



COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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Letter from the Secretary General

The Anahuac Mayab University Model United Nations or better known as the MayabMUN, being the first of its kind in southeastern Mexico, has been for 18 years one of the key events of the School of Law and International Relations.

With a mission to train the next generation of international leaders who are not afraid to create the solutions the world needs, MayabMUN provides a platform where students can develop internationally and acquire the necessary knowledge and skills such as leadership, diplomacy, negotiation, public speaking and research to become successful professionals.

Students who know the trends, what is being done internationally and who have the ability to express an informed opinion and, better yet, solutions to these problems, will be more competitive and will be able to position themselves on the international scene.

I would like to invite you to make the most of this event and strengthen your skills to achieve the goals you are most passionate about.

Accept the challenge of public speaking, of researching a new topic, of contrasting opinions. When you have done so, you will realize that today we can all play an important role in the world.

I would like to welcome you to the project and invite you to be part of this new chapter in the history of MayabMUN!



Andrés Herrera Esquivel





Letter from the Chair

Dear delegates:

Welcome to the 2022 Mayabmun's edition. We are pleased to introduce you to our commission, The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This year, it is with joy to introduce you to this year's CSW chair: Valeria Vargas Vargas as Conference Officer, Dharma Rosado Ramírez as Moderator, and María Alejandra Kildares Eulogio as President.

The Commission on the Status of Women has been an untiring advocate for gender equality and empowerment of women across the globe. It has provided a unique space for exchange of national experience and good practice and for bringing the voice of the women's movement to the United Nations. While addressing the issues recently mentioned, it's important to keep in mind that gender inequality is one of the greatest concerns of our time.

The 5th goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development establishes that it is imperative to achieve gender equality to reach the other 16 goals in the agenda. Which is why we urge you to have an active participation during the sessions and use your abilities of diplomacy, leadership, and, above all, empathy to understand the different challenges that our world presents.

Likewise, we exhort you to investigate as much as you can of your country so you can have a profitable experience. This commission is a way to involve yourselves in international law and decisions in worldwide concerns, such as wage gap, climate change, indigenous women's rights, and other main topics that will take place during the sessions.

It is important to mention that this handbook's main goal is to be a tool and guide for your research, to inform you about your committee (or commission in this case), and to introduce you to your topic. Nevertheless, this handbook is just the beginning of your research and investigation on the commission, your country and the topic we will be addressing.

We hope to be your guidance through this journey you are facing and to help you in any possible way we can. We have no doubt that you will do an amazing performance. Please keep in mind we are all here to learn from each other, we will learn from you as much as we hope you will learn from us.

Finally, we wish you the best in your process to prepare for the 2022 Mayabmun's edition and look forward to seeing you during the sessions. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any concerns or questions.

CSW Chair



The CSW is the fundamental place for women's rights

The principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by ECOSOC resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946.

The CSW is fundamental in promoting women's rights, show and document the reality of women's lives throughout the world and promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

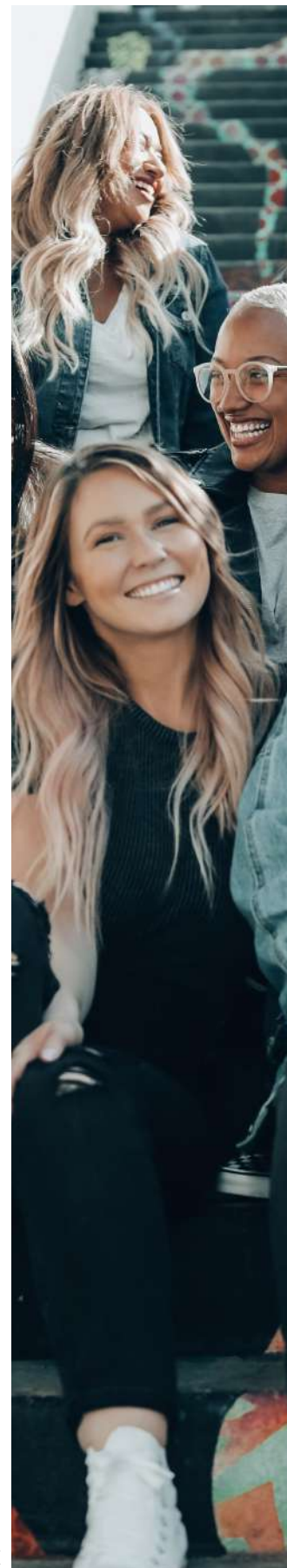
The Commission adopts multi-year programmes of work to appraise progress and make further recommendations to accelerate the implementation of the Platform for Action.

These recommendations take the form of negotiated agreed conclusions on a priority theme. The Commission also contributes to the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development so as to accelerate the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

UN Women is supported for the most part on voluntary financial contributions to sustain it, partnerships are key to help towards a more equal society and the empowerment of girls and women, the CSW works with governments, civil society groups, businesses, foundations and committed individuals.

The CSW gathers two times a year at the UN headquarters in New York, where representatives of the UN Member States, civil society organizations and UN entities discuss the progresses and breaches in the application of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the key global policy document on gender equality, and the 23rd special session of the General Assembly, and others themes concerning gender equality and empowerment of women.

Everything they discuss and agree on is redirected to ECOSOC for follow-up.



PICTURE:
JOEL MUNIZ

Main Focus



Some of the Commission's current focuses at this sessions are to:

- Convene a ministerial segment to restate and urge more political commitment to the realization of gender equality and to empower women and girls while protecting and seeing for their human rights;
 - Participate in discussions on the status of gender equality, identifying the goals that have been achieved, and recognize and reinforce the efforts currently made to close gaps and achieve this goals;
 - Discuss steps and initiatives to help quicken the implementation and measures to build capacities in giving credence to gender equality across programmes and policies;
 - Prioritize the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the results of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly and connections to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
 - Evaluate the progress made in past conclusions from previous sessions as a review theme.
- 2020: Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly, and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
 - 2021: Priority theme: 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.
 - 2022: Priority theme: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.
 - 2023: Priority theme: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.
 - 2024: Priority theme: Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.

