

**CSW67 Delegate Report Form : Entry # 19449****What is your name?**

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**What is your National Federation and Association or Independent Member country?**

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**What is the exact name and date of the session for which you are reporting?**

Engagement of religious and cultural leaders, challenges and opportunities in promoting gender equality and empowerment of rural women (parallel event Tues 7th)

**Which Beijing Platform for Action 12 Critical Areas for Action were covered? (select all that apply)**

- Women and the environment
- The girl child
- Human rights of women
- Education and training of women
- Women and poverty

**What Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) were covered? (Select all that apply)**

- SDG 1 – No Poverty
- SDG4 - Quality Education
- SDG5 - Gender Equality
- SDG6 - Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG15 - Life on Land

**What GWI Policy Resolution(s) could your attendance relate to? (select all that apply)**

- Child Marriage (2016)
- Building Peace through Women's Education (2019)
- Human Rights for Refugee and Refugee Women and Children (2019)

**Please indicate how the session relates to the local, national and/or international advocacy work of your NFA.**

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**Session Summary**

The man-up campaign is a global compact working with men and boys about their rights and responsibilities. Breaking the cycle of trauma - James is from Uganda was primary teacher. man-up in Uganda starting conversations to challenge the cultural norms ... where religious and local leaders' words are taken to be the truth (even where it is not) the gender equality workers were leaving them out of the conversation as they were perceived to be troublesome... workers were thrown out of schools by Bishop, who misunderstood, When they shared the curriculum with the leaders, they were allowed to continue. if the pastor says it's normal(including VAWG), then the community believes it. Hana Mosavie speaks about the engagement of leaders and the exponential growth of the population and links this to the global change speaker from the Ba'hai community (working at the consulate in NY). She talks of choice rather than male/female task allocation. It took a long time for people to believe that the earth goes around the sun... we are at a similar point about equality in general with all facets of discrimination... India had to pass a law to allow women to attend for prayers when menstruating. engaging religious leaders and changing their views leads the whole community.... much like Copernicus did way back when

**How can the session impact GWI members on local, national and/or international levels?  
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**Next steps: What needs to be done? Collaboration opportunities?:**

Sharing of lived events across various countries to educate those where new communities are developing, to ensure that unacceptable 'cultural norms' are not replicated

**Additional Comments**

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