

NCWV MAY FORUM, Thursday May 1, 12:00pm, Ross House, 251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne in person; also via ZOOM (link to follow).



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UN Secretary-General António Guterres at CSW69 Townhall Meeting with Civil Society.

‘Furious kickback against equality’ must end, UN chief tells women activists as conference adopts landmark declaration. **“A surge in misogyny, and a furious kickback against equality, threaten to slam on the brakes, and push progress into reverse.”**

“Let me be clear: **This is unacceptable, immoral, and self-defeating.** We must stop it – and we must stop it together.” The UN Chief secretary said.

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 69. 30 years since the Beijing Roundtable

The 69th session of the CSW was held at the UN in New York, 10 - 21 March, 2025. Hear what happened at [CSW69 Beijing+30](#) from women who were there.

It is 30 years since the UN's [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) and adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action \(1995\)](#). CSW69 examined progress since then.

Panel:

Dr Donnell Davis is the UNAA National President and a Director with Soroptimist International South East Asia Pacific; Founder of Envirobusiness Foundation-Sisters4Sustainability; Board member National Foundation for Australian Women (NFAW) 2013-2017. She holds a doctorate in urban climate governance, from the University Southern Queensland and completed a post doctorate at Stanford University in Innovation, Ethics, design and accelerated interdisciplinary.

Sarah Barnbrook was a delegate for Soroptimist International of the South East Pacific at CSW69 and is a committee member of State of the World's Children (SoWC), Founder of AFK (Away from the Keyboard) Inc, International Speaker, Author, Not-For-Profit Advocate. Awarded Volunteer of the Year and recognised for Youth Impact at the [Women Changing The World](#) Global Awards in London. Professional Member of AWSN Australian Women in Security Network. Currently works as Chief Revenue officer at Women 4 STEM.

This is a great opportunity to hear about discussions and outcomes from this significant international event. Feel free to share with friends and colleagues, all are welcome.

Refreshments will be available from 11:30 am.