

CSW68 Delegate highlights of the year 2024: Chandra Pauline Daniel, UNA-USA Global Goals Ambassador SDG#17, advances Gender Equality and addresses poverty issues among women at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 68th session, in New York:

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Representing the UNA Women's Group and the Global Goals Ambassador Program of the United Nations Association of USA as a Delegate for the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) was not only an honor but also a transformative experience for my career! I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the UNA-USA for granting me this incredible opportunity to contribute to policy-making and decision-making processes as a Delegate.

The CSW 68 took place at the United Nations headquarters from March 11th to March 22nd, 2024. It was a fulfilling experience to advocate for global gender equality and the empowerment of women at this event, which was brimming with both official and parallel gatherings. With the theme "Advancing gender equality and empowering all women and girls within the framework of climate change, environmental policies, and disaster risk reduction programs," the session commenced with esteemed UN representatives reviewing advancements stemming from resolutions established during CSW67. The focus then transitioned to the central theme of CSW 68, tackling the complex issues of poverty and gender disparities encountered by women and girls across the globe.

My projects aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), operating within the framework of the UNA-USA's Global Goals Program and my 'global goals task force' initiative, experienced unprecedented global expansion following my participation as a Delegate at CSW68.

My debut participation at CSW as a Delegate significantly bolstered my ability to make meaningful contributions by amplifying voices and promoting solutions to address human trafficking and different manifestations of gender-based violence, especially within vulnerable populations in humanitarian settings. Additionally, it was an honor to

be selected as the SDG Country Chair for the USA by the global 100 Women leaders (G100) network, providing a broader platform to amplify my efforts and advocacy for the SDGs. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to UNA-USA for affording me the opportunity to serve as a Delegate at CSW68 in 2024!

Opening Session: Setting the Tone for Action

The opening session of CSW68 set the tone for the subsequent discussions and deliberations. High-level speakers, including heads of state, UN officials, and women's rights advocates, delivered impassioned addresses, emphasizing the urgency of addressing gender inequality in the context of climate change and environmental degradation. The opening session galvanized participants, instilling a sense of purpose and collective determination to confront the intersecting challenges facing women and girls worldwide.

I was invited to present my doctoral research at the CSW68 side event. My collaborative research intertwined findings from New York Medical College, the United Nations Population Fund and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Public-Private Analytic Exchange Program and presented global statistics from an SDG vantagepoint. My doctoral research was influenced to a great extent by my role as the Global Goals Ambassador for SDG 17 (UNA-USA). I had applied the SDG analytics for statistical justification of policies and practices that tracked the socio-economic determinants of gender-based violence with special reference to Technology Facilitated Gender-Based Violence and Adolescent Birth Rates. I was honored to present a holistic and multisectoral approach, an outcome of my research, to end digital violence and the horror of human trafficking which highlighted the cybercrime against women and children spiraling out of control in today's digital era. It was an eye opener to learn about the diverse methodologies adopted by world leaders, UN bodies and be part of the significant conversations at the United Nations. CSW68 sessions effectively brought to light the disproportionate problem of violence against women and children, economic empowerment highlighting the tireless efforts taken to advance gender equality and end poverty. World leaders and Global Goals Ambassadors tag teamed to rally the cause, actualize the resolutions taken in 2023 and strived toward establishing the joint resolution for the CSW 68th session. The in-person presence left a paramount impact at the United

Nations headquarters, compared to the COVID era which limited the synergy of joint forces that alleviated ways to combat gender inequality and poverty among women.

Taking a Seat at the Table: Fostering a Dialogue to Prevent Human Trafficking and Digital Violence: CSW68 provided a platform for representatives from governments, civil society, and international organizations to engage in meaningful dialogue and collaboration.

