YOU ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO BE A CFUW DELEGATE TO THE 70TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW70), MARCH 2026.

CFUW is inviting applications from members wishing to attend the 70th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW70) in New York City. While CSW lasts from March 9th to March 20th2025, the self-funded CFUW team usually arrives on Saturday to register (in-person) for a UN Grounds Pass, meet and attend the first week of in-person sessions. Some choose to stay longer.

The **application form** is due to be submitted online to CFUW no later than November 29th, 2025.

As a CFUW delegate you will be expected to attend sessions given from speakers around the world and dealing with the priority and or Review theme. Those presentations will be "side" sessions held in the UN Building or "parallel" sessions held in nearby venues. Side sessions are given by Permanent Missions, (usually at the Ministerial level), intergovernmental organizations and United Nations entities whereas parallel sessions are given by organizations in civil society (non-governmental). You will have opportunities to network with a wide range of global NGOs as well as Government representatives from Canada and elsewhere.

CFUW and Women Graduates -USA are presenting an in-person parallel session during the first week while CAMEUS, will present a virtually the second week of CSW70. To appreciate the experience of attending CSW, please read the **infographic** compiled from reports of delegates who attended CSW69 in March 2025.

Note:

1. You must have a valid passport, needed for travel and for the application for a UN grounds pass.
2. Delegates are responsible for funding their own transportation, hotel and meal costs. There is no charge to attend any of the side or parallel sessions.
3. We will hold several informational Zoom meetings with CFUW delegates prior to attending CSW and will have an informal get together in New York, most likely on the evening of March 8, 2026.
4. CFUW will investigate negotiating a block of hotel rooms, at double occupancy, to get a better rate.

The following are CFUW's goals for our participation in UNCSW69:

1. Advance CFUW's capacity for effective advocacy (by exposure to a wide range of advocacy strategies and advocacy training sponsored by UN Women),

2. Increase CFUW member knowledge of intersectionality of issues, multilateral and intersectoral perspective of issues related to the status of women, for example not only how social factors such as race, class and gender create overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage but also how the issue is viewed by different sectors such as government, civil society, and the private sector.

3. Contribute actively to global dialogue and advocacy (by participation in parallel events and optional submission of written and oral statements/position papers, briefing notes, etc.)

4. Network with other women, national and international NGOs

5. Provide opportunity for personal growth and learning of CFUW members

I look forward to your applications!

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