



**EVALUATION REPORT  
FOR  
THE 60th SESSION OF  
THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION  
ON  
STATUS OF WOMEN**



## EVALUATION REPORT OF UN CSW60

### I. INTRODUCTION

Monitoring and evaluation (M&E) is a process that helps improve performance and achieve results. Its goal is to improve current and future management of outputs, outcomes and impact, assess the performance of projects, programmes and processes. Moreover, it establishes links between the past, present and future actions.

This report was prepared according to the answers of the D20's. In the questionnaire, there are 16 questions. The major goal of this study is to determine the problems that our delegates have faced on the process of CSW60 and take necessary measures in order to realize a more successful process management for CSW61.

We have 20 delegates including President Yasmin and VP Arzu Özyol. Our delegates from Kore, Insil Lee, didn't participate in the CSW60 Process. Fourteen participants over 17 delegates, were involved in the evaluation process. No one from the BPW International Executive Board, involved in the survey.

**Table 1: Contribution of the Delegates**

| Name of the Delegate       | Reports | Evaluation Form | Clarification            |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Ira Sharma Prasai          |         | +               |                          |
| Carol Hanlon               |         |                 |                          |
| Masako Hanasaki            | +       | +               | 3 Reports were submitted |
| Mayhsing H. Yang           |         | +               |                          |
| Theresa Igweani            | +       |                 | 1 report was submitted   |
| İpek İşbitiren             |         | +               |                          |
| Giuseppa Bombaci           | +       | +               | 3 Reports were Sumitted  |
| Pia Petrucci               |         | +               | PPT FOR CSW60            |
| Cristina Visconti          | +       | +               | 1 Report was submitted   |
| Marcella Desalvo           | +       | +               | 3 Reports are submitted  |
| Maria Socratos             | +       | +               | 1 report was submitted   |
| Boleslawa M. (Lesh) Witmer | +       |                 | 1 report was submitted   |
| Kathy Kelly                | +       | +               | 3 Reports were submitted |
| Jenny Gulamani Abdulla     |         |                 |                          |
| Margarida Yassuda          | +       | +               | 6 Reports were submitted |
| Beatriz Rosa               | +       | +               | 3 Reports were submitted |
| Marta Susana Solimano      |         |                 |                          |

## **II. RESULTS FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRE**

You will find the results of the questionnaire below:

### **1- Have you ever been a part of the CSW Processes in the past?**

14 participants answered Question 1. 9 of them have been a part of the CSW Processes previously and 5 of them haven't been (64%Yes; 36%No)

### **2- How would you evaluate the nomination process?**

14 participants answered Question 2. 9 Participants evaluated the nomination process as very succesful and 5 participants evaluated the nomination process as succesful (64% Very Succesful; 36% Succesful)

### **3- If your answer is "not bad" or "unsatisfactory", please write provide your recommendations.**

N/A

### **4- How would you evaluate the registration process for CSW60?**

14 participants answered Question 4. 11 Participants evaluated the nomination process as very succesful and 3 participants evaluated the nomination process as succesful (79% Very Succesful; 21% Succesful)

### **5- If your answer is "not bad" or "unsatisfactory", please provide your recommendations.**

N/A

### **6- What do you think of the on-line Orientation Programme?**

14 participants answered Question 6. 12 Participants evaluated the nomination process as very succesful and 2 participants evaluated the nomination process as succesful (86% Very Succesful; 14% Succesful)

### **7- If your answer is "not bad" or "unsatisfactory", please provide your recommendations.**

N/A

**8- How many BPW Side and Parallel Events did you attend?**

14 participants answered Question 6. 6 participants (%43) participated in more than 7 side and/ or parallel BPW events; 5 participants ( % 36) participated in 4-6 side and/ or parallel BPW events and 3 participants (%21) participated in 1-3 side and/ or parallel BPW events.

