Please note that the NGO CSW64 Forum, and all related events, have been cancelled.

Thank you to everyone who joined our meeting, both virtually and in-person! February’s monthly meeting focused on CSW64, Beijing+25, Feminist and Women’s Movement Action Plan, and the Generation Equality Forum. We hope this meeting provided you with greater clarity on the happenings of gender equality and girls’ and women’s human rights!

This month we heard from Houry Geudelekian, UN Representative of Unchained at Last and Chair of NGO CSW/NY; Ivy Koek, UN Representative of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) and Vice-Chair of NGO CSW/NY; and Soon-Young Yoon, Chair of the Board of Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), UN Representative of the International Alliance of Women, and International Impact Committee Member of Women Mayors’ Network (WoMN).

Houry Geudelekian and Ivy Koek discussed updates on UN Women and NGO CSW/NY. Applications to attend the Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on July 21, 2020 and the UN General Assembly on September 23, 2020 are open, and will close on March 16, 2020. This year, we are celebrating 25 years since the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing (Beijing+25). Through this conference, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action was agreed upon, a document that changed the feminist movement and advanced our cause. While we are experiencing pushback, we continue to move forward to achieve our goals. This year is also a celebration of ten years since the establishment of UN Women. In an effort to accelerate progress, UN Women, in partnership with the governments of France and Mexico, created the Generation Equality Forum (GEF), occurring in Mexico in May, and Paris in July. In order to develop specific actions, NGO CSW/NY created the Advisory Working Group (AWG), which meets every two weeks via zoom. The AWG consults with the Advisory Group of 21 on global civil society’s priorities for the GEF. The Advisory Group of 21 (CSAG) consults with the Core Group, of UN Women, France, Mexico, and Civil Society representative. One of the aims of
this process is to develop **Action Coalitions**, concrete actions to make a real difference in the next five years constructed around six themes.

**Soon-Young Yoon** then discussed the **Feminist and Women's Movement Action Plan**, driven by **Melissa Upreti, Krishanti Dharmaraj** and **Soon-Young Yoon**. This process is created in the context of the 75th Anniversary of the UN and a celebration of our legacy in its history. At the establishment of the UN, our demands led to world conferences. We were the “movers and shakers” that created UN Women. This year, during Beijing+25, we have the opportunity to leverage the power of global consensus. While the Beijing Platform for Action is transformative, it is not legally binding. As a result, the **Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)** was created, an ambitious human rights treaty for women. We hope that this transformative framework breaks down silos and builds new alliances!