

CSW68 NGO Delegate Criteria

The proposed NGO delegate should meet the following criteria and expectations:

- Evidence of relevant experience and/or specialist expertise in the CSW priority theme.
 - The priority theme for CSW68 is: *“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.”*
 - The review theme is CSW63 which focused on social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure.
- Ability to provide advice to the delegation on opportunities and challenges relating to the priority theme.
- An understanding of the UN system and the international human rights legal framework.
- Experience engaging in high profile forums or negotiations is desired.
- Demonstrated excellence in networking.
- Credibility within New Zealand NGO communities.
- Willingness to actively contribute to the performance and capacity of the delegation, including attending briefings, side-events, forums, and other events and acting as a conduit between the delegation and independent NGO attendees.
- Be available for as long as the government delegation is in attendance at CSW.
- Willingness to fully participate in the delegation’s work programme and the negotiations on the Agreed Outcomes, noting that working hours at CSW are long and intensive across conflicting time zones.
- Commitment to disseminate information about CSW after the session’s conclusion.
- Willingness to sign a confidentiality and expectations agreement with the understanding that they will be bound by the same rules as government officials.

Responsibility for accommodation and flight bookings

The NGO delegate is supported by Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women to attend CSW68.

This includes financial reimbursement for the costs of flights, accommodation, travel, and medical insurance as well as meals and transport costs related to the NGO delegate’s participation in the delegation, of up to NZ\$7,000.

This will be reimbursed upon presentation of receipts, following the conclusion of CSW. No pre-payments will be available.

The selected delegate will be responsible for booking flights and accommodation, and will also need to provide evidence of travel and medical insurance arrangements.

Pre-CSW expectations

In preparation for CSW, the delegate will be expected to provide the delegation with advice on opportunities and challenges for New Zealand women in relation to the priority theme.

During CSW, the delegate will:

- Provide advice to the delegation on areas of relevance or concern and actively contribute to the performance and capacity of the New Zealand CSW delegation. This will include attending briefings, side-events, forums, and other events, providing daily briefings to the government delegation on events attended, and performing additional tasks as requested.
- Provide timely advice on opportunities and challenges for New Zealand women in relation to the priority theme to the head of the delegation, and other members of the delegation during CSW.
- Act as a conduit between the New Zealand delegation and New Zealand NGO's attending CSW independently, where required to keep them informed of the Government's work programme and the negotiations on the Agreed Conclusions.

Post-CSW expectations

Post-CSW, the delegate will be expected to share their experience with the New Zealand NGO community through networking opportunities.

The selected delegate should have wide and effective networks and the time and capability to share information about CSW and the Agreed Conclusions widely.

This may include making a presentation to the [International Women's Caucus](#) regular meeting.

All applications and enquiries regarding the application process must be submitted to: caucus@women.govt.nz