

Welcome & Introductions!

**March United Nations UCC
Monthly Update**

Focus: The United Nations Security Council

Greetings from Donna and Abigail

Introductions!

Please add your name, location (church and/or conference) in the chat
and... if you want...

*** One question you have about CSW and/or the Commission on Population and
Development**

AND/OR

*** Anything you want to know about the UCC Office to the United Nations**

Commission on the Status of Women

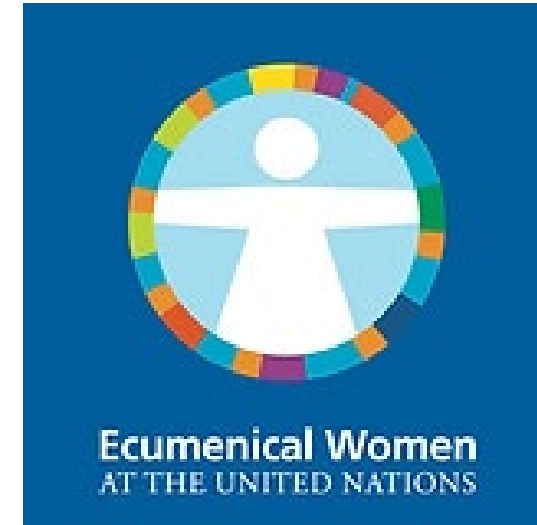
CSW:

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality.

March 9 – 20, 2026 in New York City

Ecumenical Women at CSW

- **During CSW You Can Join the Following Virtual Events:**
- **Attend our annual orientation the Saturday before CSW begins!**
- **Join us each day for Worship during CSW**
- **Attend our virtual “Girls on Fire” events during CSW**
- **Engage in our Advocacy Evening**



Ecumenical Women is an international coalition of church denominations and ecumenical organizations which have status with the Economic & Social Council (ECOSOC) at the United Nations.

These bodies are committed to a common mission and vision

Join the UCC Virtual Delegation!

- Join with UCC members across the country...
- AND also with Global Partners.
- Participate in Daily Ecumenical Worship.
- Join Regional Meetings with participants across North America.
- Participate in webinars across time zones and countries!
- Share your experiences and join us in the follow-up session for planning and impact.

Yes!

**You can Still Join the
Virtual Delegation**

March 7 – 19, 2026

NGO CSW

- **AND What is NGOCSW???**

- **Organized by and for global civil society**, non-governmental organizations, and feminists to connect them with the official United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW) process.
- OVER 750 events
- NGO CSW Forum: **informs, engages, and inspires grassroots efforts and gender equality advocacy around the world**

While the NGO CSW Forum runs parallel to and complements the UN CSW, it is a separate process with separate organizers.

How Do I Sign Up for NGOCSW

- Who is eligible - **EVERYONE**
- What does it cost- **NOTHING**
- How do I sign up – **See Below**
- Abigail Has ALL the Answers!!



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

Commission on Population and Development

The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) at the UN plays a **critical role in sexual and reproductive health (SRH)** by setting policy and monitoring progress toward goals including universal access to SRH services. Member States meet to monitor, review, and assess population trends while also providing appropriate recommendations based on how those trends interact with development issues.

The 59th Session will be held in New York City April 13th – 17th

Theme: Population, technology and research in the context of sustainable development

Commission of Population and Development

Could You Be a Delegate?

Opportunities to:

- Follow the Official Sessions during the Commission Meetings
- Participate in Daily check-ins during CPD
- Join virtual side events learn of global responses and what Civil Society and Faith Based organizations are doing.
- Gather with UCC members to discuss impact for our work – in your local context as well as national responses and priorities

Register this WEEK!

Deadline March 10th



COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT
Population, technology and research in
the context of sustainable development

13-17 April 2026 | NEW YORK | unpopulation.org

 **United Nations** | Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Questions and Discussion



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We will compile and send this part of the discussion...

If we didn't get to your question, please email Abigail at Reeda@ucc.org

We will respond!!!

IRAN

What Happened?

How Has the UN Responded?

How has the UCC Responded?

Link to our statement:

<https://www.ucc.org/ucc-gmp-issues-statement-following-us-israel-attack-on-iran-calls-on-elected-officials-to-reject-war/>

How are our Partners Affected?

The United Nations and the Bombing of Iran

Melania Trump Chairs the UN Security Council Meeting

Hanging over Monday's meeting was what Iranian state media says was an airstrike that hit a girls' school in southern Iran, killing at least 165 people and wounding dozens more.



UN Security Council Power and Actions

- **Emergency Authority:** The UNSC is the body empowered to handle "threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, or acts of aggression" under Chapter VII of the UN Charter.
- **Condemnation and Debate:** The UNSC has held emergency sessions to address the conflict, with officials condemning the military actions for violating sovereignty and threatening regional stability.
- **Potential Action:** While the UNSC has the power to pass resolutions demanding a cessation of hostilities or authorizing measures to restore international law, actions are often stalled by the veto power of its permanent members

AND What Didn't Happen

Multilateralism and UN Initiatives

USA Withdraws from 66 International Organizations

- On January 7, 2026, President Trump ordered the U.S. to withdraw from 66 international entities—comprising 31 UN-affiliated bodies and 35 non-UN organizations—deemed contrary to U.S. interests. Key targets included the [UN Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#), [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change \(IPCC\)](#), [UN Women](#), [UN Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#), and the [International Law Commission](#).

United Nations Updates

What Has Happened this past month and What is Happening Now?

- **February 1-7: Interfaith Harmony Week**
- **UN Commission for Social Development**
 - February 2- 10, 2026
- **CoNGO (Conference of NGOs) DC Meeting**
 - A Meeting was held in Washington, DC for ECOSOC members of CoNGO

Coming Up at the United Nations

GENDER - March & April

- **Commission on Status of Women**
- **Commission on Population & Development**

Spring – 2026

- **PFPAD : April - Geneva**
 - Virtual Participation
 - Parallel Events
- **PFI – April – NYC**
 - Delegates
 - Participation
- **Financing for Development**
April – NYC
- **NPT Review Conference**
April - May, NYC

Next Month ...

Join Us for the Update on the

**Permanent Forum on People
of African Descent**

