



**ZONTA**  
INTERNATIONAL

BUILD A BETTER WORLD  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

# Zonta International and the United Nations 2024 - 2026

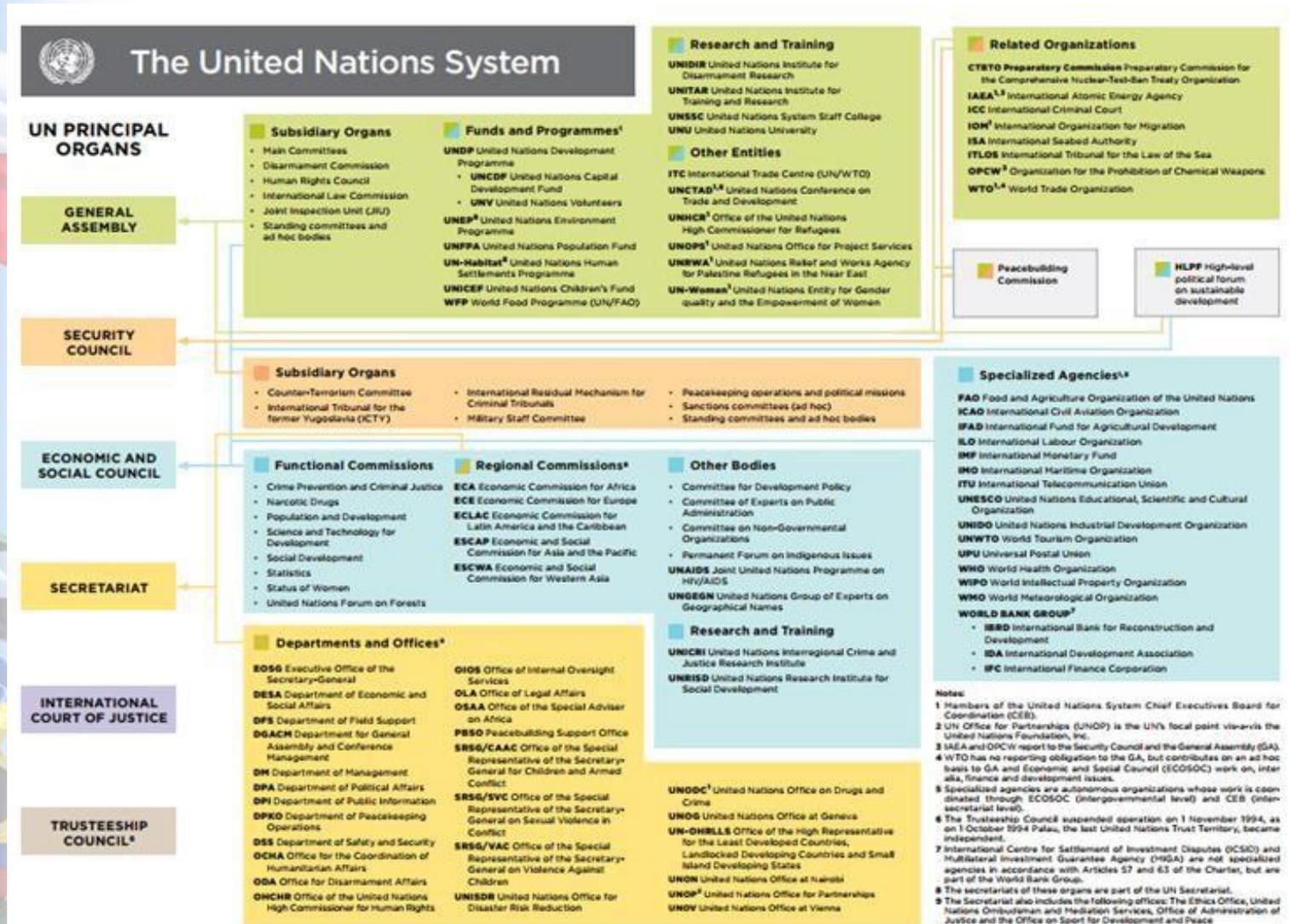
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Zonta International  
UN Committee Chair



