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The **69th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69)** will take place from **March 10-21, 2025, in New York**. Hosted by the **United Nations**, it focuses on reviewing progress in **gender equality and women's empowerment**, particularly in implementing the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)**.

What is the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)?

The **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995)** is a global roadmap for **gender equality**, adopted by **189 countries**. It highlights **12 key areas**, including **education, health, leadership, and violence against women**. CSW69 (2025) will review **30 years of progress**, assessing achievements and ongoing challenges in women's empowerment.

Physical Events to UN CSW 69 (Organized by BPW Affiliates in Asia Pacific)

Empowering Women in Economic through Education

Date: March 10, 2025

Time: 10:30-12:00pm

Location: CCUN 10th Floor

Organizers: BPW Taiwan with other NGOs

Event ID #16725



Empowering Women in Economic through Education

DATE & TIME: 03/10/ 2025 10:30~12:00 am EST

Place: CCUN 11th Floor

Moderator
Caroline Chou



Taiwan

- CEO of Silver Seed Guardian Co. Ltd
- Coordinator of Int'l Affair, BPW Taiwan
- President of TIWC (2012-2013)

Speaker
Dr. Herlin Chien



Taiwan

- BPW Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific 2024-2027
- Professor, National Pingtung University of Science and Technology

Speaker
Carolyn Savage



New Zealand

- MSDGs (Merit), MArch, BArch (Hons.), BAS, NZCD (Arch)
- BPW International Executive Secretary (2024-2027),
- BPW New Zealand Past President (2014-current)

Speaker
Larisa B. Miller



USA & UAE

- CEO, Phoenix Global Group Holdings, Inc.
- Author, columnist, and global speaker

Speaker
Sujata Tiwari



Malaysia

- Ambassador of AMDA(Malaysia Chapter)
- Author-Against All OddsNo Retakes, No manuals, Real Life Lessons



Organizer and Host:
Taipei Tenyuan Club,
BPW Taiwan



Co-Host:
Taipei International
Women's Club



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Guardian
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Pacific Women's Watch NZ
Working for Gender Justice



Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Goals

Date: March 10, 2025

Time: 12:30pm

Location: CCUN 10th Floor

Organizers: BPW Western Australia with other NGOs



UN CSW69 NGO CSW FORUM 2025
Economic Empowerment of Women Entrepreneurs
Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Goals

10th March, 12.30pm CCUN 10th Floor
777 United Nations Plaza, New York

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Irene Natividad, Global Summit of Women, USA
a global overview of women in leadership

Delia Domingo Albert, Chair, ASEAN Society Philippines
women in peace and security

Neelima Basnet, 1st Vice President UN, BPW International, Nepal, UK
women designing a sustainable future

Susan O'Malley, Past Chair, NGO CSW USA
how women live under conflicts - Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, Syria

Jesmeen Khera, International Women's Peace Group, Republic of Korea
solidarity and education are essential to building world peace and justice

Sara Azimi, Peivande Gole Narges, Iran
supporting women & orphan girls through training, education, social enterprise projects

Tiffany Larson, Days for Girls International, USA
unlocking the potential of women through locally-led menstrual health programming

Kelly Tallon Franklin, Courage for Freedom, Canada
women in organized crime and criminal justice systems

Kasey Venter, The Hope Project, Western Australia
critical need for crisis accommodation in Australia

Carol Hanlon, Belmont BEC (G100, BEC Global) BPW Business Incubator
TCF Global (TCF WA Inc. & TCF Australia) Western Australia
empowering women entrepreneurs through small business training & mentoring projects,
BPW business incubator, fashion sustainability, global export opportunities, G100 MSMEs

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10th March, 12.30pm CCUN 10th Floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York



Empowering Gender Equality: Breaking Barriers

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 13:30-14:30pm

Location: 313 East 43rd Street

Organizers: Permanent Mission of Malaysia, IFBPW

Breaking the Silence: Ending Stigma around Health and Violence

Date: March 12, 2025

Time: 10:30-12:00 pm

Location: CCUN 2nd Floor

Organizers: IFBPW, Taiwan Pink Mulan Association, Pink Africa Foundation

The poster features a pink and purple color scheme with a world map background. At the top, it displays the logos for the Tainan Pink Mulan Association and NGOCSW FORUM 69. The main title 'Theme BREAKING THE SILENCE: Ending Stigma Around Health & Violence.' is prominently displayed. Below this, a table provides event details: DATE (12th March 2025), VENUE (Church Center of the United Nations 2nd Floor, New York), and TIME (10.30am to 12pm). A section titled '- S P E A K E R S -' lists four speakers with their photos and biographies. On the left, a large photo of Chingwen Kao is shown with her name and role as Moderator. The speakers listed are Stella Kammiti, Dr. Dandison Nat Ebeh MD, MPH, Carolyn Savage, and Dr. Nchiewe Ani.

Theme
BREAKING THE SILENCE:
Ending Stigma Around Health & Violence.