**9- Please assess the side events that you participated in, from 4 to 1 (4 being the highest).**

1. Women in Water Diplomacy
2. Empowering Women in Small Business through Online Training & Mentoring that develops Sustainable Enterprises Providing Social, Environment & Economic Community Benefits
3. Closing the Pay Gap
4. Child and Forced Marriages
5. Women in the Corporate World: Impact and Influence
6. Empowering Women through Government and Corporate Procurement Policies and Financial Inclusion
7. Women’s Role and Involvement in Measuring the Progress with the SDG6: How Can NGO’s, Women’s Organizations and Academics work Together for Complementary Monitoring and Reporting on Water and Gender Issues
8. More than a Mother. Women Empowerment through Access to Health Care and Change of Mind Set
9. Women, Sustainable Development and ICT: How Big Data, Open Source and Citizens Data by Using ICT Can Enable Women in Monitoring of and Contributing to Water Resources Management and Delivery.

**TABLE 2: Evaluation of Side Events**

| SIDE EVENTS |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Participation Rate | Grade |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------|-------|
| 1           | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | 4 | 4 | 86%                | 44    |
| 2           | 3 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 3 | - | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | - | 50%                | 25    |
| 3           | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | - | 4 | - | 4 | 86%                | 44    |
| 4           | - | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 4 | - | 4 | 3 | 57%                | 27    |
| 5           | - | 3 | 4 | - | 3 | 4 | 3 | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | 64%                | 32    |
| 6           | - | 3 | - | - | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 43%                | 19    |
| 7           | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 14%                | 6     |
| 8           | - | 3 | 4 | 3 | - | 4 | - | - | - | 3 | 4 | - | 4 | 3 | 57%                | 28    |
| 9           | - | 3 | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | 29%                | 13    |

**10-Please assess the morning sessions.**

14 participants answered Question 6. 5 participants evaluated morning sessions as very successful (%36); 8 participants (%57) evaluated morning sessions as successful and 1 participant (%7)evaluated morning sessions as not bad.

**11-If your answer is “not bad” or “unsatisfactory”, please provide your recommendations.**

The delegate who evaluated the morning sessions as “not bad” thought that it would be better to have meetings sometime in the evening to discuss the draft proposals so we can give our comments during the morning briefings at the UN.

**12- Please assess on-line CSW60 handbook?**

14 participants answered Question 6. 9 participants evaluated CSW60 Handbook as very successful (%64); 5 participants (%36) evaluated morning sessions as successful.

**13- If your answer is “not bad” or “unsatisfactory”, please provide your recommendations.**

N/A

**14- What do you think for the services that were provided by the UN Administrator?**

14 participants answered Question 14. 5 Participants (%36) evaluated the services that were provided by the UN Administrator as very succesful and 9 participants (%64) evaluated the services that were provided by the UN Administrator as successful.

**15- Please provide comments on your answer. (Why she is very successful? or Why she is not successful?)**

The all comments of our delegates are as follow:

- She was always available, worried in solve our problems and answer our questions.
- She looked for the answers she didn't know. I think that we always have how become better.
- I'm not in position to answer correctly because I met her in few opportunities. But she was very active and positive.
- Everything was organised accurately and using every technological resource, in a simple way.
- English, quick thinker, solution driven, talkative, humanist, smiling face, handling multicultural environment, structured, follower
- Organized, Cooperative, Managed

- Ayca was a huge asset to the success of CSW60. We received information in timely, manageable increments.
- She was extremely prompt responding to questions and keeping us on track in NYC.
- I was especially impressed with Ayca's personal knowledge of women's issues. I hope she will be involved with IFBPW for years to come!
- The content of her service was very rich, timely and appropriate for my needs
- Her efforts made it easier for members to understand what was going on and made participation less difficult because she briefed us on the workings of the UN
- She prepared our minds and told us what to expect. It was very enlightening and useful.

#### **Improvement areas:**

She should be more involved in the wrap up and planning sessions. She should be directing the delegates regarding the contents on BPW and other events.

