UN Commission on the Status of Women
12-23 March 2018

A curated schedule of events on the review theme
“Participation in and access of women to the media”

The 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018. This year, the review theme is “Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women,” a review theme from the conclusions of the 47th session of the CSW in 2003.

The following is a curated schedule of both UN side events as well as parallel events taking place as part of the NGO CSW Forum related to the review theme, which will be of particular interest to the free expression community.

A number of IFEX members are hosting and participating in sessions including the Committee to Protect Journalists, International Federation of Journalists, Karisma and Reporters Without Borders, so be sure to check out these events and promote them among your networks.

Sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by IFEX members are marked with *

Note: Since times and venues may change, please check the official websites frequently
- Calendar of NGO CSW Forum events: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S1ZoLunoFRYZYvE191OJA8eEFGV41guVLIP9lzBQ4/edit?ts=5a872527#gid=0

If you know of an event that is not listed here but should be, please let us know at campaigns[at]ifex.org

MONDAY 12 MARCH 2018

The Role of Media in Promoting Women’s Rights to Freedom of Religion and Expression
8:30am
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army
Sponsor: NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Women as Subjects, Consumers and Thought Leaders of Media
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: 4 W 43rd Street
Sponsor: Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc.
TUESDAY 13 MARCH 2018

Women and Media
11:30am-12:45pm
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Conference Room 1 - Conference Building
Sponsor: Mexico

Women/Girls and Media: Power, Storytelling and #MeToo
2:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: 4 W 43rd Street
Sponsor: Pathways to Peace
Co-Sponsor: The Representation Project, GWEN Network, Heart Ambassadors

Violence Against Women Journalists
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vantar Hall.
Sponsors: International Network of Journalists with a Gender Perspective & GAMAG

Violencia Contra Mujeres Periodistas
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Armenian Convention Center
Sponsors: Red Internacional De Periodistas Con Visión De Género (RIPVG)
Co-Sponsor: Comunicación e Información de la Mujer, A.C. (CIMAC), Red Nacional de Periodistas de México (RNP), GAMAG

WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2018

Violence Against Women Journalists Online and Offline: Violence against women in media and digital contents; and gender and media & ICT policy
9:30am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11
Sponsors: Mexican government & GAMAG

Dangerous Assignments: Safety of Women Journalists*
10:00am -11:15am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: UN Headquarters
Sponsors: Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), Reporters Without Borders (RSF), Article19, and International Women’s Media Foundation (IWMF) as well as the Permanent Missions of France, Greece and Lithuania to the UN on behalf of the Group of Friends for the Protection of Journalists. Participation by Karisma.
Contact: bsantawood[at]cpj.org
Media and Information Technologies: A Double-edged Sword for Women’s Advancement*
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army
Sponsor: Reporters Without Borders (RSF)
Co-Sponsor: Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), International Women’s Media Foundation (IWMF)

Challenging Impunity and GBV against Women Journalists and Media Workers*
6:15pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Armenian Convention Center
Sponsor: International Federation of Journalists

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018

Freedom of Communication and Gender Equality
10:00am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: UN Headquarters Room CR 12, GA Building
Sponsors: Morocco Permanent Mission to the UN & the inter-network platform for African regulators (RIARC), Mediterranean (RIRM) and French-speaking media regulatory authorities (REFRAM) & GAMAG

The Role of Media in Advancing Gender Equality
10:30am
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: Baha’i International Community

Gender and Media: Policy dimensions and a research agenda
6:15pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army Auditorium.
Sponsors: Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMAG) and the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR)

FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018

Women in Media and #MeToo
11:30am–12:45pm
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: ECOSOC Chamber – Conference Building
Sponsors: Norway, UN Women and The Guardian
Contact: annemarta.mugaas[at]mfa.no
Media Space and Women Journalists as Human Rights Defenders
8:30am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations
Co-Sponsor: ICW

Innovating Use of the Media for Rural Women and Girls
2:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: The Armenian Convention Center
Sponsor: Pacific Rim Institute for Development Education
Co-Sponsor: NAWO, EBBF, Rozaria Memorial Trust, ADVANCE, Mothers Union, Justina Mutale Foundation, Practical Action, ODI

Making the Media Female: Action to Make the Face and Feeling of the Media Female
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army
Sponsor: National Alliance of Women’s Organisations
Co-Sponsor: WAGGGS, Mothers Union, WYWCA, Justina Mutale Foundation, SIGBI ADVANCE, EBBF and Women in Journalism

MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018

Representation of Women in the Media
4:45pm – 6:00pm
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Conference Room D - Conference Building
Sponsors: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in collaboration with international civil society organisations and experts
Contact: aaron.holtz[at]fco.gov.uk

TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018

The Anatomy of Technology-Related Violence against Women*
4:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: ARTICLE 19

The Role of HR Education and of the Media for Ensuring Access to Justice for Women
6:15pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation
Co-Sponsor: Alliance for Protection from Gender-based violence, Advocates for Human Rights from Minnesota
WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH 2018

Utilizing Media as a Tool to Empower Women
2:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Clubs, Inc.

THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018

Focus on Section J: Taking stock, looking forward
8:30am
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Second Floor.
Sponsor: World Association for Christian Communication (WACC)
Co-Sponsor: Global Media Monitoring Project (GMMP) Network, Global Alliance for Media and Gender (GAMAG)

Safe Journalists, Strong Democracies: How on and offline attacks on women journalists are hurting us all
10:00-11:15am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Conference Room 12 - GA Building
Sponsors: The Netherlands, Sweden, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) –GAMAG as panellist
Mandatory RSVP by March 17
Contact: d.kouta-lopatey[at]unesco.org

Advancing Women’s Access to Information: Obstacles and the Way Forward
10:30am
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army
Sponsor: The Carter Center

Fundamentalismos en América Latina: Desafíos para una Comunicación Feminista
2:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Salvation Army
Sponsor: Asociación Civil Comunicación Para La Igualdad
Co-Sponsor: Red PAR (Argentina), Alianza Global de Medios y Género (GAMAG) Capítulo América Latina, Articulación Feminista Marcosur
FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018

Media Agenda: An analysis and key findings of the 2018 GAMAG position papers
10.00am – 11:15 am
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Headquarters Conference Room 12
Sponsors: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), IPDC & GAMAG
Mandatory RSVP by March 18
Contact: d.kouta-lopatey[at]unesco.org.

Community Media Broadcasters: Building Capacities for Amplifying Voices of rural women
11:30am -12:45pm
UN SIDE EVENT
Location: Conference Room 12 - GA Building
Sponsors: United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) in partnership with International Association of Women in Radio and Television
No more reservations available

Break the Silence! MENA Media Platforms Negate Women’s Narratives
2:30pm
PARALLEL EVENT
Location: Church Center for the United Nations
Sponsor: Nazra For Feminist Studies
Co-Sponsor: The Regional Coalition for Women Human Rights Defenders in the Middle East and North Africa, Wlaha Wogoh Okhra