

**BPW United Nations STANDING COMMITTEE
HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT 2023
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Last month we welcomed two new members to this group, Kelly Tallon Franklin (Canada) and Thalita Verônica Gonçalves e Silva (Brazil). This has brought a new focus and enthusiasm into the group. We work under a shared leadership model.

To work together the group has set up regular meetings through Zoom and a WhatsApp Group for notices and quick conversations. We have a shared drive on Google Docs to share key documents and we are in the process of setting up a shared calendar of upcoming Human Rights Meetings / Events and who will be reporting back on these in the shared drive.

To share our work with others we will be producing a quarterly newsletter – the first one for this new team is due in November (2023). We are currently in the process of developing this.

We also rotate our reporting back to the broader standing committee so that everyone has the opportunity to meet other Standing Committee Members and report on our work. We also rotate the chairing of each meeting. We are hoping to get some admin support in the near future to assist with note-taking setting up meetings etc.

Goals and Way Ahead

As Congress approaches, the focus of this group is to set to what we can achieve for the next year.

Where this group found key focus areas were :

- Forced Migration
- Climate Justice
- Human Trafficking

Our aim is not to duplicate other standing committees' / groups' work – but to enhance, strengthen, and support these groups. For example, we will work with the CSW group to ensure that the Human Rights language is present in the CSW Outcomes Documents. We will actively seek out other BPW members who work in specific areas to share a human rights perspective and we will report back on the multiple meetings we attend and follow. Our aim is to enhance and inform the broader work of International BPW.

There are multiple points of intersection where from a human rights lens we can raise awareness, and bring unique insights and information to BPW International and national members.

In the next 3 months, we will be developing 1-page information sheets, including:

- Why is Forced Migration a Human Rights Issue
- How is Climate Justice a Human Rights Issue
- How is Human Trafficking a Human Rights Issue
- What are some of the UN Processes and procedures and how do they intersect with the issues we are working on
- The issue(s) of pushback on Human Rights

These papers will cover definitions, and main issues and will clearly outline in simple language why we are working in these areas. These will also serve to share information with the various other standing committees.

We have also discussed

- Training and information sharing through webinars and training sessions – this will be further explored given the current workload and tasks.