



**April Monthly Meeting**  
***CSW66 Outcomes Unpacked: Expert Roundtable Discussion***  
**28 April 2022 | 1-3pm EDT**

**Summary of Reflections**

**What worked:**

- Substantial engagement with Member States
  - Vienna Cafe
  - Engaging with non-traditional like-minded governments - those interested in engaging with NGOs and new govt reps and creating new relationships
- Focus on intersections of climate change and SRHR and gender and climate justice
- Advocacy and learning
- Virtual Engagement
  - Able to attend virtually - more accessible for some
  - People from all over the world able to attend, including girls/young women, who enjoyed the experience of engaging with the governments
  - Nice to meet people across the world
  - Creates great momentum
- Consultation Day in-person event
  - Being amongst the community in Harlem - starting CSW with that inclusion of local community participating
- Issues included in outcome doc:
  - Girls mentioned in the outcome document
- Intergenerational connection of activists

**What didn't work:**

- UN CSW process
  - Slow process
  - Siloed conversations
  - Confusing how everything functions, what to attend and what not to attend, difficult to choose
  - Lack of transparency & access to info during negotiations
  - Opposition within and between Member States
    - So difficult to get a consensus
    - Outcome is inevitably watered down
- Missing from outcome document:

- Little about migration in the outcome doc
- Including marginalized communities more:
  - Global South not represented equally as Global North
  - Including indigenous, Global South, rural women, WHRDs more
  - Migrant voices
- Technology/internet inaccessibility
  - Rural areas - lack of internet access - challenging in virtual context (but people would have been able to come if not for COVID etc.)
- Virtual model - missing in-person engagement
  - Feeling of being in the room with other people was missing
  - Time zones were confusing
  - Financial/access challenges
- Virtual Portal:
  - Too much going on at the same time - crowded timetable, couldn't get to all the ones I wanted to go to, not everything recorded
  - Platform was confusing - log in, register, add the event
  - Exhibits don't work well virtually
  - Parallel Event organizers using their own virtual meeting accounts was confusing

### **Recommendations:**

- Hybrid format going forward
  - Maintain hybrid format for those that can't come to NY but allowing opportunity for in-person attendance/engagement as well
  - Keep the hybrid model
  - Better digital inclusion
- More focus on culture and using culture as social change - have it be more prominent with digitization aspect
- Focusing on review theme and bringing in stronger accountability
- More specific target goals and measures
- More language justice
  - More translation/interpretation
- Need to secure more human rights spaces in CSW
- Going back to see what we can use, reexamine what we do have
- Use the same platform used during SDGs week - with 3 stages, each event has a stage. One platform on the website.
- Considering regional challenges and advocacy
- UN Women to be more involved in the regional processes and facilitate more women's voices to be heard during the high-level sessions
- Need to continue conversation about climate and gender into all spheres of advocacy
- Have a CSO Agreed Conclusions document parallel to the official CSW one