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## CSW 68 Overview



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# CSW68 Themes

- **Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective
- **Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session)

# CSW68 Expert Papers

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024/preparations/expert-group-meeting>

Leia Achampong, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Climate Change,  
Eurodad

Gender-responsive climate finance: the key to just climate action and  
tackling inequalities

# **Zonta International's Statement to the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

## **3 Goals**

### **Ensuring equal access to quality education at all levels.**

- Addressing barriers to girls' education, including strong cultural norms that favor boys' education and delegate household obligations to girls, inadequate sanitation facilities in schools, unsafe school environments, gender-based violence and child marriage.
- Ensuring girls' access to quality education at all levels, improving retention rates, supporting interventions that encourage girls to enroll in school and make the transition from primary to secondary school, and addressing the unique needs of young married girls to allow them to return to school and complete their education.
- Recognizing and elevating the voices of adolescent girls through formal and informal educational opportunities and community initiatives.

### **Expanding access to information and communications technology.**

- Ensuring universal access to the internet.
- Addressing specific barriers to women's access to the internet, including cost, service quality and digital skills and competencies.
- Investing in digital skills education for women and girls, so they can fully and freely access the internet and participate online.
- Increasing investments in girls' education and support STEM Education and digital skills development for girls at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels to ensure lifelong access to learning opportunities and economic and employment opportunities of the future.

### **Addressing the immediate and long-term impacts of climate change on women and girls.**

- Actively taking into account human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in defining and implementing national climate action plans, including gender-responsive measures that are more effective and respectful of human rights.
- Upholding the principles of climate justice agreed to in the Paris Agreement and ensuring that the most marginalized groups do not bear the brunt of the climate crisis.
- Ensuring that climate adaptation and mitigation plans address the unique needs of women and the barriers to women's full participation in the economy, including childcare and elder care services, occupational segregation, informal work, the gender pay gap, and legal and social restrictions.
- Recognizing the importance of women as decision-makers, educators, caregivers, community leaders and experts across sectors and utilizing their unique perspectives and expertise to develop successful, long-term strategies to address climate change.

# CSW68 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
POVERTY**



**EDUCATION AND  
POVERTY**



**WOMEN'S POVERTY &  
CLIMATE CHANGE**



**GENDER BIAS IN  
ECONOMIC POLICY**



**DEBT CRISIS & IMPACT  
ON WOMEN**

# ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



CSO REPRESENTATION &  
ENGAGEMENT



GENDER PARITY IN  
UN SYSTEM



FEMININE LEADERSHIP



ACHIEVING SDG 5 -  
GENDER EQUALITY



MEMBER STATE PRIORITIES



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ORIENTATION SESSIONS



ARTISAN FAIR



MORNING BRIEFINGS



VIENNA CAFE



IN PERSON & VIRTUAL  
PARALLEL EVENTS



NETWORKING  
RECEPTION



REGIONAL CAUCUSES



CONVERSATION  
CIRCLES



HEALING &  
COMMUNITY SPACE



EXHIBIT BOOTH



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