



Impressions from CSW63 as a member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Delegation
March 2019



As Chair of ZI D-13 UN & CoE Committee I was lucky to get one of Zontas 20 Ground Pass for the CSW63. A Ground Pass gives you admission to all the meetings and events in the UN building.

Afterwards I also became a member of The Danish Foreign Ministry Delegation where I represented Zonta together with Governor Dorte Olesen.

CSW63 Opening Session



You feel very humble and affected when you sit there in the UN General Assembly Hall

CSW63 Opening Session

- 9,000 representatives attended the largest ever UN women's rights gathering, and some of us had admission to the Opening session.
- The CSW63 was chaired by **Geraldine Byrne Nason**, Ireland's representative to UN, who opened the Session.
- A minute's silence was observed for the 21 UN personnel who perished in the Ethiopian air crash the day before.
- United Nations Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** addressed the opening.



Quote:

"Keep leading us to place where women and men enjoy equal rights, equal freedom and equal power."

The speeches will be send to you in PDF files

Statement by Denmark at 63rd CSW session General Assembly

Eva Kjær Hansen, Danish Minister for Equal Opportunities and Faeroe Islands Landsstyremedlem **Eydgunn Samuelson**, addressed the National Statement.

Denmark also had a side-event together with UK:

Happy, healthy & safe and
Healthy relationships for young people .



The statement was about Women`s menstruations. All through history, this has prevented women from fully enjoying their human rights. This has to end. It was a proud moment to listen to this. Denmark believes that universal access to cheaper hygiene products and comprehensive sexuality education are crucial.

Health for All Through Women's Human Rights and Social Protection

- Keynote speech by **Mary Robinson**
 - Former President of Ireland
 - Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - Current chair of The Elders
- "Ensuring no one is left behind"



Focus on those who are most marginalized and vulnerable in society: Identify, Understand the reasons, Take action to achieve SDG 2030

Share the Care

The Gender Effect of Leave and Care Policies—
stronger with dads involved!



Chair woman Kvinderådet (The Women's Council in Denmark) Nana Højland listens to First Secretary Rasmus Jarek Nexø telling about dads leave.

Stop Child Marriage Globally

- Girls Not Brides
- Unchained At Last and Breakthrough
- Zonta International



Speakers: From USA, Afghanistan, Kenya and India

Moderator: Mabel van Oranje, Girls Not Brides

Respondent: Susanne von Bassewitz, President Zonta International



There were very moving narratives from the speakers.

Twenty-five years Special Rapporteur on violence against women: the femicide watch initiative and its prevention



Opening speech from Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (TBC)

Moderator Dubravka Simonovic, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women

Among the panel:
Ms. Feride Acar, President of GREVIO

Violence and discrimination against women take various forms and are wide-spread through all layers of society.

Femicide is generally defined as the murder of women because they are women.

Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation FGM

Hosted by Governments of Burkina Faso, Egypt, The Gambia, Indonesia and Italy.

68 Million Girls at Risk
Exhibition Tour
Reception starts 7:00

SAVE THE DATE

March 12, 2019
6:00-7:30 PM

Visitors' Lobby
United Nations Headquarters
Via 45th and 1st Entrance

RSVP HERE
by March 7, 2019

*Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation by 2030:
Scaling Up Communication Strategies and Mobilizing
Resources for Effective Response*

Join us to learn about the the most innovative, strategic and successful initiatives of communication strategies for social norm change on female genital mutilation.

UN Women UNICEF UN

The elimination of FGM and child, early and forced marriage has been firmly rooted in the 2030 Agenda for SDG, and now there is a Call to Action for the "Africa We Want" as per Agenda 2063.

So it is a huge and very important issue to eliminate these harmful practices.

In these countries women and girls, aged 15-49, who have undergone some form of FGM

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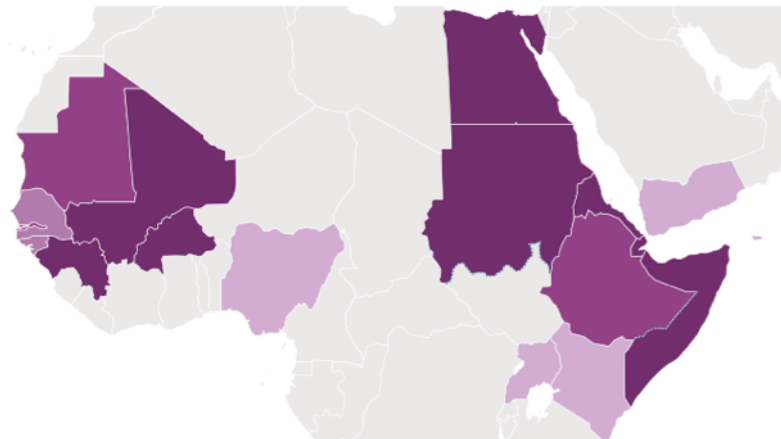
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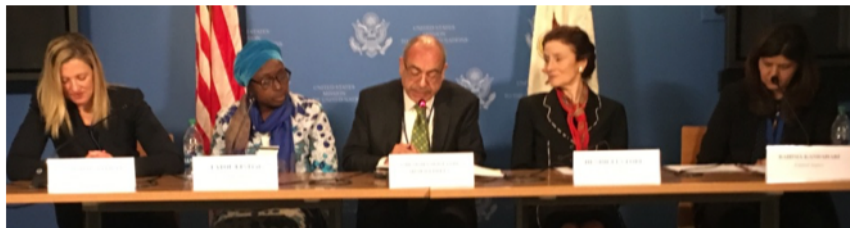
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You can find lots of informations on the internet about these practices.

Advancing Efforts to end FGM/C Side event at US UN Mission CSW63

Henrietta Fore, UNICEF Executive Director
Mohamed Fathi Ahmed Edrees, Egypt's UN Ambassador



I was invited to this event by a representative from the Office of Global Womens`s Issues.

In Egypt practice of FGM is now a felony, but there is problems with "Medicalization" of FGM.

Henrietta Fore`s speech will be sent in a PDF file.

Investing in social protection systems in resilience context: Empowerment models for women and girls in Jordan

Side event by the Government of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and UN Women



H.E. Mrs Sima Bahous, Jordan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations thanked Zonta International President Suzanne von Bassewitz for excellent partnership and support.



Zonta Foundation support: Eid bi Eid project

Jordan's UN representative "We have not oil, but a big heart, we will leave anybody behind". It is also about stability in the area.

Jordan is the first arabic country which legislated on Domestic Violence.

Outcomes

- Agreed conclusions 63rd session (11-22 March 2019):
 - Social protection systems
 - Access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality
 - The empowerment of women and girls

After many discussions about different meanings of words etc. There was this agreed conclusion.



A few fotos from some very memorable days at CSW63
 Ingeborg Geyer, ZI UN Committee Chairman , and "Gib" Karnchanachari and Ela Pandya UN Committees. Leslie Wright and Hanne Friis at Unicef reception.
 Thora Akadottir ,AD, and Ingibjörg Eliasdottir, Iceland
 Aysha Emmerson, YWPA obsrvateur. ZI President Suxanne von Bassewitz and Megan from HQ. Ute Scholz, Vice President and Megan.
 Dorte Olesen and Hanne Friis at The Danish UN Mission. Morning briefing at the UN Mission.