## CSW71 NGO delegate selection criteria

All applicants will be assessed based on their individual merits, and we encourage applications from people of all ages, genders and diverse backgrounds.

The NGO delegate selection panel will consider applications against, but not limited to, the following criteria:

- Current or previous affiliation with a New Zealand-based NGO, including connections to an NGO within the International Women's Caucus.
- Demonstrated experience in high pressure situations.
- Demonstrated leadership skills in formal or informal settings.
- Strong inter-personal and communication skills and the ability to network and work with diverse groups.
- Demonstrated experience working on issues relating to gender equality and a passion about advancing the rights of women and girls, including with relevant communities.
- An interest in and preferably relevant experience in the CSW71 themes.
    - The priority theme is: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
    - The review theme is: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.
    - Critical area of concern or cross-cutting issue: Poverty and the economic empowerment of women.
- Confirmed availability to attend CSW71 from 8–19 March 2027 (or for at least as long as the government delegation is in attendance).

The skills and experiences needed for this role may be gained from formal or informal roles.

## CSW71 NGO delegate role and responsibilities

**In preparation for CSW71, the delegate will be expected to:**

- share NGO perspectives with the Government delegation on opportunities and challenges for New Zealand women and girls in relation to the session and its themes.
- help to establish a contact list and communication channels for New Zealand NGOs (both those travelling to in New York and those in New Zealand) in the lead up to CSW71.
- connect with NGO delegations travelling to CSW71, including through attending the International Women's Caucus meeting in February 2027.
- sign a confidentiality and expectations agreement with the understanding that, as a member of the Government delegation, the NGO delegate will be bound

by the same rules as government officials as set out Cabinet Office Circular "Procedures for Including Non-Official Representatives On Official Delegations to International Meetings".

Please note that the delegate will need to provide evidence of travel and medical insurance arrangements before departure. The delegate can either book their flights and accommodation in New York themselves, or the Ministry for Women can help to arrange the delegate's flights and accommodation (if staying in the same accommodation as the Government delegation).

**During CSW71, the delegate will be expected to:**

- act as a liaison point between New Zealand NGOs and the delegation by:
  - sharing any relevant CSW71 updates with New Zealand NGOs (i.e. any progress or challenges on the negotiated outcomes document)
  - collating NGO perspectives, feedback and/or comments on key aspects of CSW such as the negotiated outcomes and communicating this to the New Zealand Government delegation
  - share NGO perspectives with the Government delegation on opportunities and challenges for New Zealand women and girls in relation to the session and its themes.
- help to maintain the NGO contact list and monitor the communication channels as necessary to ensure New Zealand NGOs (both in New York and in New Zealand) stay connected.
- actively contribute to the performance and capacity of the Government delegation and fully participate in the Government delegation's work programme. This includes:
  - attending specified sessions and diplomatic functions as necessary, such as briefings, side-events, forums, and other events
  - attending negotiations on the CSW outcomes document as necessary.

    (Please note that some engagements may take place outside of regular working hours, including the negotiations on the agreed outcomes).

**Following the conclusion of CSW71, the delegate will be expected to:**

- disseminate information and outcomes from CSW71 with NGO networks.
- share personal reflections on their experience at CSW71 with the New Zealand NGO community. (This may include making a presentation to the International Women's Caucus' meeting in 2027).

**This NGO delegate is not expected to:**

- correspond with New Zealand NGOs (both in New York and on the ground) outside of reasonable working hours.
- support New Zealand NGOs with any logistical arrangements in New York (including at the UN).
- engage in any activities outside of those set out in this document.

## Contact information

Please email caucus@women.govt.nz if you have any questions about the NGO delegate selection criteria and roles and responsibilities.