

11 November 2016

Dear ECOSOC-accredited NGOs,

You are invited to participate in the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held from 13 to 24 March 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme is “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of work”. The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its fifty-eighth session in 2014 on “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls”.

Limitations on the number of participants per organization

Your organization may pre-register up to 20 individuals. We kindly ask that organizations keep the numbers to a minimum because of increasing demands on limited space.

Pre-registration deadlines

11 November 2016 to 27 January 2017

All participants must be pre-registered by 27 January 2017. Once all required information has been entered into CSO-Net, a letter confirming the participant’s pre-registration can be printed and used in obtaining a visa, if necessary.

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The address where the participant will be staying in New York during the session needs to be added in the system prior to onsite registration. Once this information has been entered, a grounds pass form can be printed. Participants will be required to show these forms at onsite registration.

The United Nations will not facilitate arrangements, or pay for any costs, such as travel, visa or accommodation expenses, for participants. Such arrangements and costs are the exclusive responsibility of the participants. The United Nations does not charge fees for participation in the Commission on the Status of Women sessions.

Please note that participants are advised to submit their visa applications with the United States' authorities at least three (3) months in advance of the session to allow sufficient time for processing. The United Nations will not send copies of invitation letters or confirmation letters to U.S. embassies.

Additional information about the session, its organization of work, meetings and documentation, will be shortly available at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw61-2017>. More information on NGO participation in the session can be found on the CSW website at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation> .

If you have any questions, please contact us at csw@unwomen.org .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lopa Banerjee', written in a cursive style.

Lopa Banerjee
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