#### **16- Please provide any recommendations you might have to increase the effectiveness of BPW International in UN CSW Processes?**

12 delegates answered the Question 16 to increase the effectiveness of BPW International in UN CSW Processes. The comments are below:

- BPW International should cooperate with the Regional Coordinators and Regional UN Reps more to disseminate the information on CSW's.
- I think that every speaker should prepare a report on the issue deepened, indicating the goals for the future and the actions to achieve them.
- Being a delegate in CSW should be a continuous work. The applications should be taken for at least three successive CSW. The delegates should be chosen immediately after the finish of the previous one and they should intensively be involved on the developments in UN throughout the year.
- Reporting templates should be given in the beginning of CSW, so that everybody has the same mindset.
- Task assignments should be done to each delegate and pre-meetings before arriving NY should be realised via Skype or other online tool.
- There is a huge step compared to last year, there is also a good way for improvement.
- Speakers has to add an event from each countries' participants.
- Francesca Burrack organized trips to a Broadway musical, to Harlem and a few dinners out. This social interaction is always so important to share ideas, understand our cultural points of view, and of course to become closer BPW sisters. I would recommend the Executive consider additional resources for social interaction that aren't mandatory but at least communicated broadly so no one feels they were left out.

- Every year the process to attend the CSW is improving, easier and understandable to the members who are the first time at CSW. Thank you!
- More young members should be among the delegates and evening meetings.
- Be prepared to write the official IFBPW statement collectively as soon as possible as well as make sure we are registered for oral statements (collective and individual ones).
- I thank you for that everything has been done very well. Personally to even such a member who was not so familiar with the UN event or pretty new participant as a BPW member like me, I could easily follow the processes I got, except, I am sorry, the delay of this evaluation.
- However one thing I would like to ask. What I am going to ask here might not be appropriate. But it seems that there is not found any place and any chance to ask concerning the way of presentation of BPW side event and parallel event. If the speakers give the resumes or something like that of speech to the audiences, it would be very helpful for us to understand since they contain such wonderful contents. And if there would be some more time to discuss the issues during event, my thought would be much more deepened by the discussion and by which being much more inspired which would also remind me the importance of action as well from the foundation of women' issues.
- I suggest that a formal document intended to orientate all BPW members on the overview of the working of the UN and specifically on "Attending CSW" be put together by BPW International for federations/ clubs to use as orientation materials in their countries during meetings long before CSW. This way, every member will have a feel of it, know what to expect and pay attention to important details and those attending CSW any year will find it easier to fit into the programme and benefit much more within the short period.
- I strongly recommend that selection of delegates should be made from BPW members who have previously attended CSW parallel events. First-timers should attend only parallel events in the first year of attendance and then be given opportunity of being delegates in their second and third years of attending. This way they will understand what is going on and be better positioned to participate effectively to the benefit of BPW.

### III. CONCLUSIONS BY DR. ARZU ÖZYOL, VP UNITED NATIONS, BPW-INTERNATIONAL

60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women was realized in the NY HQ of the UN in 14 – 24 March 2016. The priority theme of the Session was determined as “Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development”.

Resolution 70/1 was adopted by the General Assembly on 25 September 2015 and a new agenda under the title of “Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” has been entered into force. This agenda, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom. We recognize that eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development.

The SDGs seek to build on the Millennium Development Goals and complete what they did not achieve. They seek to realize the human rights of all and to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. They are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental. The SDGs and targets will stimulate action over the next 15 years in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet. New Universal Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (with 169 targets). **Sustainable Development Goal 5** is designed according to the results in advancing gender equality that have achieved by the UN since its creation 70 years ago through the adoption of various landmark agreements such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The priority theme of “Women’s Empowerment and the Link to Sustainable Development” which helped to frame, spell out and contextualize gender equality issues in conjunction with the 2030 Agenda had special cross-sectoral intersections. Both the general debate and the plenary round tables of the first ever ministerial segment of CSW, focused on the implementation areas outlined in the Secretary-General’s Report prepared by UN Women, but also highlighted the emphasis Member States put on different themes and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as enablers and beneficiaries of gender equality and the empowerment of women (GEWE) achievement.

The landmark set of Agreed Conclusions<sup>1</sup> on the priority theme was established detailed, progressive, value added and positive commitments and trajectory to effectively implement and monitor the progress of the historic gender equality compact contained in the entire 2030 Agenda in conjunction with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BDPfA).

