

CSW63 Advocacy Summarised Report Template

Name : _____ **AGNES MASIIWA** _____

NFA represented : _____ **ZAUW** (Zimbabwe) _____

Personal area of interest/ experience

- Gender equality
- Education of the disadvantaged girl child
- Women empowerment

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GWI advocacy goals

Education for All

- **EMPHASISING** that access to education is both an internationally recognised human right, as well as a fundamental enabler to achieve economic growth, human development, peace and stability
- **RECOGNISING** that girls and women are particularly vulnerable and many need increased support to access quality secondary, tertiary and continuing education
- **ACKNOWLEDGING** that investing in education for girls and women through their life course is critical to reduce inequality and to stimulate development.

EMPHASIS ON SDG 4 (Education) AND SDG 5 (Gender Equality). Also SDG16 (Peace).

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Meetings (parallel event/side event/ caucus attended:

11 MARCH 2019

- GWI briefing Le Pain Quotidien (7 – 8 am)
- Opening of the session General Assembly Hall UNHQ (10 am to 1pm).
- GWI Parallel Event: *Holistic education for women empowerment in a rapidly changing world (1630 – 1800)*
- GWI Social dinner Ali Baba Restaurant from 7pm

12 MARCH 2019

- General Assembly: High-level Event on "Women in Power"
- FMG display
- Virtual reality tour - four Virtual Reality films on women's rights defenders, Theme - Courage to Question.

14 MARCH 2019

- GWI briefing Le Pain Quotidien (8 – 9 am)
- **Side events** - COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FOR WOMEN - Zimbabwe
- SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF ETHIOPIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS Ethiopia

19 MARCH 2019

- Side events - SUPPORTING SOCIAL PROTECTION, THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: THE CASE OF ANGEL OF HOPE FOUNDATION
- The Gambia and the Africa Sickle Cell Support Foundation -GAINING ACCESS TO BETTER HEALTH CARE

Subject of meetings:

- Women empowerment, education, sanitary wear, women leadership, health

Reference to SDG no #:

- 3, 4, 5, and 16

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETINGS:

- ✓ Rwanda case – supportive leadership, political will, rethinking men's and women's roles, curriculum development, breaking barriers in ICT, progress at policy level
- ✓ Uganda school focussing on classroom improvement, school effectiveness and professional development, inclusive education, global disparities on equal pay, womens earnings 24% less than men, significant achievements since Beijing conference of 1995
- ✓ The FLOW – finding lasting solutions for women, barrier to attending school, reusable sanitary wear
- ✓ How Women Leaders Change the World

- ✓ Future of Women's Leadership
- ✓ Mentoring of young women to strengthen their capacity to participate in politics
- ✓ Give priority to girls education
- ✓ Respect for gender equality
- ✓ Access to public services is the pillar for building resilience and sustainable social security for women and girls.
- ✓ Ethiopia's best practices on the contribution of health extension services, the development of child care centers in public institutions, hostel facilities for rural girls, and the development of one stop centers and rehabilitation and training centers for survivors of gender based violence in regards to women and girl's empowerment in Ethiopia.
- ✓ Video presentation doma people rare genetic condition young marriages. Issue of inheritance loss of property by widows. Awareness campaign on inheritance laws. To train chiefs wives as social protection champions in their communities
- ✓ Dr Gibson president sickle cell America - Common inherited blood disorder a Global problem. Not enough affordable drugs. Lobbying for new born screening to be mandatory. Stigma is big part of problem. Support is where it starts

RELEVANCE FOR GWI/NFAs

All events strongly aligned to women education, empowerment and gender equality

INTERVENTIONS MADE? (questions/comments etc)

- What are some of ways young Zimbabweans can do who are in diaspora
- Donors come and go. What will communities do when donors go to ensure sustainability
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PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

- Excellent presentations from all presenters. Good time management
- Very engaging events
- Touching emotional personal testimonies