Participants exchanged ideas, shared best practices, and identified innovative strategies to advance gender equality in the face of environmental challenges, humanitarian crisis to join hands and work



towards ending all forms of gender-based violence, be it human trafficking, or unravelling the mysteries behind our connected world which has opened doors to technology related violence against women and girls. AGROBIZ(Founded by Lady Tee Thompson~ the UNA Women's Group Chairperson, organized this important CSW68 parallel event; one of my all-time favorites...it brought out the significance of my doctoral research findings feeding into global solutions.



An Official United Nations Commission of the Status of Women Side Event

CSW68 GENDERED POVERTY

UNDERSTANDING & OVERCOMING ECONOMIC DISPARITIES

AGROBIZ | **NATION BUILDER**

12:30 - 2pm EDT
Friday, March 15, 2024
The Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission
221 E 62nd St, New York, NY 10022, USA

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Pamela L. Emmanuel
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Founder Nation Builder

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Dr. Addie Kasali
Founder, Addie Fabrics

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Poverty Resilience Fund

Wai-ye Schmidt
Charles Dunbart & Co
Kings & Wealth Foundation

Isabelle Viciou
Founder, US248



AGROBIZ made a significant contribution by convening policymakers, esteemed judges, wealth management professionals, research scientists, and USAID experts to address the urgent and enduring challenges faced by women and girls in the digital age. Beyond merely

identifying the indicators and consequences of human trafficking, there remains a considerable amount of work to be done, including devising strategies informed via lived experiences of survivors. It was a privilege to be invited by AGROBIZ to participate as an Expert Panelist in two sessions during CSW68. This collaboration ultimately fostered the development of a comprehensive strategy. The outcome of the CSW68 sessions went above and beyond the borders of the United Nations. This session set a survivor of human trafficking free to connect with Honorable Kelly Dore to identify the legal ramifications respective to her life. Honorable Kelly Dore is the co-founder and U.S. Executive Director for the Sierra Cares Foundation. A valuable pathway was identified to contribute to data analytics and mapping of strategies to alleviate the work done to end human trafficking at Polaris. Honored to learn more about Polaris from Megan Lundstrom. Participating in the 'meet and greet' sessions at CSW68 was invigorating, as it allowed for the initiation of impactful programs through the convergence of brilliant minds equipped with innovative concepts.

An overview of the array of events at CSW 68, including both main and parallel sessions, showcases my dynamic involvement and significant contributions as a Delegate.





UNA-USA takes center stage to address data driven strategies, human trafficking, sexual health and alleviate gender inequalities causing poverty among women and girls.



Highlighting challenges to achieving gender equality and poverty alleviation

At the forefront of CSW68 was the acknowledgment of the intersecting layers of gender inequality. Conversations centered on the disproportionate effects of climate change, environmental deterioration, and disaster risks on women and girls, especially those in marginalized groups. CSW68 aimed to craft inclusive solutions that cater to the distinct requirements of various populations, including those with high-risk behaviors, often referred to as key populations, and women and girls residing in humanitarian settings.

Amplifying Voices of the key populations and addressing HIV targets

The CSW68 placed a strong emphasis on amplifying the voices of marginalized groups. The South African Development Community (SADC), UN Women, UNAIDS orchestrated a round table session to take stock of the progress made on CSW resolutions 60/2 on women, the girl child and HIV". The solutions to problems encountered by the key

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populations, rural women, and women with disabilities were discussed. It was a privilege to engage in personal conversations with esteemed leaders such as Winnie Byanyima, Executive Director of UNAIDS, and Anne Githuku-Shongwe, Regional Director of UNAIDS. As a CSW Delegate, it was an enriching opportunity to collaborate closely with dedicated leaders in the realm of infectious diseases. My recent consultancy with the UNFPA Western Central Africa Regional Office probed my interest to reach out to the dignitaries, Ministers and other government officials from Cameroon, Chad, Burkina Faso, Mali, Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, Niger and Nigeria to identify the public and private sectors providing sexual and reproductive health services in the humanitarian regions.