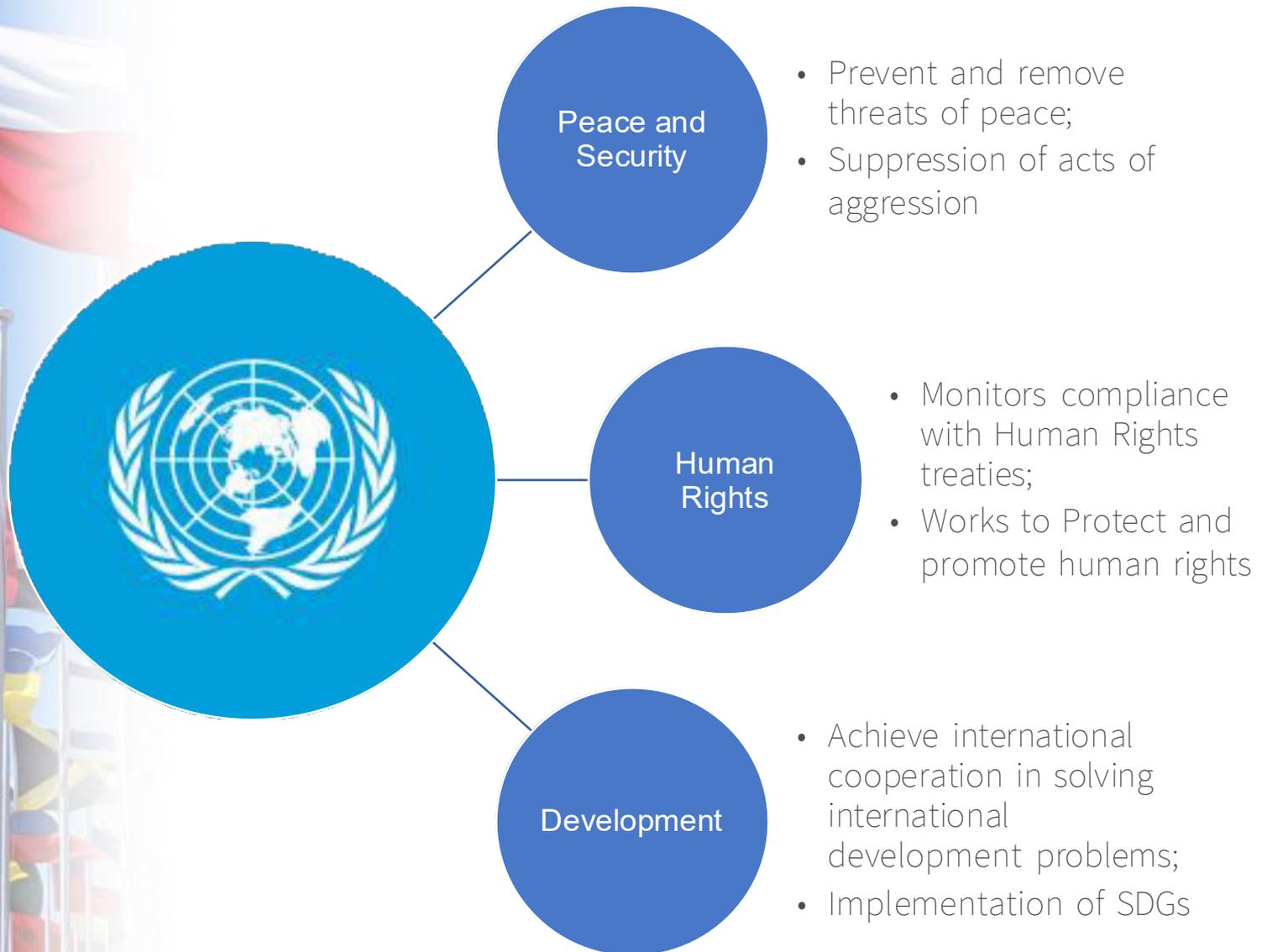
# What Is the United Nations?

- The UN is an international organization founded in 1945 after the Second World War by 51 countries committed to maintaining international peace and **security**, developing friendly relations among nations and promoting social progress, better living standards and human rights. It is currently made up of 193 Member States.
- The Secretary-General of the United Nations is a symbol of the Organization's ideals and a spokesman for the interests of the world's peoples, in particular the poor and vulnerable. The current Secretary-General of the UN, and the ninth occupant of the post, is Mr. António Guterres of Portugal, who took office on 1 January 2017.