20 Delegates and many members of BPW International from different continents, regions and countries attended in UN CSW60. Long term preparation is key for to adapt our members in order to strength our influence on the outcomes of the CSW processes through successful advocacy and lobbying strategies. However, we have started our works for CSW 60 in the beginning of October. The

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<sup>1</sup> Please Visit:

<http://www2.unwomen.org/~media/headquarters/attachments/sections/csw/60/csw60%20agreed%20conclusions%2024march.pdf?v=1&d=20160415T171708>

<http://www2.unwomen.org/~media/field%20office%20africa/attachments/publications/2016/03/clinching%20the%20gender-responsive%20implemenation%20of%20the%202030%20agenda%20-%20final%20-%202025%20april1.pdf?v=1&d=20160426T150728>

main difference from the previous years is that this year we introduced on-line orientation program for our delegates and members. 2 months-long program includes 10 modules about the history of CSW, Collaboration of CSW and NGO's, Participation of NGO's in CSW Processes, BPW International and UN, General Tips for the delegates to realize effective participation, Themes of CSW 60, Official Programs of the UN and NGO CSW and Program of BPW International. I am happy to inform you that our on-line orientation program which developed for CSW 60, were shared with the Ministry for Women in New Zealand and these were then shared by the Ministry with all the NGO who were attending CSW60 from New Zealand.

The 6th Question of the Questionnaire is about the On-line Orientation Program. ***%86 of the participants evaluated the nomination process as very successful while 14% of them evaluated as successful.*** I am happy to announce that we are planning to start on-line advocacy training program for our members that includes almost 12 Chapters on UN Principal Organs, Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights, UN Women's World Conferences in UN Decade for Women, Key UN Treaties on Gender Equality, Critical Areas of Concern, Key points for realizing effective participation in CSW Processes, UN Language, The intergovernmental CSW processes, Themes of CSW61 Processes, Official Program of the UN for CSW61, Program of NGO CSW for CSW61 and Program of BPW International for CSW61.

We arranged 9 side/parallel events in the framework of SDG 5 which addresses to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls depending on 10 different targets.

- Women in Water Diplomacy (SDG's 5.7 and 6.2)
- Empowering Women in Small Business through Online Training & Mentoring that develops Sustainable Enterprises Providing Social, Environment & Economic Community Benefits (SDG 5.9)
- Closing the Pay Gap (SDG 5.7)
- Child and Forced Marriages (SDG 5.3)
- Women in the Corporate World: Impact and Influence (SDG 5.5)
- Empowering Women through Government and Corporate Procurement Policies and Financial Inclusion (SDG 5.9 and WEP's 5)
- Women's Role and Involvement in Measuring the Progress with the SDG6: How Can NGO's, Women's Organizations and Academics work Together for Complementary Monitoring and Reporting on Water and Gender Issues? (World Water Assessment Program (WWAP) of UNESCO, SDG5.9 and SDG6)
- More than a Mother. Women Empowerment through Access to Health Care and Change of Mind Set (SDG's 5.6 and 3.2)
- Women, Sustainable Development and ICT: How Big Data, Open Source and Citizens Data by Using ICT Can Enable Women in Monitoring of and Contributing to Water Resources Management and Delivery (SDG's 17.18, 5.7 and 6.2)

When you can evaluate the answers of Question 8 and Question 9 (Table 2), you can see that almost ***%80 of our members have attended more than %50 percent of our Side and/or Parallel Events.*** According to the answers of Question 9 shows us most of them have attended the events that have been realized in the 1st week. However, ***we should start planning earlier to find appropriate meeting venues for the 1st week of CSW61.***

According to the answers to the question 10 which assesses the morning sessions. ***%36 of the participants evaluated morning sessions as very successful while %57 of the participants evaluated morning sessions as successful and 1 participant (%7) evaluated morning sessions as not bad.*** The

answers have shown us we have to find the meeting venue to realize more efficient morning sessions. We need supports of our NY UN Representatives to find a meeting venue for the morning sessions which is close to the United Nations with affordable price.

