

Information note
Commission on the Status of Women
70th session
(9 to 19 March 2026)

The 70th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be held from 9 to 19 March 2026. The opening meeting on the morning of 9 March and the meetings of the general discussion in the afternoon of Monday 9 March, Tuesday 10 March and Wednesday 11 March will take place in the General Assembly Hall. All other plenary meetings will be held in Conference Room 4. More information on the programme and documents is available on the CSW website and on iGov.

The proceedings of the plenary meetings will stream live and on demand on the UN Web TV website at <http://webtv.un.org> in all six UN official languages.

Seating

Seating for delegations is 1+5 in the General Assembly Hall and 1+1 in Conference Room 4. Members of the Commission will be seated in the front rows followed by non-Member States and other observers.

Accessibility

The United Nations Accessibility Centre, located on the first basement level of the Secretariat Building (room S-1B-032), offers assistive information and communications technology to support those with auditory, visual or physical impairments. More information is available at www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/accessibility

For individual requests, please contact the Meetings Support Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (email: accessibilitycentre@un.org) no later than three working days prior to the meeting. Every effort will be made to assist with reasonable accommodation, should it be available.

In addition, print-on-demand services are offered to participants requiring Braille copies of meeting documents. Requests for Braille copies should be sent to the Chief of the Meetings Support Section (email: chiefmss-dgacm@un.org) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting date for processing.

For accessible seating in the conference room, delegations and other participants should send their requests to the CSW Secretariat (dgacm-csw@un.org) in advance of the session.

Closed captioning (CART) services will be available for all official plenary meetings of the session.

General discussion- list of speakers

Inscription in the list of speakers for the general discussion of the Commission opened through the e-speakers module in the e-deleGATE portal on Wednesday, 28 January at 10.00 a.m. and will close on Wednesday, 4 March at 5.00 p.m. **Statements by speakers at the level of Head of State/Government will be made from the rostrum. All other speakers will deliver their statements from the national desk seats.**

The time limit is 6 minutes for statements on behalf of a group of States and 4 minutes for individual States. In order to ensure efficient time management, microphones will be automatically muted when the allotted time limit is reached. The provisional list of speakers will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the session.

The list of speakers will be prepared in accordance with customary protocol. Speakers on behalf of a group of States will be accorded priority within rank.

Intergovernmental organizations and the United Nations system with no access to e-Speakers wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers should email the name and title of their speaker to Mr. Vincent Wilkinson (wilkinsonv@un.org).

Ministerial Round Tables (MRTs) and the high-level meeting – expressions of interest

Expressions of interest by Member States to participate in the MRTs will open on Thursday, 29 January at 10.00 a.m. and close on Friday, 20 February at 5.00 p.m. through the e-Speakers module in the e-deleGATE portal. Ministers will be invited to sign up for one of the MRTs, while also indicating a second preference, should the first choice be over-subscribed. Each delegation will speak in only one MRT. The provisional list of Ministers who have expressed an interest to speak will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the session. Statements will be delivered from the national desk.

Expressions of interest by Member States to participate in the interactive discussion of the High-level Meeting on violence against women and girls. Will also open on Thursday, 29 January at 10.00 a.m. and close on Friday, 20 February at 5.00 p.m. through the e-Speakers module in the e-deleGATE portal. The provisional list of speakers who have expressed an interest to speak will be circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the session. Statements will be delivered from the national desk.

Delegations are advised that statements made by Ministers and other high-level officials should not exceed 3 minutes. In order to accommodate all those wishing to speak, microphones and will be automatically muted when the allotted time limit is reached. For any questions, please contact Ms. Raffaella De Lia (delia@un.org).

Interactive Dialogues

There will be no pre-established list of speakers for the other interactive dialogues of the Commission. In order to request the floor during the interactive dialogues, participants will be requested to press the button on their desk console. Given the limited time available, interventions should be limited to 3 minutes or less. The time limit will be strictly implemented, including through the muting of microphones once the time limit is reached. Every effort will be made to accommodate Ministers and Vice-Ministers first, and delegations are encouraged to inform the Secretariat in the room on the day of the meeting if any Ministers/Vice-Ministers are interested in intervening in the respective panel discussions.

[eStatements@un.org](mailto:estatemnts@un.org)

Written copies of all statements delivered in the Commission must be sent to estatemnts@un.org well in advance of the meeting, but no later than two hours before delivery, in order to ensure proper interpretation. The name of the meeting and of the speaker, as well as the date and time, should be indicated in the email's subject line and in the statement's heading. The statement will be embargoed until delivery. Statements submitted to estatemnts@un.org and delivered in the Commission will be available on the UN Journal website (<https://journal.un.org>).