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

- ✓ Yes attached below

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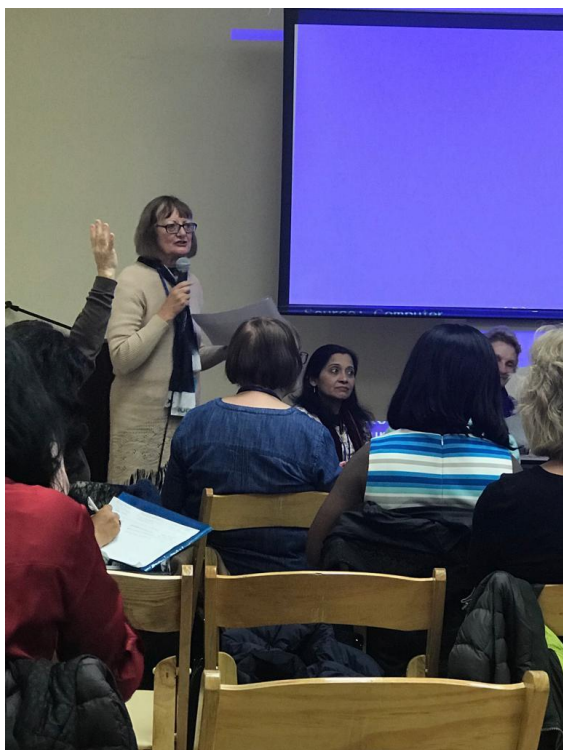
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Equality is our goal, access is our right

A bus to get to work. A clinic for health care. A monthly pension for old age. Some people can take these for granted. But many others suffer from deficits in infrastructure, public services and social protection that undercut their rights and well-being. Women and girls are often foremost among those who miss out.

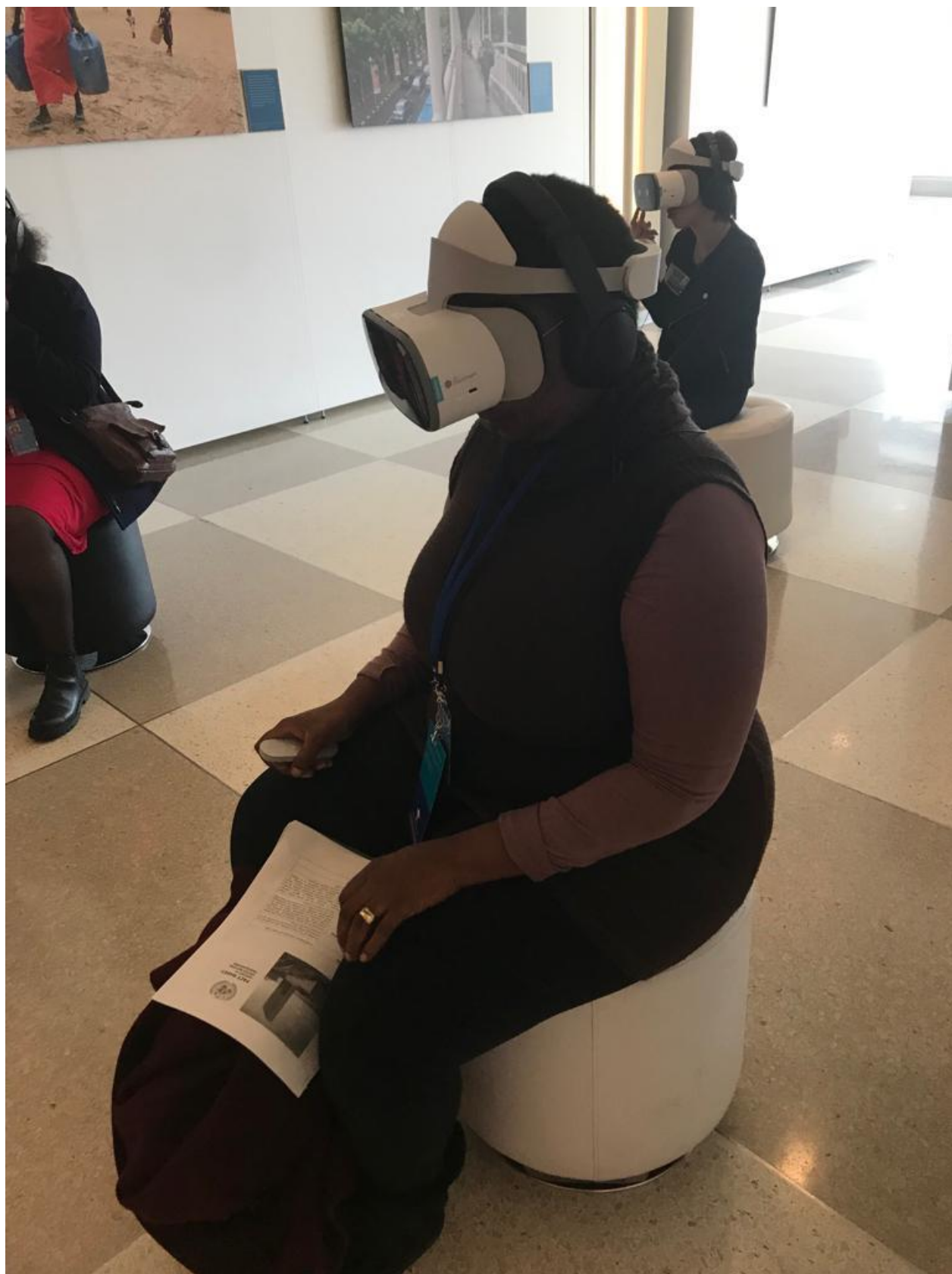
Progress in our world will only be possible if women and girls realize equal rights and opportunities to thrive. Globally agreed agendas for development call for closing the gaps. Meeting that goal requires recognizing that women and girls face particular barriers and have different needs. And then taking deliberate steps so that no woman or girl is left behind, regardless of where she lives or comes from.

