



Review theme: Women’s full and effective participation and decision making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls (Agreed Conclusions of the sixty-fifth session)

**Friday, 13 March 2026, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.
United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 4**

Overview

In accordance with its working methods, the Commission on the Status of Women, each year, will evaluate progress in the implementation of the Agreed Conclusions on a priority theme of a previous session, as its review theme, through an interactive dialogue that includes:

- (a) Member States of different regions, on a voluntary basis, presenting their lessons learned, challenges and best practices that identify means for accelerated implementation through national and regional experiences;
- (b) Ways to support and achieve accelerated implementation, including through addressing data gaps and challenges in the enhanced collection, reporting, use and analysis of data in regard to the theme, at the national, regional and global level.

Review theme at CSW70

The review theme of the Commission at its seventieth session in 2026 will be the agreed conclusions on “Women’s full and effective participation and decision making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”, adopted by the Commission at its sixty-fifth session, in March of 2021 ([E/CN.6/2021/L.3](#)). The review will be supported by the report of the Secretary-General on progress made at the national level on the review theme ([E/CN.6/2026/4](#)), drawing upon information received from 44 Member States and other sources.

The interactive dialogue will review implementation of the Agreed Conclusions that emphasized action in five key policy areas:

- strengthen normative, legal and regulatory frameworks;
- prevent and eliminate violence against women in public life;
- strengthen gender-responsive institutional reforms;
- increase the availability of high-quality financing in support of women’s participation in public life;
- strengthen women’s voice and leave no one behind in public life; and,
- address root causes of gender inequality and eliminate barriers to women’s full and equal participation.

Proposed format for the review

In order to enable an interactive dialogue, **12 Member States** will make voluntary presentations. Each voluntary presentation will be no more than **25 minutes**, including comments and questions from ‘partners, and brief responses by the presenting Member State. In order to enable an interactive dialogue, it is proposed that each presenting country identifies in advance **2 to 3 ‘partners’** to comment on its presentation in a constructive manner, including posing questions. The ‘partners’, could be invited based on ongoing cooperation with the presenting country, on similar experiences, or because they would seek to benefit from the lessons of the presenting country. Presenting Member States may also wish to consider inviting a United Nations entity and civil society organizations to contribute to the discussion from the floor.

Timetable

Presenting Member States were identified through their regional groups to allow sufficient time for consultations at the national level and preparation of the presentations. The following Member States have been identified through their regional groups, with the support of CSW Bureau members, to make voluntary presentations: Egypt, Namibia, and Nigeria (African States Group); Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, and Timor-Leste (Asia and Pacific States Group); Albania, North Macedonia, and Poland (Eastern European States Group); Chile and Dominican Republic, (Latin American and Caribbean States Group); and Spain (Western European and other States Group).

CSW70 has allocated two meetings on 13 March, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 – 6.00 p.m. in Conference Room 4 for the review, totaling 6 hours. Approximately 25 minutes will be allocated to each presentation (voluntary presentation, comments from ‘partners’, and responses from presenting country).

Voluntary presentations should:

- At national level, be prepared through a multi-stakeholder consultation.
- Focus on actions taken since March 2021 in response to the CSW65 agreed conclusions.
- Focus on lessons learned, challenges and best practices, covering one or more areas of the agreed conclusions.
- Be presented, if possible, by a team of up to 3 speakers, led by a senior Government official, and including a civil society representative, followed by comments/Q&A. The inclusion of visuals, such as a short video, pictures, or a PowerPoint presentation, is encouraged.

Outcome

The outcome of the discussion on the review theme will be in the form of a summary by the Chair of the Commission, prepared in consultation with the regional groups, through the members of the Bureau.