

## **FAWCO UN Report**

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**Format:** Member Meeting

**Organization:** NGO CSW

### **Speakers:**

Moderator

Bani Dugal, Baha'i International Community

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Lopa Banerjee, Chief, Civil Society Section, UNWomen

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### Announcements

- There will be a DPI NGO Conference in New York City in August 2014
- Consultation Day registration deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Side event registration will open the second week of December

### Presentations

Bani Dugal

CSW relevant resolutions in the Third Committee include:

- SADC's resolution on the girl child, which they table every other year
- Canada and Zambia's resolution on early, child and forced marriage
- The Women Human Rights Defenders Resolution

There is a lot riding for women on the Post-2015 Agenda. It will shape the work of the UN in the years ahead. The Post 2015 Women's Coalition is working closely with UN Women and the Open Working Group.

Lopa Banerjee

- The MDGs have run a parallel track to the Beijing plan for action, however, the MDGs were globally adopted and received better funding and the Beijing plan received far less attention and energy.
- Girls access to education benefitted from the MDG framework but there was no progress in many areas, such as Maternal Mortality.
- The Human Rights agenda was not well reflected in the MDGs.
- Economic policy implications for women and girls have not been addressed.
- UN Women is calling for a stand alone goal for achieving gender equality in addition to mainstreaming gender into all other goals. Eliminate the structural causes of discrimination. UN Women's Integrated approach includes 3 targets: freedom from violence, equal access to resources and opportunities, a voice in leadership and participation.

- We must address the structural determinants of gender inequality and establish minimum standards and monitoring. The Post-2015 agenda must be anchored in human rights framework.
- February until September 2014 is the window of opportunity for civil society to influence governments. After that it will be down to 1-year negotiations and governments will already have their political mandate. We must push with governments to:
  1. Prioritize gender equality throughout the framework
  2. Include women in the process of determining the framework.
  3. Priorities public financing to improve women's conditions
  4. Involve women's organizations as a way to increase women's voice and participation through collective action.

#### Anita Nayar

- There are 4 processes going on around the Post 2015 Development Agenda:
  1. The Intergovernmental Process, which came out of the Rio Conference, and has 4 tracks: a) Open working group on sustainable development goals  
b) Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (CESDF)  
c) High Level Political Forum (8 days a year for 3 years in ECOSOC, then in GA)  
d) Regional Meetings Jan – June before HLPF at the ministerial level and 1 day in GA where reports will be launched.  
The Open Working Groups will produce an interim report in March 2014 on intergovernmental findings.
  2. UN Process; 11 Thematic Consultations (involving civil society) and 100 National Consultations, which will lead to a report called One Million Voices, and a HLP Report, Sustainable Development Solutions Network Report, Global Compact (private sector) Report, NGLS Report of civil society voices and regional networks.
  3. January – June 2014 the UN Development Group is launching another set of consultations on implementation questions.
  4. Financing for Sustainable Development Committee Report in September, parallel to which will be a 'financing for development' review process (pushed by the South to find out why goals in this area have not been met).  
Also taking place simultaneously will be the Cairo 1994 Review, Beijing 20 Year Review, Small Island Development Review, and the LDC Midterm Review.
- There will be 3 High Level Events (with 2 government chairs lasting 2 days each) and 3 Thematic Dialogues (Women, Youth and Civil Society will be taking place close to the CSW) and each will produce a 1 page outcome document. There will be a stocktaking meeting at the end of these 6.
- 6 Thematic Debates will include: Localizing the Development Agenda, strengthening capacity and institutions, monitoring and accountability, partnerships for implementation with civil society, partnerships with the private sector, culture faith and values.  
There is considerable concern about private partnerships and it is likely to be hotly debated. Other contentious issues include; women's rights, sexual and reproductive rights and education, adolescent rights, violence against women, care economy issues, extractive industries, human rights as a framework, illicit capital flows (primarily out of Africa), monitoring and accountability mechanisms.