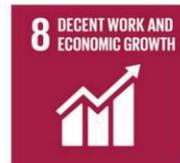
# Organs of the United Nations



# Three Pillars of the UN



# Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





# The UN and Women

- 4 World Conferences on Women
  - **Zontian Helvi Sipila Secretary-General of the 1<sup>st</sup> World Conference on Women**
- Zonta's ECOSOC Accreditation: Category 1 in 1985, General Consultative Status in 1996
- At the Zonta Int'l. St. Louis Convention 1996, the convention body approved the Zonta-UN Partnership Resolution
- UN Women
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Security Council Resolution 1325
- ILO Convention 190 Eliminating Violence and Harassment in the World of Work
- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) – CSW67 Forum (2022) to be hybrid



# Zonta-UN Partnership Resolution

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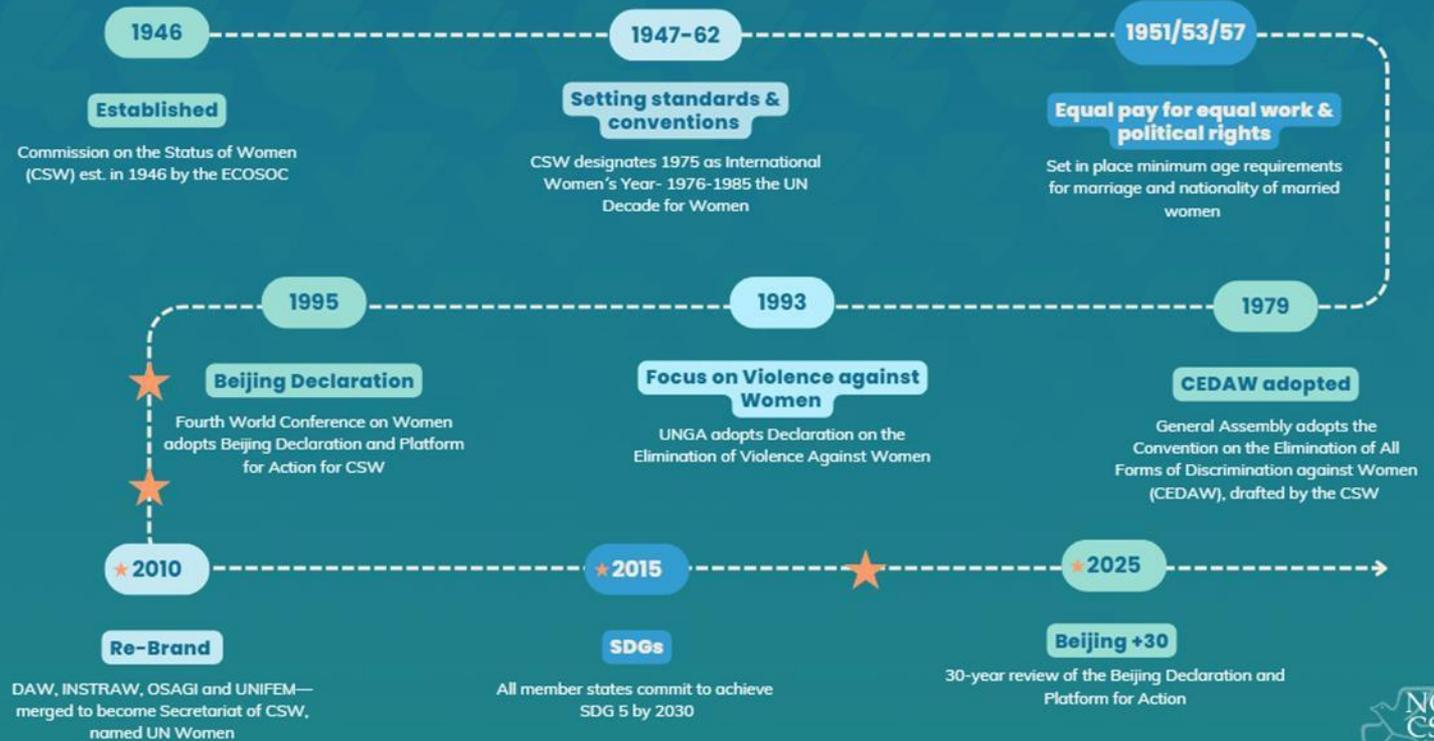
Therefore, be it hereby resolved that Zonta International shall

