



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW)

The principal global intergovernmental policy-making body on gender equality and the empowerment of women.



- Implementation of and follow up to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action
- Gender-responsive implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Priority and review themes established in multi-year programme of work 2021-2024



CSW65 PRIORITY THEME, MARCH 2021:

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

In its **Agreed Conclusions**, the Commission expressed concern that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on women and girls and hinders their participation and decision-making in public life.

The Commission recommended Governments and other relevant stakeholders to take the following actions, as applicable:



- Strengthen normative, legal and regulatory frameworks
- Prevent and eliminate violence against women
- Strengthen gender-responsive institutional reforms
- Increase the availability of high-quality financing in support of women's participation
- Strengthen women's voice and leave no one behind
- Address root causes of gender inequality and eliminate barriers to women's full and equal participation