Healthy, educated women who can safely and easily go to work, get their goods to market, light their homes, know that their children are well cared for and look forward to a decent retirement. These are among the fundamentals. Right now, equality is incomplete. But as this exhibit sponsored by UN Women shows, even as women and girls are still doing their best to cope with disparities, change is undeniably on the way. UN Women's work to advance women's and girls' rights around the world would not be possible without the financial support of more than 170 partners including Governments, United Nations agencies, private sector corporations, foundations and individuals, amongst others.



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MILLION
GIRLS AT RISK

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

The 68 Million exhibition is designed to encourage global community members to celebrate the successes that have been achieved over the past decades in the urgent global effort to eliminate female genital mutilation (FGM). The young women featured in this photography represent a new generation of leaders. Each one of them was born into a community that has traditionally practised FGM, and yet, after becoming educated about the risks of this harmful practice, they have become champions to end it.

JOIN THESE CHAMPIONS
AND PLEDGE YOUR COMMITMENT
TODAY TO ENSURE THAT
68 MILLION GIRLS ARE FREE FROM
FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION.

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Venue 4 W 43rd St, Blue Room

Date and time 11 March 2019

Name of meeting GWI Parallel Event: *Holistic education for women empowerment in a rapidly changing world*

Subject of meeting: 1. Case studies of Rwanda's holistic equality plan
2. Implementation of rights based approaches to enhance effective education of women
3. Policy and technology around sanitary dignity

Refers to SDG no #: 4 and 5

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING: 1. Rwanda case – supportive leadership, political will, rethinking men's and women's roles, curriculum development, breaking barriers in ICT, progress at policy level
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3. the FLOW – finding lasting solutions for women, barrier to attending school, reusable sanitary wear

RELEVANCE FOR GWI/NFAs

Yes major focus on women education and human rights which are the main causes for GWI

DID YOU MAKE ANY INTERVENTION? (questions/comments etc)

No

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

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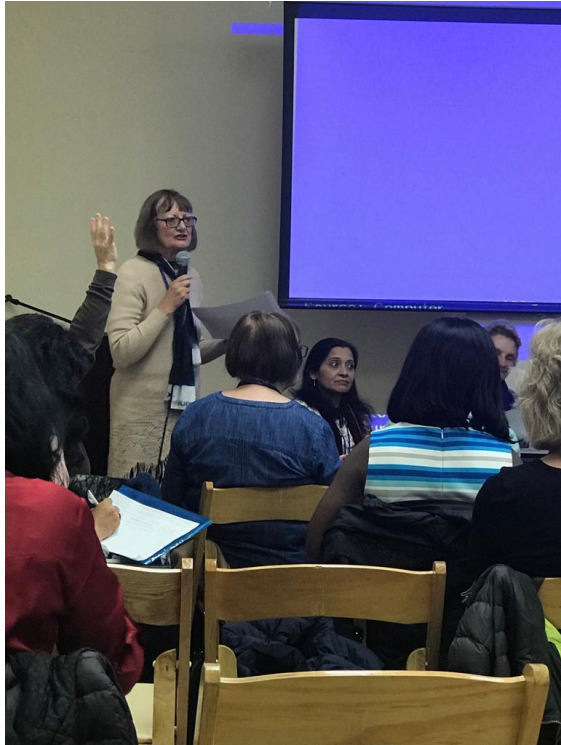
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Meeting (parallel event/side event/ caucus attended:

Venue CSW63 General Assembly overflow room

Date and time 12 March 2019

Name of meeting CSW63 Women in Power

Subject of meeting: Identification of barriers that hinder women's participation and leadership, and to share best practices that can accelerate women's empowerment in this area.

