

Message on behalf of the Co-Facilitators the intergovernmental process to explore options to revitalise the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below some further information in advance of the first open consultations on the Revitalisation of CSW, to be held on 20 February, 3-6pm, in CR1.

1. The format of the meeting will include opening statements and presentations, followed by interventions from Member States and Stakeholders.
2. We encourage Member States speaking in their national capacity to limit their interventions to 3 minutes. For those speaking on behalf of a group of Member States, we encourage a limit of 4 minutes.
3. We welcome interventions and proposals on any issues relevant to the revitalisation of CSW. We invite delegations to also consider the below guiding questions in preparing their input:
 - i. What aspects of CSW work best, and have continued importance in their current form?
 - ii. What procedures and tools at CSW contribute the most to its impact?
 - iii. Do the themes addressed by CSW align with the most pressing challenges faced by women and girls in their communities? If change is needed, what key procedures or outcomes of CSW could be reviewed to strengthen this alignment?
 - iv. Is CSW connected with other intergovernmental processes, and external stakeholders working on the rights of women and girls, so as to enable meaningful cooperation and engagement?
4. The meeting will be webcast on UN Web TV