



Summary of Meeting Decisions

UN Women, CSW Women's Rights Caucus, Global Trade Unions
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Present: Yvette Kathurima (FEMNET), Shannon Kowalski (International Women's Health Coalition), Rachel Moussie (ActionAid), Vicky Smallman (Canadian Labour Congress), Sandra Vermuyten (Public Services International), Kate Lappin (Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development).

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1. **Partnership with Uber** – UN Women has decided not to proceed with a partnership with Uber. They will ask for the logos to be removed from the Uber website and have clarified through the media that UN Women is not entering into a partnership with Uber.
2. **Trade Union Engagement** – Trade Union representatives will be added to the Civil Society Advisory Groups at national, regional and international level, providing an entry point for representation; the mechanism for adding TU representatives will be transparent and consultative with CSAGs and TUs.
3. **Selection of Private Sector Partnerships** – UN Women will provide the Women's Rights Caucus and Trade Unions and CSAGs with the Common UN guidelines to select Private Sector partners. Civil Society will be able to provide feedback on the principles, which may include, inter alia, labour rights inclusive of collective bargaining rights.
4. Civil Society will also provide input on the partnership selection process and propose methods to monitor private sector compliance with the principles once selected.
5. **Women's Empowerment Principles** – Civil society will provide feedback on the WEPs and how to strengthen them to reflect the full range of women's human rights in the principles. UN Women will work with Civil Society to develop mechanisms for accountability for WEP signatories.

6. **CSW60: Economic Rights** – Civil society will be engaged in preparation for CSW60 and Trade Unions can join caucuses and other spaces available to civil society so as to play a key role in the session, particularly on economic empowerment discussions and issues. The focus will not revolve around an instrumental approach to women as economic growth vehicles. A balanced approach on the role of the private and public sector will be discussed, including the importance of public policies.
7. **General Assembly High Level Event** – UN Women will issue a communique about the September GA HL Event to states and to civil society that emphasizes the importance of engaging civil society in identifying priority commitments to be announced during the GA. CSAGs will play a role in preparing for the GA event and input on the processes and content.
8. **CSW Processes** – Pre-negotiations did not prove to be an effective or inclusive method during CSW59. UN Women will endeavor to advise Member States to retain the practice of negotiations during the Commission sessions. Additionally, UN Women through its Regional Offices will provide support for CSOs to participate at regional preparatory meetings and advance these positions while in New York during CSW.
9. **Civil Society Advisory Groups** – Working methods will be reviewed to ensure CSAGs are a more effective vehicle for substantive advice and communication across national, regional and global civil society.
10. **CSAG Support** – UN Women will seek to strengthen its Civil Society Section with more resources.
11. **Private Sector Advisory Group** – UN Women will endeavour to diversify the Private Sector Leadership Advisory Group, to include women-owned and led businesses, enterprises and cooperatives of all sizes. Civil society will be able to provide suggestions of potential candidates.
12. **Broadening Consultation** – UN Women will work to ensure closer consultation with women's movements on a more ongoing basis, including through the use of online consultations and other technology.
13. UN Women will seek opportunities to engage representatives of unions and civil society through technical advisory groups and other mechanisms for providing feedback on specific projects and policy research activities.