

# UN Commission on the Status of Women 2021

## CSW65

Due to the unique circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, and the implications it has on CSW65, specifically that meetings will take place virtually, that there is no expectation of travel to UN headquarters in NY and that subsequently no CSW65 grounds passes will be issued, the limit of 20 approved representatives per ECOSOC accredited organization is not relevant and will not be in effect for CSW65. Please note that this removal of the approval limit is entirely unique and specific to the virtual CSW65 due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the virtual format of the meetings, and would not, in any way, create a precedent.

ECOSOC accredited NGOs will be able to observe the CSW65 meetings via live webcast on <http://webtv.un.org/> which will be available in the six official UN languages and will have no restrictions on the number of viewers. Following the meetings via live webcast per se could also be done without registration in Indico, however the main benefit of registration in the specific case of CSW65 is information sharing, as approved registrants will receive direct email communications about CSW-related activities and updates leading up to and during the session, social media packages, information and invitations for specific events, including side events, as well as possible opportunities available to engage more closely with other ECOSOC accredited NGOs, Member States and UN entities.

The method of registration is the same as in previous years: individual NGO representatives register in Indico, and the Conference Focal Points of their organizations would then approve their registrations. We do have step-by-step tutorials for registration as well as for approval in case they could be helpful for new members/focal points: <https://indico.un.org/event/35605/page/0>

## NGO CSW Committee

All attendees must register to attend the parallel events through NGO CSW New York. They can register for free and access the platform during CSW to view the events or pay to become an Advocate in order to access the platform for a larger period of time. The platform will run events 24 hours a day to make them accessible to the world. Here are the directions on how to register: <https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw65/>

For more information about CSW, please visit: <https://www.unwomen.org/en/how-we-work/intergovernmental-support/commission-on-the-status-of-women>