It is very nice to see ***the positive comments of our delegates for the services that were provided by the UN Administrator Ayça Mazman***, although it was the trial period of her (please see the answers of the Question 15). I am sure that she will consider the advice from one of our delegate as “involving in the Wrap up and planning sessions to direct the delegates regarding the contents on BPW and other events, for the next year. Because our goal is providing an “absolute satisfaction for all the members” without exception.

According to the comments which were mentioned by our delegates for the open-ended Question 16, the points we have to consider during the preparations of CSW 61 are below:

- BPW International should cooperate with the Regional Coordinators and Regional UN Reps more to disseminate the information on CSW's.
- More social events should be prepared to share ideas, understand our cultural points of view, and of course to become closer BPW sisters.
- More young members should be among the delegates and evening meetings.
- Brain storming meetings should be arranged that would be much more deepened by the discussion and by which being much more inspired which would also remind me the importance of action as well from the foundation of women' issues

The points which should be discussed and find solutions prior to CSW 61:

- More members from different countries and regions should take places in our side and/or parallel events
- The resumes of the speakers and speeches/presentations should be circulated among our delegates and members.
- The nominartions of delegates should be made from BPW members who have previously attended CSW parallel events. First-timers should attend only parallel events in the first year of attendance and then be given opportunity of being delegates in their second and third years of attending. This way they will understand what is going on and be better positioned to participate effectively to the benefit of BPW.

And some reminders to the participants;

COMMENT: Reporting templates should be given in the beginning of CSW, so that everybody has the same mindset

***REMINDER: Reporting and Questionnarie Template have been given prior to CSW Process.***

COMMENT: Task assignments should be done to each delegate and pre-meetings before arriving NY should be realised via Skype or other online tool:

***REMINDER: The obligations for the delegates were mentioned when the nomination process has been started as: Reporting at least 3 events that she participated in, participation to the morning sessions and completing the questionnarie just after the Process.***

COMMENT: A formal document intended to orientate all BPW members on the overview of the working of the UN and specifically on "Attending CSW" be put together by BPW International for federations/ clubs to use as orientation materials in their countries during meetings long before CSW:

**REMINDER: On-line Orientation Program has been developed by myself according to the needs and expectations of our delegates to the CSW59. However, it could be ready at the end of October, 2015. So it couldnt be possible to send earlier. Than we sent on-line Orientation Program to the Regional Coordinators together with the delegates in order to disseminate the information and place the document on their web-pages for the benefit of all our members.**

COMMENT: Be prepared to write the official IFBPW statement collectively as soon as possible as well as make sure we are registered for oral statements (collective and individual ones).

**REMINDER: When we started to work on the official IFBPW statement, we made announcements for the contributions of UN Representatives and members through Regional Coordinators. Some of them involved in the Process some of them not. We have a time limitation for such kind of preparations. For the collective works, the qualified contributions on time has ultimate importance.**

**Consequently;**

*I would like to express my gratitudes to the delegates for their contributions, understanding and encouraging words. I am also appreciated for the supports of the Regional Coordinators, UN Representatives, Members of the Standing Committee on UN CSW and all the Executive Board Members.*

*We achieved great works regarding the side and parallel events in CSW60. They were the outcomes of the real team work which was the component of our amazing legend. My heartfelt thanks to Harriet Friedlender, Lyn Hensle-Hirsch, Liz Irwin, Catherine Bosshart, Karin Reguin, Ketlin Tackman, Carol Hanlon, Leshia Witmer, Adenike Osadolor, Helen Swales, Bettina Schleider, Henrike Von Platen and Amany Asfour for their works to get amazing outcomes from our side and parallel events.*

*Francesca Burack and Kathy Kelly were the key people who provided logistic supports before and throughout the process. We never forget Francesca's dedicated efforts to arrange social events which were the great opportunities for us to share ideas and become closer.*

*Special thanks to our main UN Representative NY Susan O'Malley who made as proud by being elected as a chair of NGO CSW almost 70 years after Esther Hymer, for all the supports to facilitate our Works for CSW60.*