

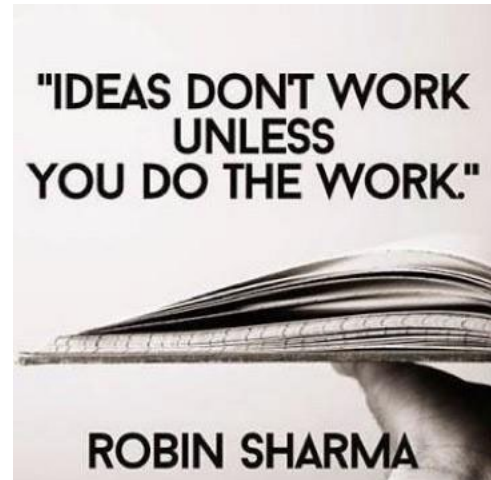
This year the VP of International Relations has been and will be very busy with many priorities in the international arena on behalf of CFUW. Grace Hollett has recruited a team of committee members and organizers to help with that workload. Here is a quick summary of the work ahead in 2025-26.

Guests are welcome to join in on any of the subcommittee work or on the International Relations Standing Committee to find out what is going on.

Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Thursdays of each month at 4pm ET unless specified otherwise in the Event Calendar. Contact Grace for the zoom link.

1. GWI Triennial Planning Subcommittee: Joy Hurst, Chair,

- CFUW delegates are travelling to Lusaka, Zambia to take part in the GWI 2025 Triennial from September 11-13. The 8 voting delegates and 3 alternates will decide on Constitutional and Policy Resolutions submitted by National Federations and Associations (NFAs), meet with women world-wide and attend presentations and workshops, including an interactive CFUW presentation about Artificial Intelligence I by Joy Hurst and Kathryn Wilkinson.
- A report will be available about the GWI Triennial in the Club Action Newsletter as well as a possible Drop-in event with delegates for members to ask questions and find out more about the Triennial experience. Watch the Event Calendar for dates.



2. UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 70) March 2026 - Linda Coles, Chair

- **Priority theme:** Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers
- **Review theme:** Women's full and effective participation and decision making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls ([agreed conclusions of the sixty-fifth session](#))
- WG-USA and CFUW will co-sponsor a presentation related to the priority theme while at the CSW.
- Delegates to CSW will be called for and a Drop-in event will introduce CSW to interested members - Watch the Event Calendar for the date of that Drop in. Everyone is invited.

3. CAMEUS - Barbara DuMoulin - CFUW Representative

- **CAMEUS**, is the North American GWI Regional with three members CFUW, WG-USA, and Mexico's FEMU,. It focuses primarily on issues that migrant women and children face in our three countries due to social, political, and climate changes

- Together these three NFAs prepare a virtual webinar during CSW on the priority theme.

4. International Service Project 2025-27: Stephen Lewis Foundation: Young, Happy Healthy & Safe - Zambia: Pat Patton, Chair

- CFUW members were extraordinarily generous in 2024-2025 in donations for our ISP partner 60 Million Girls with clubs and individuals raising \$16,326.
- Over the upcoming year, our goal is to raise \$15,000 from CFUW Clubs and members to support girls learning about sexual and reproductive health in rural Eastern Zambia, with the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- Five of our members attending the 35th GWI Triennial General Assembly and Conference this September in Lusaka, Zambia will be visiting our project partners in rural Eastern Zambia as part of their travel plans.



- We are also hosting a webinar on the project with the Stephen Lewis Foundation on **October 1, 2025, at 6pm ET**. Upcoming newsletters in September will include the link to register for this webinar to learn much more about this exciting new project and hear about our member's experiences in Zambia.

5. UN Agency Observers - Sandra Thomsen, Mary Scott

- There are many reasons to be attuned to what is happening right now at the UN. With changes that are happening in the United States, and the apparent movement away from support (including financial) of the United Nations, we must be conscious of what this means at the UN itself. Funding is an issue. As well, financial assistance by the U.S. to countries that are in desperate need, has been reduced or ended, affecting women and children.
- Starting with monitoring the 80th Session of the UN General Assembly, coming up September 22 to September 30, we will monitor what is happening at UN, and particularly Canada's role. The high-level meeting at the UN, on September 22, will be live streamed on the [UN WebTV](https://www.unwebtv.org/). It is from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm in the General Assembly. This will be specifically focussed on the outcomes of the most recent meetings of the CSW. On September 24, there will be a Climate Summit, which will include the effects of climate change on women and girls.
- Observers monitor
 - UN Women <https://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/>
 - CSW [NGO CSW69 Forum Report](https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/dest/2024/ngo-csw69-forum-report).
 - ECOSOC <https://ecosoc.un.org/en/about-us>

- CSW Revitalization Group [revitalization-of-the-csw-resolution-zero-draft-en.pdf](#)

6. Awards and Special Days - Chair, Phyllis Scott

- Selects several Internationally prominent Special Days for the Events Calendar and what can be done by Clubs and members for each Day being commemorated. Look ahead on the Calendar and plan a project around the day.
 - Encourage promotion through social media of these days locally and nationally
- Promotes International Relations Awards
 - Watch for a Webinar, featuring 2024-25 award winners, to inspire Clubs and members to increase understanding of international advocacy issues and to how to use projects to raise the profile of CFUW Clubs in local communities.