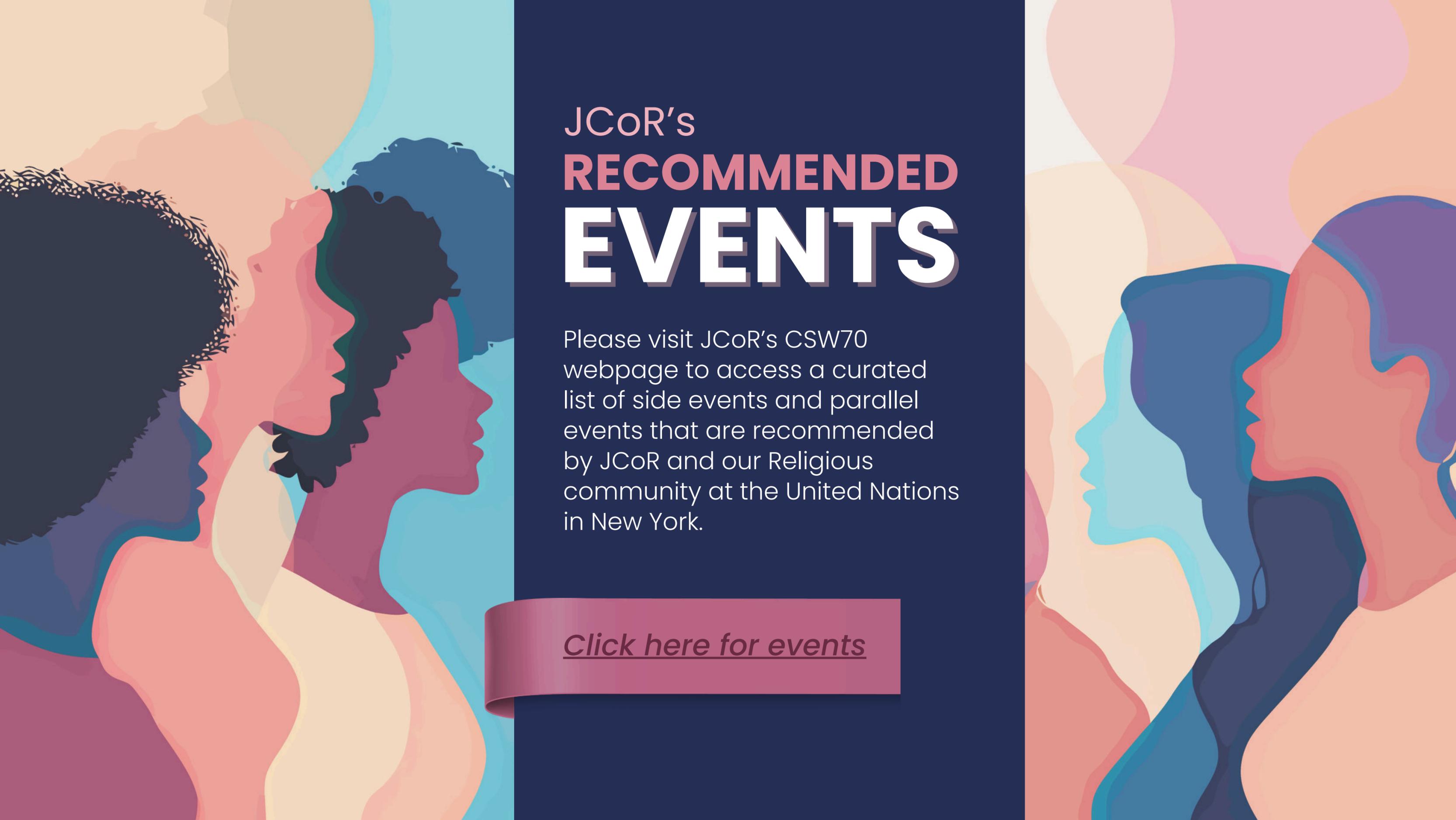


**Parallel events:** In-person and virtual panels and spaces for dialogue that are organized by civil society and address the themes of CSW



**Regional caucuses:** Informal, loosely moderated spaces for participants to discuss and reflect upon regional issues and advocacy





# JCoR's **RECOMMENDED** **EVENTS**

Please visit JCoR's CSW70 webpage to access a curated list of side events and parallel events that are recommended by JCoR and our Religious community at the United Nations in New York.

[Click here for events](#)

JCoR's member organizations submitted a joint statement for CSW70, identifying important issues related to the priority theme for CSW and providing recommendations for inclusion in the outcome document. We encourage you to read our statement and incorporate its messaging into your advocacy efforts throughout CSW.