- reaffirm its support for and cooperate with the UN in its programs
- maintain its international voice on principles and public issues through the UN
- examine its current UN committee structure and activities to address current needs, concerns and realities
- call on all governments and the UN to provide the resources to ensure women's health and the health of the girl child
- continue to direct its service projects and to collaborate with other Agencies to empower women with health care, education and shelter in order to alleviate poverty and improve the health of women and girl-children
- continue to work with the UN, its agencies and similar organizations to achieve the stated goals of the World Summit on Social Development (Copenhagen 1995)
- call on the UN to urge member states to avoid overconsumption and to share more equitably the world's resources and wealth
- be it finally resolved that Zonta International reaffirms its position that the Non-Governmental Organizations such as Zonta International deserve respect and recognition by the UN and its Agencies.

# CSW

## GENESIS OF CSW

★ = Beijing Review Year (every 5 years)



# CSW

## WHO COMPRISES THE BUREAU?

**Role:** They facilitate everything that ensures a successful outcome of the annual sessions of the Commission

**Term:** Each bureau member serves for two years

The Bureau for the 69th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2025) comprises the following members:

### Chair:



H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz M. Alwasil (Saudi Arabia), Chair, Asia and Pacific States Group

### Vice Chairs:



H.E. Ms. Maritza Chan Valverde (Costa Rica), Vice-Chair, Latin American and Caribbean States Group



Ms. Dúnia Eloisa Pires do Canto (Cabo Verde), Vice-Chair, African States Group



Ms. Robin Maria de Vogel (Netherlands), Vice-Chair Designate (Western European and Other States Group)



Ms. Nataliia Mudrenko (Ukraine), Vice-Chair, Eastern European States Group



## CSW 69

- The sixty-ninth session of the ***Commission on the Status of Women*** will take place from 10 to 21 March 2025.
- Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are invited to contribute to the session.



## **CSW69** *Theme*

The main focus of the sixty-ninth session will be on the 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](#). The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



# Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

- The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) is a global plan for gender equality and women's empowerment. It was adopted in 1995 by 189 countries at the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. The BPfA is a blueprint for action in 12 areas that were considered crucial in supporting empowerment and opportunities for women and girls.
- The BPfA is a benchmark for assessing the status of women and the efforts of governments to support women's empowerment. It emphasizes that women's rights are Human Rights, and that gender equality benefits everyone. The BPfA also calls for governments, international organizations, civil society, and the private sector to work together to ensure gender equality is mainstreamed into all policies and programs.



# Beijing Platform For Action

## 12 Critical Areas

- Women and poverty
- Education and training of women
- Women and health
- Violence against women
- Women and armed conflict
- Women and the economy
- Women in power and decision-making
- Institutional mechanism for the advancement of women
- Human rights of women
- Women and the media
- Women and the environment
- The girl-child

# Zonta International UN Committee



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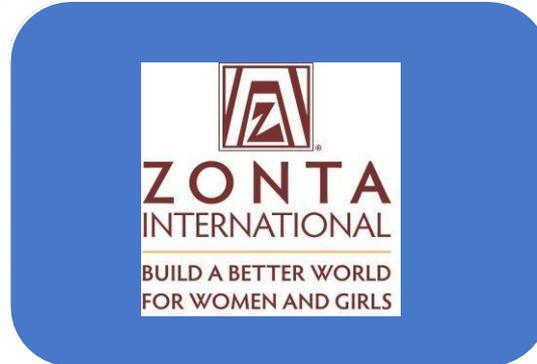
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# Zonta International Service Projects 2022-2024



**CLIMATE EMPOWER:  
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT  
AND INNOVATION FOR  
GENDER-TRANSFORMATIVE  
CLIMATE ACTION– Peru**  
\$1,000,000(US) UNFPA



**LAHAA– Virtual - one  
million women and girls  
across the world by 2026**  
\$750,000(US) UNICEF



**Global Programme to  
End Child Marriage**  
\$1,500,000 UNFPA and  
UNICEF



# Questions?

*Please send your questions to [pemorgan@wim-n.com](mailto:pemorgan@wim-n.com)*



**Thank You!**



