



Notes from GWI Reps in NYC: Cities for CEDAW Virtual Meeting 9/12/2016

- ❖ NYC: What is the status of the city's *Gender Equity Action Plan*? How do we get involved?
- ❖ *Gender Equity Action Plan* holds accountable ALL departments of city government
- ❖ Executive Summary of Progress: Let's submit request to take action in coordination
- ❖ Key takeaways: obstacles and best practices
- ❖ How does GWI, through CEDAW, encourage and nurture a culture of equity?
- ❖ Climate change affects women and girls disproportionately. Women must be leaders in identifying problems related to climate change early on in the process and in implementing solutions.
- ❖ RE. Climate change and women: an interesting article on the Brookings Institute website - *A Framework for Building Resistance to Climate Change through Girls' Education Programming*.
- ❖ 36 states have environmental action plans so the new administration will not be able to affect them.
- ❖ More people are employed in solar than were employed in the coal industry.
- ❖ NYC Lead = Azadeh Khalili, ED NYC CSW: Who claims De Blasio is a "Progressive, feminist mayor"
- ❖ Est. a Commission on Gender Equity
- ❖ Codified into law in Sept; all levels of government involved
- ❖ R and D -- data collection: the real value add
- ❖ www.nyc.gov/genderequity -- for all publications, and research
- ❖ Challenges remain in NYC: NYC needs to ratify CEDAW
- ❖ Want to be deliberate with actions and strategies; aim = all agencies comply to CEDAW, and are then accountable to it
- ❖ City Council is currently working on language to pass CEDAW
- ❖ Elicia Reed: a grassroots researcher to make the case for CEDAW
- ❖ Any bill at the city-level needs a thirdparty data to ID the needs, gaps, issues
- ❖ Filling a void on data
- ❖ Sponsoring a bill, implement state-wide, create a best practice
- ❖ MELLER@CIVILRIGHTS.ORG
- ❖ The majority of votes from participants said they can pass CEDAW in their city. ❖ Majority said they wanted to help to connect to local advocates/organizers ❖ Will you join March 23% // 43% no; WHY this lack of interest?!
- ❖ cedawreport@ngocsw.org: email to use for follow-up

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