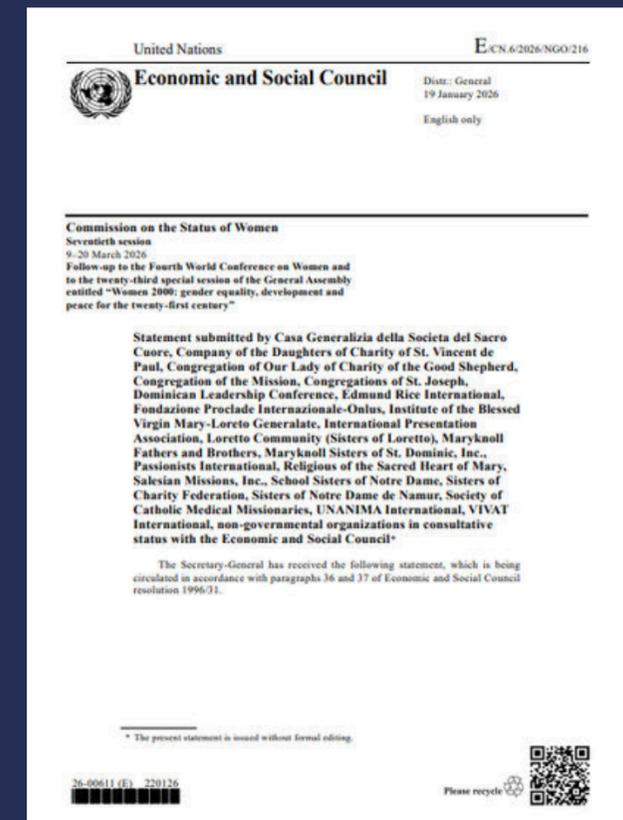
Click on the following link to access [JCoR's joint statement](#) (available in all six official UN languages).

JCoR would like to express our gratitude to all of our network members who contributed their ideas and experiences to the composition of this statement, including:

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## Advocacy Tool

# JCoR's CSW70 JOINT STATEMENT



# SOCIAL MEDIA

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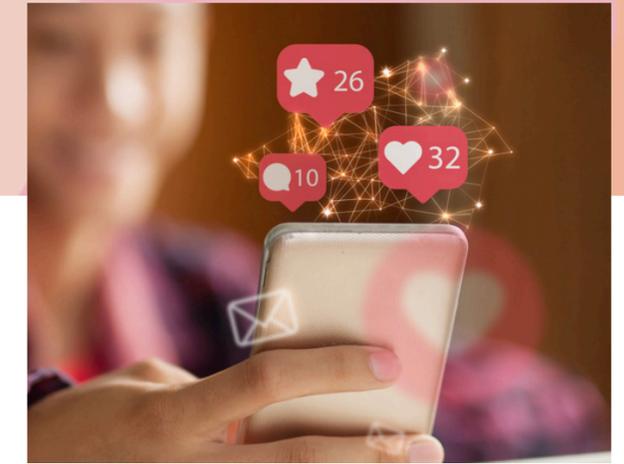
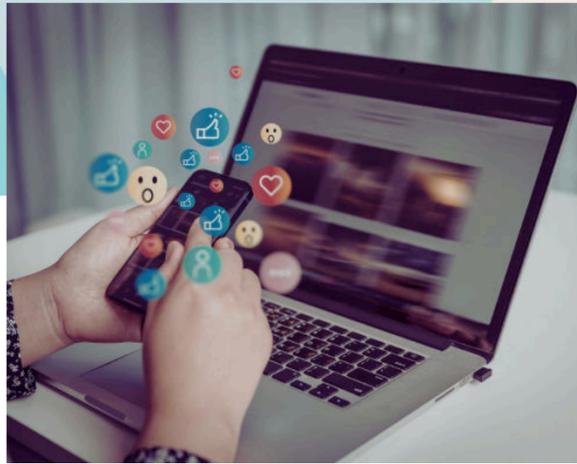
## Pause before you share

Mis- and dis-information are causing global harm, hindering our ability to make progress on many of the world's most pressing issues.

Before you share any content online, THINK:

- Who made it?
- What is the source?
- Where did it come from?
- Why are you sharing this?
- When was it published?

Please pause and take care before you share something online.



## Recommendations on Who to Follow and Tag:

### Justice Coalition of Religious

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

### Your Congregation's NGO at the United Nations

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

### NGO Commission on the Status of Women (NGO CSW/NY)

Facebook: [@NGOCSWNY](#) Instagram: [@ngo\\_csw\\_ny](#)

LinkedIn: [ngocswny](#) YouTube: [@ngocswny](#)

### United Nations Women

Facebook: [@unwomen](#) Instagram: [@unwomen](#)

LinkedIn: [un-women](#) TikTok: [@unwomen](#)

### Your government's Permanent Mission to the United Nations

# JOIN US IN PRAYER

for Gender Equality



Loving God, we gather in prayer with hearts full of hope and ambition.

We pray for a world where all genders are treated with respect. Guide us in the cultivation of a global community that will recognize how all people are created perfectly and equally in Your image.

We pray for the wisdom and strength to construct more just societies, where gender does not serve as a basis for discrimination, violence, or oppression but is honored as an expression of human diversity that enriches our human development and enhances our appreciation for the image of God. May the day come when every person, regardless of their gender, enjoys the same opportunities, rights, and dignity.

Guide us in our efforts to create a future where gender equality is not just a dream but a reality. Imbue us with the perseverance and persuasion to influence policymakers to take urgent action for gender justice.

May love, compassion, and understanding prevail. May we all work together, throughout CSW and beyond, for a more just and equal world.

In Your name we pray. Amen.