



## **GW I UPDATE – 8 May 2024**

### **Commission on the Status of Women 68th session (CSW68) Special Edition**

CSW68, the United Nations' largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment took place this year between 11 and 22 March under the priority theme "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective."

To complement its active participation in CSW68, Graduate Women International (GWI) held an open member's Discussions Network dialogue within its global community of graduate women from 11 March to 4 April. The initiative fostered an exchange of ideas and insights among GWI members about how GWI can influence and advocate for women in the realm of gender-specific needs in financial policies and comprehensive and gender-responsive curricula.

GWI also received many comprehensive reports from its CSW68 delegates and attending members. These reports highlighted delegate attendance to CSW68 parallel and side events. Delegates gave insights on how their NFAs can work with local governments to promote gender equality and empower women. Access the CSW68 Parallel Events Summary [HERE](#).

Maureen E. Byrne, GWI United Nations Representative, New York, also submitted a comprehensive summary of the CSW68 from the perspective of a GWI United Nations Representative, which can be accessed [HERE](#).

GWI is pleased to inform you that Vice President, Advocacy, Shalia Rao Mistry, will be submitting a detailed report on the recent CSW68 session, highlighting GWI's active participation in multiple events. GWI encourages you to stay tuned for our upcoming Update newsletter, where you will find this comprehensive report.

Click [HERE](#) for the PDF version of the CSW68 Discussion and Delegate Reports.



Graduate Women International (GWI)

**68th Session of the  
Commission on the Status of Women**  
**GWI Discussion Network**

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**STATUS OF WOMEN**



11-22 March 2024

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**PRIORITY THEME**

Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.

— Dates and events —

6 - 24 May	Convention on the Rights of the Child
9 - 10 May	Forum on Science Technology and Innovation, New York
13 - 31 May	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day
11 July	GWI 105th Anniversary
10 - 13 Sept 2025	GWI 35th General Assembly and Conference

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