Refers to SDG no #: 5

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING:

How Women Leaders Change the World
Future of Women's Leadership
Mentoring of young women to strengthen their capacity to participate in politics
Give priority to girls education
Respect for gender equality

RELEVANCE FOR GWI/NFAs

Yes major focus on women education and gender equality

DID YOU MAKE ANY INTERVENTION? (questions/comments etc)

No

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

Real life testimonies from women activists from across the world.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

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Meeting (parallel event/side event/ caucus attended:

Venue UN HQ Conference Room D

Date and time 14 March 2019

Name of meeting COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES FOR BUILDING RESILIENCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FOR WOMEN – Zimbabwe

Subject of meeting:

Social protection systems access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender and the empowerment of women and girls.

Refers to SDG no #: 4 and 5

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING:

- ✓ Access to public services is the pillar for building resilience and sustainable social security for women and girls.
- ✓ Microfinance facilities for women
- ✓ Women's bank
- ✓ Several self-help projects

RELEVANCE FOR GWI/NFAs

Yes focus on gender empowerment

DID YOU MAKE ANY INTERVENTION? (questions/comments etc)

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PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

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Venue UN HQ Conference Room A

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Name of meeting SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE TO UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF ETHIOPIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS

Subject of meeting: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Refers to SDG no #: 4 and 5

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING:

- ✓ Ethiopia's best practices on the contribution of health extension services, the development of child care centers in public institutions, hostel facilities for rural girls, and the development of one stop centers and rehabilitation and training centers for survivors of gender based violence in regards to women and girl's empowerment in Ethiopia.

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Date and time 19 March 2019

Name of meeting SUPPORTING SOCIAL PROTECTION, THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES: THE CASE OF ANGEL OF HOPE FOUNDATION

Subject of meeting: WOMEN EMPOWERMENT - Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender and the empowerment of women and girls" Zimbabwe would like to showcase its successful social protection interventions through the work of The Angel of Hope Foundation spearheaded by the First Lady of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Her Excellency, Auxilia Mnangagwa.

Refers to SDG no #: 5

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING:

- ✓ Video presentation doma people rare genetic condition young marriages
- ✓ So far worked with 520 doma families
- ✓ Cervical screening starting with herself
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Yes focus on gender empowerment

DID YOU MAKE ANY INTERVENTION? (questions/comments etc)

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Venue UN HQ Conference Room A

Date and time 19 March 2019

Name of meeting The Gambia and the Africa Sickle Cell Support Foundation

Subject of meeting: GAINING ACCESS TO BETTER HEALTH CARE WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Refers to SDG no #: 16

KEY POINTS TAKEN FROM MEETING:

- ✓ Dr Gibson president sickle cell America
- ✓ Common inherited blood disorder
- ✓ Normal blood cell is round but with sickle its a C
- ✓ Global problem
- ✓ Not enough affordable drugs.
- ✓ Lobbying for new born screening to be mandatory
- ✓ Personal testimonies
- ✓ Relation between diabetes and sickle cell risk of double diagnosis as sickle cell has traits of diabetes
- ✓ 3% of new borns have sickle cell
- ✓ Appreciation of work being done
- ✓ Stigma is big part of problem
- ✓ Support is where it starts

RELEVANCE FOR GWI/NFAs

Yes issues of illness are more burdensome to women and they need support

DID YOU MAKE ANY INTERVENTION? (questions/comments etc)

No

- ✓ Raising awareness is important as disease has high impact
- ✓ Challenge of faith beliefs in Africa
- ✓ Every person responsible for creating awareness
- ✓ Testing critical
- ✓ Couples tear apart
- ✓ Bigger awareness next year CSW
- ✓ Managing through diet and managing stress
- ✓ How do we change mindsets

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