DATE	VENUE	TIME
12th March 2025	Church Center of the United Nations 2nd Floor, New York	10.30am » 12pm

- S P E A K E R S -

Chingwen Kao
Founder President of Tainan Pink Mulan Association
Moderator

Stella Kammiti
Vice-President, Board of BPW Cyprus & Former Chairperson of the Standing committee for Legislation of BPW International.

Dr. Dandison Nat Ebeh MD, MPH
President, Aframerican Health advocacy and action Initiative Inc, USA.

Carolyn Savage
NZ Registered Architect MSDCs (Merit), MArch, BArch (Hons.), BAS, NZCD (Arch)
BPW International Executive Secretary (2024-2024), BPW New Zealand Past President (2014-current)

Dr. Nchiewe Ani
President, Pink Africa Foundation
Topic: Breaking the Silence: Empowering Breast Cancer-free Generations



Empowering Women through Education and Community Action

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Location: CCUN 11th Floor

Organizers: BPW Taiwan, Soroptimist International of Taipei Girl Power, Legacy Premier Foundation

Virtual Parallel Events to UN CSW 69 (Organized by BPW Affiliates in Asia Pacific)

Sexual Consent as Culture: Youth Leading Change

Date: March 12, 2025

Time: 8:30-10:00 am (EDT)

Location: Online

Organizers: BPW Japan

SEXUAL CONSENT AS CULTURE: YOUTH LEADING CHANGE

Register Here!



From "No Means No" to "Yes Means Yes," sexual consent has become significant to fostering a culture of respect. In western societies, many universities provide consent education, and legal frameworks increasingly define rape based on the absence of consent. In 2023, Japan revised its rape law to recognize consent, however sexual consent remains far from normalized within society. This event unites youth activists from different countries to discuss how young people can drive societal change and promote a culture of consent. Join us for engaging presentations, discussions, and fresh perspectives on building a society that says no to sexual violence.



DATE

Wed March 12th,
2025



TIME

8:30am - 10am (EDT)



LOCATION

Online(Zoom)

PANELISTS



Misha Cade

Misha Cade is a queer, half-Japanese Ph.D. student at The University of Tokyo conducting research on sexual violence and feminist student activism in Japan.

As an activist and the cofounder of Speak Up Sophia, a student organization that promotes sexual consent in Sophia University, they have hosted numerous consent and bystander intervention workshops across universities in Tokyo.



Aurora Pinelli

Aurora Pinelli is a law student in a joint program between Columbia Law School, Sciences Po Paris, and Université Paris-Sorbonne, specializing in transnational crime and war crimes.

She has worked on conflict-based sexual violence in Bosnia and Herzegovina and researched sexual crimes committed by the Burmese regime against the Rohingya. Aurora represented Italy at the Fora Global Summit on gender equality, participated in the 2023 CSW, and founded Legal Change, an NGO fostering diversity in the legal profession.



Ismini Drososforifi

Ismini Drososforifi is passionate about driving impact through both investment and advocacy.

At Epagon VC, she focuses on frontier tech companies dedicated to tackling challenges around the most basic human needs. Additionally, she is championing menstrual equity in Greece, collaborating with Women on Top and Deon Policy Institute to ensure affordable, safe, and accessible period products for all.

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Agenda

1. Opening
2. Presentation from an activist in Japan - How youths are changing Japanese society to make sexual consent a culture
3. Panel Discussion with youth activists
4. Q&A
5. Closing

※Questions will be accepted via the Zoom chat.
※Please keep your audio muted throughout the event.



CSW

The United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meets annually in March at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, where government representatives and NGOs convene to discuss and resolve issues related to gender equality and the necessary actions to address them.

This event is one of the parallel events taking place alongside CSW69 (the 69th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women).

BPW

BPW stands for Business and Professional Women. The Japan BPW Federation is dedicated to advancing the status of working women. It was officially certified as a Tokyo Metropolitan Government-recognized NPO in 2017 and obtained special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2023.

This event is planned and organized by the CSW69 intern members of the Japan BPW Federation.

MODERATOR & ORGANIZER Japan BPW Federation CSW69 Interns



Momoko Yokoi

Momoko Yokoi is a director of NGO Mimosas, focusing on sexual violence prevention education and advocacy for youth in Japan. She holds a BA in International Relations from Sophia University and has 4.5 years of experience in sales at Cisco Systems. During her undergraduate studies, she co-founded Speak Up Sophia, an organization dedicated to promoting awareness of sexual consent on campus. At Cisco, she took on a leadership role in Women of Cisco, a global community empowering women in IT, from her second year.



Chifumi Tanzawa

Chifumi Tanzawa produced a documentary on sexual violence in Japan during her time at university. Upon graduation, she worked alongside director teams from Korea and Japan to create and present Teleporting, a documentary that explores feminist issues between the two nations, with the objective of fostering dialogue and raising awareness of social issues. In addition to her career as a company employee, she is an active member of the third cohort of the general incorporated association GENCOURAGE.

National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Japan

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