*With the [Woman King of South Africa](#)
Her Royal Majesty, Kqosi*



*With Jackie Shiffer, Global Goals Ambassador
SDG 2
UNA-LISA*



*With Honorable Carmen R. Velasque,
Justice, Supreme Court, New York*



*With Dr. Akede Metougue Govt. of Cameroon
Advisor Magobondo Ngoyi Angele, Govt. of
DRC*

Faith in action: *Observing the role of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations and Caritas International to gauge the fragile contexts, understand the role of strong women and the critical role of FBOs in promoting women's leadership*

Advocating for Policy Change to end Gender-Based Violence to End Child Marriage required amplifying the voices of the marginalized women and girls:

Throughout CSW68, delegates advocated for policy change at the national and international levels to promote gender-responsive approaches to climate action and disaster risk reduction. This included calls for greater investment in women's leadership, access to resources, and capacity-building initiatives. By integrating gender perspectives into environmental policies, CSW68 aimed to foster sustainable development that benefits all members of society. CSW68 placed a strong emphasis on amplifying the voices of marginalized groups, including Indigenous women, rural women, and women with disabilities. These groups often bear the brunt of environmental crises yet are frequently excluded from decision-making processes. By centering their perspectives, CSW68 sessions sought to ensure that the policies and protection programs for women and girls were both inclusive and equitable.



Taking Stock of the Progress made on CSW67 Resolution and

Commitment: *CSW68 also served as an opportunity to celebrate*

commitment to the advancement of gender equality. Delegates showcased successful initiatives, campaigns, and partnerships that have made tangible improvements in the lives of women and girls. Additionally, participants renewed their dedication to the implementation of international agreements, such as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Paris Agreement, which are critical frameworks for achieving gender-responsive climate action.



Closing Session: Renewed Commitment and Call to Action

As CSW68 concluded, the momentum for gender equality and climate justice continued to build. Delegates departed with a renewed sense of purpose and a commitment to translating discussions into concrete actions. The sexual and reproductive health (SRH) of women and girls requires immediate attention, especially in the war-torn humanitarian regions. Social protection was identified as one of the keys to the success in delivering humanitarian SRH relief. There was a call for Security Councils and Law Enforcement Agencies to join hands with health agencies to identify innovative means to enhance social protection for women and girls. It was an honor to have a one-on-one meeting with Gilberto Duarte (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) and discuss data centric methods to end technology facilitated gender-based violence.

Looking forward, it will be essential to maintain the dialogue and collaboration initiated during CSW68, ensuring that the empowerment of all women and girls remains at the forefront of global efforts with effective implementations to solve the existing challenges of poverty and inequalities.

The Grand Finale arrived when *each of the CSW68 Delegates were awarded an amazing certificate by UNA-USA in appreciation of the valuable time and support provided for the ten days to achieve the goals and objectives of the exciting and invigorating CSW 68 sessions.*

Outcome of the CSW68: The CSW68 functioned as a 'Powerhouse' to develop meaningful collaborations with more than 20 organizations. This has expanded my outreach initiatives across more than 5000 youth (from global schools and universities) and approximately 50,000 women belonging to global organizations in the U.S., Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe. Cheers to the new partnerships added to my Global Goals Task Force initiatives. The UNA-USA paved an excellent pathway to build partnerships and accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations by sending delegates to the CSW68 in New York.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) served as a crucial platform for advancing gender equality, identifying interventions to end poverty in the context of climate change, humanitarian crisis and increase the access to sexual health services alongside economic empowerment of women and girls.



By fostering dialogues, highlighting intersectional challenges, amplifying marginalized voices, advocating for policy change, celebrating progress in the SDGs and committing to future action, CSW68 reaffirmed the importance of integrating gender perspectives into global initiatives and programs. The support provided by the entire UNA-USA Leadership team was fantastic; it made each CSW68 session, a memorable and impactful one!