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# INTRODUCTION

## THE JOURNALISTS AND WRITERS FOUNDATION

CO-ORGANIZED 12 PARALLEL EVENTS

HOSTED 32 SPEAKERS FROM 12 COUNTRIES

ON THE 67TH SESSION OF THE UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) convened in New York from 6 to 17 March 2023, in a hybrid mode after two years of COVID restrictions. In addition to the United Nations member states, thousands of non-governmental organizations from different parts of the world came to New York to attend the in-person sessions and have discussed many pressing issues including the social and economic development of women and girls, prevention of all kinds of violence against women, women in effective decision-making positions, education of girls, women's participation in the science and technology sector, women journalists and contributions of women to maintain sustainable peace and development.

The UN Commission on the Status of Women is one of the most important times at the United Nations when women leaders and delegations from different countries and societies come together in solidarity to promote women's rights and activists come together in New York. The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF), which has participated in the UN Commission on the Status of Women meetings since 2013, continues to raise awareness on women empowerment and give a voice to the voiceless in diverse United Nations platforms. This year, JWF organized 12 parallel panels in partnership with 13 non-governmental organizations from 12 different countries.





On the occasion of the 67th Session of the CSW, JWF events shed light on pressing issues such as protecting women human rights defenders, integration policies for women refugees, arbitrary arrests and torture of women in detention, supporting global women's movements in Turkey, Afghanistan, Iran and Myanmar. Empowerment of women journalists and human rights defenders who risk their lives for accurate and reliable information was among the top priorities. Another important agenda addressed at the UN by the JWF was to encourage young women professionals and girls to pursue academic and professional careers in STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and to open space for young women and girls. Recent research studies reveal that gender equality is gradually increasing in the field of innovation and technology as women's active role in science, computers, technology, engineering, and all other sectors is one of the cornerstones of sustainable development.

## **JWF BROUGHT TOGETHER WOMEN'S RIGHTS EXPERTS AND UN DIPLOMATS AT A HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION IN NEW YORK**

### **RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS**

The JWF CSW67 High-Level Reception was held at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York on the opening day of the UN Commission on the Status of Women on 6 March 2023, Monday. Turkish, Kurdish, Iranian, Afghan, Hazara, Kosovan, Armenian, American, Romanian, British women's rights defenders, journalists, academics, and human rights experts, as well as young participants from North Carolina TMSA Charter High School and New Jersey Pioneer Academy were among the guests at the reception.



High-level representatives from the Permanent Missions of France, New Zealand, Chile, Guatemala, Sri Lanka and Myanmar to the United Nations participated in the reception. It was an opportunity for the UN diplomats and non-governmental organizations from all over the world to meet, network and exchange ideas during the CSW67.

After the open buffet, twelve representatives talked about their panel discussion organized in partnership with the JWF and NGOs from the United States, Brazil, Greece, Germany, India, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, and the United Kingdom. Expert speakers attending the reception also addressed the participants about the priority agenda of the CSW67.



In addition to the addresses of representatives from prestigious media organizations such as Committee to Protect Journalist and Empower Women Media, Azra Jafari, the first female governor of Afghanistan, and Kurdish artist Hozan Cane, who made her voice known to the whole world with her art and the crimes against humanity she lived in prison, also attended the reception. Kurdish singer Hozan Cane sang the song “Ez Jinim Jîyanîm - **I am a living woman**” written for the International Women's Day





## 12 VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON PANELS AT UN COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

On the occasion of the 67th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women, the Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF) organized 12 parallel events, both in-person and online, in partnership with 13 non-governmental and educational institutions, including Brazil, Greece, Germany, India, Kyrgyzstan, Romania, the United Kingdom and the United States. Expert speakers shared their perspective and real-life experiences on women's rights and gender equality during the sessions



As the 67th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) returns to hybrid mode this year, the JWF and its global partners, organized parallel events to share the current status of women's rights and successful civil society practices for the empowerment of women and girls for policy recommendations on the prevention of violence against women. There was an active international participation in the panel discussions at the Church Center for the UN where the role of women's human rights in peacebuilding and regional projects aiming at the empowerment of women refugees were highlighted.

Prestigious speakers, academics, experts, journalists, and activists continued to discuss critical local and global issues of women's development and present innovative policy proposals for the gender-sensitive implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN Headquarters until 17 March 2023.

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**CSW67 PANELS OF THE JOURNALISTS AND WRITERS FOUNDATION**

**7 March 2023 (Church Center for UN) | IN PERSON | [Event Recording](#)**

**Protecting Women Human Rights Defenders for Sustainable Peace**

**Cemre Ulker**, Representative of JWF to the UN DGC (USA)

**Azra Jafari**, First Female Mayor of Afghanistan, Province of Nili (USA)

**Erica Saghar Kasraie**, Creative Director, Empower Women Media (USA)

**Naw Hser Hser**, Political Initiative and Advocacy Team Member, Women League of Burma (MYANMAR)

**9 March 2023 (YouTube) | VIRTUAL | [Event Recording](#)**

**Violence Against Women Journalists around the World, in partnership with Instituto pelo Diálogo Intercultural (Brazil)**

**Stephanie Fillion**, UN Correspondent, Neuffer Bronze Medal Recipient of 2022 UNCA Awards (USA)

**Dr. Gulnoza Said**, Head of Europe and Central Asia Program, Committee to Protect Journalists (USA)

**Iryna Matviyishyn**, Journalist, Kyiv Independent (UKRAINE)

**Mayra K. Yazdari**, TV Producer, Journalist, CBN News (USA)

**Marina Dias**, Journalist, The Washington Post in Brasília (BRAZIL)

**11 March 2023 (Compass College Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan) | HYBRID | [Event Recording](#)**

**InnovaSHEon: Women's Empowerment Through Innovation and Technology, in partnership UN Women Kyrgyzstan, UNDP Kyrgyzstan, WomenTechmakers, Compass College Bishkek**

**Priyanka Chahal**, Program Associate, Youth Representative of JWF to the UN DGC, Journalists and Writers Foundation (KYRGYZSTAN)

**Victoria Mozgacheva**, Vice Mayor of Capital Bishkek, Government of Kyrgyzstan (KYRGYZSTAN)

**Ulziisuren Jamsran**, UN Women Representative to Kyrgyzstan (KYRGYZSTAN)

**Farzana Abdilashimova**, