



# Advocacy report template

## GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of UN Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of UN low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of UN Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.

**Please bear in mind these three overarching, long-term goals in any UN intervention that you make on behalf of GWI. Any intervention should push these three goals further.**

**NB:** *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, UN Reps are also invited to promote GWI key messages on areas where especially relevant e.g. women in STEM, securing investment in women teachers, addressing barriers to girls' education such as child marriage.*

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### **Meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)**

ECOSOC Chamber; UN Headquarters NYC; 6/22/18

### **Consultations of the Committee (ECOSOC) with NGOs in Consultative Status with ECOSOC**

Speakers were selected on a first come, first speak basis - NGOs from NY. From Geneva, 2 Representatives from Asia.

**Subject of meeting:** Opportunity for NGOs to provide input to ECOSOC

**Refers to SDG no #: (please reference) - All**

Major Topics Covered:

### **1. Role of NGOs at the United Nations**

#### **Remove structural barriers that NGOs face:**

- a. Provide a dedicated space for NGOs at the UN.
  - b. Provide opportunities for NGOs to address Member States Delegates; there should be an NGO among each Member State Delegation.
  - c. Provide NGOs with a 'seat at the table". For example, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the largest commission at the UN, representing 257 NGOs, yet we have no representative present when member states are negotiating the final document that comes out of CSW. This is a change since the Beijing Document.
4. United States refusal to issue Visas to NGO members from certain countries.

## 2. Application Procedure to ECOSOC

- a. Update technology - webinars, webcasts; open more meetings to NGO observation.
- b. Provide clear guidelines for acceptance - need more transparency.
- c. All NGOs should have an opportunity to respond to questions/suspensions/rejections in a timely fashion.
- d. Designate an ECOSOC point person to answer questions.
- e. Have a local ECOSOC staff person available to answer questions for local NGOs.
- f. Set up a mentoring system - pair an NGO with consultative status with one seeking consultative status
- g. Provide an orientation for new NGOs.
- h. Be aware of member states who may make application process deliberately difficult.

## 3. Miscellaneous

- a. Achievement of the SDGs30 cannot occur without collaboration between member states and NGOs. NGOs should be seen as partners not adversaries.
- b. Need to host more meetings in a variety of locations other than just New York and Geneva, especially the South.
- c. Oral statements are given to empty rooms - this should be changed.

### **Intervention by GWI rep: (what you did)**

Disseminate to all.

### **How this serves GWI members:**

- a. Explain trends in development in this particular subject.
- b. Explain why these trends and developments are relevant to GWI and NFAs.
- c. Outline what needs to be done at international and national levels.

### **Next steps:(what needs to be done)**

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