Based on the resolutions from 2018 and 2020, priority and review themes for 2020–2024 are:







MayabMUN is a two-day conference with 18 years of experience, bringing together more than 500 university and high school students to seek solutions to today's most important issues.

Our goal is to promote the development of knowledge and skills that favor the solution of global problems to create the next generation of international leaders who are not afraid to make change.

PICTURE: JED VILLEJO



PICTURE: MATTHEW TENBRUGGENCATE

Our Topic Introduction

The intersection between gender inequality and climate change: The empowerment of women as a key to climate action.

Gender inequality coupled with environmental issues is one of the greatest challenges of our time. As well as many other worldwide concerns, gender inequality is a relevant factor in environmental issues due to the major negative impacts they have on women and girls.

For many years, all over the world, women depend more on, yet have (they have less access to) natural resources. Women have been bearing a disproportionate responsibility for securing food, water, and fuel in many regions. In low - and - lower-middle income countries, agriculture is the most important employment sector for women.

In periods of drought and erratic rainfall, women (as agricultural workers and primary procurers), work even harder to secure income and resources for their families.

As climate change has been increasing, at the same time it has meant to women and girls that they have to face more increased vulnerabilities to all forms of gender-based violence, including conflict-related sexual violence, human trafficking, child marriage, and other forms of violence.

Currently, the economic and social fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic has increased environmental degradation and disasters due to climate change.

The pandemic's economic crisis has led women and girls to extreme poverty, unpaid care, and domestic work. Women's and girl's health is endangered by environmental issues, climate change and disasters by limiting access to services and health care, as well as the major risks related to child and maternal health.

There is strong evidence to make a case for why gender equality matters for effective greening of economies...

Our Topic Description

...Though the list is not exhaustive, evidence has shown that there are significant gender-based differences in: social and economic development; consumption patterns; aspirations; access and use of knowledge; approach to environmental issues; ecological footprints; use, access and control of environmental resources; and management of the environment.

Women's and girl's health is endangered by environmental issues, climate change and disasters by limiting access to services and health care, as well as the major risks related to child and maternal health. According to UN Women, seventy per cent of the 1.3 billion people living in conditions of poverty are women. Women predominate in the world's food production (50-80 per cent), but they own less than 10 per cent of the land.

Topic description

The CSW is the main global intergovernmental body that focuses on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. In this situation, the CSW is in charge of promoting women's rights, and documenting and making the world aware of the effects climate change has on women all around the globe. Urging governments and NGOs to act on this issue and shape global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

Currently governments are giving their efforts to mainstream gender into climate actions plans, many making sure that the voices of indigenous women are heard. Helping to spotlight that only by involving women sustainable development can be reached to make a better and safer future for all. Numerous projects have been launched and proposed to help the situation of women in the world, because of climate disaster and the economic repercussions Covid-19 has brought upon, one being the Enabling Gender-Responsive Disaster Recovery, Climate and Environmental Resilience in the Caribbean (EnGenDER) Project, which has helped women who lost their work and source of income because of Covid in Caribbean countries.



PICTURE: WAN SAN YIP

Focal points

The Commission recognizes three focal points that must be reviewed and kept in mind being;

- The effect Covid-19 has had on economy leading to major environmental disasters, which affect women on the large;
- Specifically, women on underdeveloped countries, minorities and indigenous women, all of which are more prone to discrimination and violence;
- The importance of economic empowerment of all women in the changing world of work.

Main Pillars

In order to make the discussion more efficient and productive, the CSW decided that this should be the main pillars for the course of the debate:

- Wage gap: How can we encourage women empowerment in the context of an increase of the wage gap because of Covid-19?
- Covid -19: How did the pandemic of Covid- 19 manage to have this social and economic impact? What measurements can be taken so a pandemic can't ever have these effects on women and women's rights again?
- Marginalized women: What are the different effects of climate change on women? Why do they happen?

Conclusion

Although all women and girls around the world experience disproportionate impacts due to climate change, the consequences are not uniform for all of them. Environmental issues are acute for indigenous and Afro-descendent women and girls, older women, migrant women, women and girls living in developing countries, LGBTIQ+ people, women with disabilities, those who live in poverty and rural areas, and areas of armed conflicts and disaster-prone zones.

These are some of the many reasons why gender inequality and climate change are interconnected, which is why both issues should be addressed together. Empowering women and achieving gender equality is imperative to reduce climate change.

Inserting gender equality at the center of climate change solutions signifies adapting gender perspectives across holistic and enduring environmental, climate and disaster risk reduction programmes and policies. Women's collaboration in the decision-making process is a top agent in the fight against climate change. A sustainable, more sufficient future is impossible without gender equality.

Along this debate we are looking forward to getting a resolution to these problems and questions that we mentioned above, hoping that we can make a teamwork toward the problems that affect each and every country in the world and not just some of them.



Guiding Questions

- Are the women in my country receiving equal treatment in the work environment?
- How does the empowerment of women in my country help reduce climate change?
- How are women and girls who face inequality and discrimination affected by the impacts of climate change?
- Does poverty play a role in the effect of climate change on women?
- How can gender equality and women empowerment be promoted in crises like the pandemic of Covid- 19?
- What has my country done about environmental issues, reducing the wage gap and women empowerment?
- What impact does climate change have on the women and girls of my country?
- What impact does Covid-19's pandemic had on climate change and gender equality?

Recommended Material

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