Remarks that are in the form of talking points or drafts may be submitted to estatemnts@un.org indicating same information as above and "for interpreters only". Such will not be published or shared..

Interpretation for non-official languages

Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Speakers are requested to deliver the statement at a speed that is interpretable. While delegations are increasingly given a time frame in which to deliver their statements, they are kindly requested to do so at a normal speed, to enable the interpreters to provide an accurate and complete rendition of their statements. When statements are delivered at a fast pace, the quality of the interpretation may suffer. It is suggested not to exceed the speed of about 100 to 120 words per minute (as a guide for statements delivered in English) to ensure that the statement is delivered at a normal pace.

Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language. Such interpretation will be accommodated only for the duration of the national statement and only in one direction. Delegations seeking to provide their own interpreters for non-official languages are requested to inform the Meetings Management Section of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management well in advance by email to gmeets@un.org, copying the following: dgacm-csw@un.org, is-unhq@un.org, unprotocol@un.org, request-for-services@un.org. When sending the email, please make sure to include "non-official languages interpretation for CSW70" in the subject line of the email. The Meetings Management Section will provide further instructions. Please contact these offices as soon as possible. Requests should be submitted to MMS at least three days prior to the requested use of an interpretation booth.

Access to UNHQ/Registration for UN badges

Registration (request of UN grounds pass) of official delegations of Member States, observers and intergovernmental organizations, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service of the United Nations. To obtain UN grounds passes for delegations participating in the meetings of the Commission in-person, permanent missions/offices are required to submit their registration requests by using the online eRegistration system, available through the e-deleGATE portal at <https://e-delegate.un.org/>, by the deadline of **27 February 2026**.

Delegations of accredited intergovernmental organizations not enrolled in the eRegistration system but wishing to participate in-person must follow these [registration guidelines](#) on the Protocol website to submit their registration package, which must be received in the Protocol Office by close of business on **20 February 2026**.

Access to UNHQ for participants attending side events in the margin of the session is **not** handled by the Protocol Office. Delegations are advised to contact UN Security Special Events Planning Unit (SEPU) at security_service_coordinator@un.org to request special event tickets (SETs) for side event participants.

Please note that it is not necessary to register in order to follow the meetings on webcast, which will be streamed on UN TV (<http://webtv.un.org>). Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated “Guidelines on eRegistration” and “Frequently Asked Questions” sections posted on the Protocol and Liaison Service website: www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings

Secondary Access Passes for the General Assembly Hall and second floor

For the first day of the session (9 March), access to the General Assembly Hall will require a regular delegate’s pass and a secondary access ticket. The access tickets are transferable strictly among members of a delegation only.

(a) Every **permanent mission** will be issued six (6) “GA Hall secondary access tickets” for access to the General Assembly Hall.

NOTE: VIP pass holders (Cabinet Ministers and above) and Permanent Representatives have access to this area without secondary access tickets at all times.

(b) Each **intergovernmental organization** will be issued two (2) “GA Hall secondary access tickets” for access to the General Assembly Hall.

(c) Each **UN specialized agency** will receive one (1) “GA Hall secondary access ticket” for access to the General Assembly Hall.

The above secondary access tickets will be distributed by the Protocol Office from 5 to 6 March 2026 between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm in Room S-0200 through the counter windows.

Safety and security regulations

Within United Nations premises, all persons are required to comply with safety and security regulations, as well as the rules and procedures of the organization. Any act that disrupts the normal functioning of the organization’s programmatic activities, such as public displays of any form, including, but not limited to, clothing, banners, placards or other written or visual means, as well as vocal/audio sounds, gatherings, or demonstrations of any kind, including passive, is not allowed.

All individuals present on the United Nations premises are expected to cooperate fully with United Nations security officers at all times. Refusal to comply with applicable regulations may result in temporary detention or removal from, or denial of access to, the premises in accordance with Section 10 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement and ST/AI/2019/5, entitled “Authority of United Nations Security Officers”.

Composition of Delegations

As announced in the Note Verbale dated 8 December 2025, participating States are invited to indicate the full composition of their delegation through the e-List of Participants module for the Commission in the e-deleGATE portal (under ECOSOC>> Commission on the Status of Women >> e-List of Participants)

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no later than 24 March 2026. Based on submissions received, a list of delegations will be issued as document E/CN.6/2026/INF/1. Submissions will only be accepted through the e-list of participants module and note verbales are not required.

Informal consultations

The deadline for the submission of draft proposals is 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 11 March 2026.