



Circular 6/2015

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To: GWI Leaders, National Leaders and all Members
From: GWI Headquarters
Subject: Call for Delegates to the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
in New York, 14 – 24 March 2016

The 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will meet in New York on 14 to 24 March 2016 (final dates to be confirmed by the UN). The priority theme will be **“Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development”**. The review theme posted to date is the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

Call for Delegates – Deadline 1st October 2015

NGO delegations for the official 60th CSW Session will be limited. GWI would like to invite members interested in participating to propose their candidacy. Individual delegates will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- EITHER current or recent professional/work experience related to women’s empowerment and education for sustainable development OR Strong experience with the UN advocacy/lobbying process;
- Strong knowledge of GWI programmes and priorities;
- Ability to make *ad hoc* oral presentations.

Please note: your application will only be considered if your NFA has paid its 2015 dues in full before your application is submitted.

Some places will be reserved for members of NFAs presenting parallel NGO events. One or two places may be reserved for high level experts. Priority will be given to members who are able to attend for at least 5 days.

Members who are interested in attending as part of GWI’s delegation, including those who have already expressed interest, should [download the application form](#) and send the completed form to lm@graduatewomen.org no later than **1 October 2015 at midnight Central European Summer Time (CEST)**. This early deadline for applications will give the successful candidates more time to complete the US visa application process.

Please note:

While delegation members will have access to the many side panels and workshops, there will be limited access to the official government sessions.

GWI does not have any funding available to assist with travel, accommodation, subsistence or other costs.