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### Reflections on CSW69



CSW69 in New York was truly inspiring! Leaders and activists came together to push for **gender equality** and **economic justice**. Hearing global voices reinforced the power of **collaboration**. The energy was incredible—now it's time to turn ideas into action for a more equal future!



## Group photo at BPW Leaders' Summit 2025

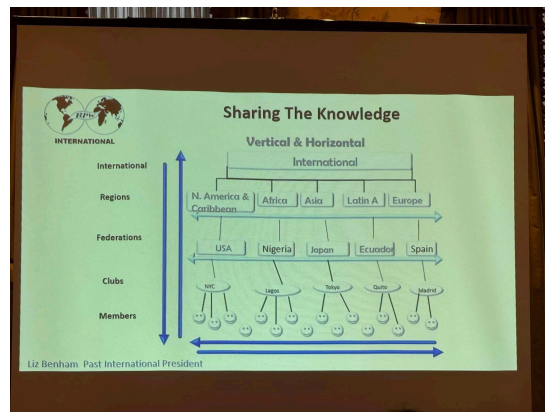


CoNGO executives highlight their role as a bridge between the UN and NGOs like BPW International. VP for UN Neelima (BPW Nepal) and UN Regional Rep Siobhan Dilly (BPW New Zealand) urge members to strengthen UN engagement and visibility.



Dawne Williams highlights transcendent leaders guided by purpose—"It's we, not me!" VP Membership Francesca, BPW USA (right image) emphasizes unity: 42 Federations + 91 Clubs across 5 continents. Executive Secretary Carolyn, BPW New Zealand, stresses constitutional compliance (left image).





## The Best Way

BPW is not a charity, but a force to empower business and professional women. Strong communication, shared responsibilities, and effective leadership are key to fulfilling our mission across all levels.



During NGO CSW69 Forum, global speakers from Taiwan, New Zealand, USA, UAE, and Malaysia shared insights on how education drives women's economic empowerment, leadership, and equality.



BPW Asia Pacific Lunch at Muna brought members from seven countries together, raising US\$175 for the regional fund. Grateful for all donations and honored by the presence of past and current leaders!







BPW Asia Pacific UN Rep Siobhan, BPW New Zealand, (left image) and UN pass holder Angela, BPW Taiwan, (right image) joined global leaders at the ILO C190 session on achieving gender equality. Carolyn, BPW New Zealand, and Sujata, BPW Singapore, (center image) also represented BPW.

## Young BPWs at CSW 69



**Ma Hiu Chun, Sherie**  
**BPW Hong Kong**

The sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women / Beijing +30 (2025),  
 UN Headquarters

We shall not retreat, we shall march forward for gender equality!

This has been a pivotal year for gender equality by reviewing the promise the world made with the Beijing declaration 30 years ago as well as looking ahead with determination. The UNCSW69 has been a reminder for all that there is still a long way to go for us to achieve full gender equality for all. It is with immense inspiration and beyond moving to see delegates and activists from around the globe to joint force, pushing for actions, not backing down amidst the challenging landscape.

Changes would never happen overnight. We, as young ladies shall follow the footsteps of those women who came before us, continuing till we achieve equality for all.

Key quotes for thoughts:

"Women's rights are under siege. The poison of patriarchy is back – and it is back with a vengeance: Slamming the brakes on action; tearing-up progress; and mutating into new and dangerous forms. But there is an antidote. That antidote is action." - Mr. António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

"Our job now, as it is every year, is to take our commitments, this energy, from these halls to the places where women and girls live their lives. Because our efforts are judged not here, but there." - Ms. Sima Bahous, UN Under-Secretary-General and UN Women Executive Director

"Some say that women should know their place. But we are to prove them wrong. WOMEN are here, there, everywhere and can be anywhere they wish to be." - Mr. Bob Rae, ECOSOC Chair



**Charavee Basnet Chettri**  
**BPW Nepal**

Attending my first BPW Leaders Summit in New York City was an incredible experience. By 1st VP Neelima Basnet's side, I had the opportunity to meet inspiring community members (like Cindy, Siobhan, Sweta and Carolyn from the AP region) on my and gain valuable insights from seasoned leaders. The Young BPW's vision for increasing visibility was particularly compelling. I also appreciated the breakout room format, which encouraged reflection and meaningful connections. A special highlight was discovering that past BPW President Susan O'Malley and I share an alma mater—Smith College. As the Class of '64, and the Class of '24, we had a wonderful, reminiscent conversation.

The summit was the perfect introduction to what to expect from CSW. I attended Parallel Events on the implementation of feminist frameworks in peace building process, including disarmament and resistance to fascism. One of the most thought-provoking discussions was the economic examination of the impact of unpaid household labor, typically performed by women, and its exclusion from GDP calculations. Given my interest in climate justice, I was especially drawn to sessions exploring the intersection of climate and gender, highlighting how natural disasters disproportionately affect women and children. The experience deepened my understanding of these critical issues and reinforced my commitment to sustainable, gender-inclusive solutions.



**Chifumi Tanzawa**  
**BPW Japan**

「At CSW, intersectionality was a key theme, emphasizing the need for ongoing dialogue. Seeing feminists worldwide unite and build solidarity reaffirmed the power of collective action in advancing gender equality. The powerful role of youth stood out, reminding me that my time as a young advocate is limited. This realization drives me to seize every opportunity to contribute and create change for gender equality.」



**Momoko Yokoi**  
**BPW Japan**

At CSW69, I initially questioned how impactful CSW could truly be. It was reassuring to see that a key focus was revitalizing CSW and strengthening accountability. Throughout the week, I learned from incredible activists worldwide—celebrating wins and tackling challenges in advancing gender equality. As a youth delegate for Japan, I felt a deep responsibility to hold member states accountable for their commitments. But above all, I was inspired by the brilliant young leaders I met, reminding me that we are not alone in this fight.

**See you all in New York 2026 !**

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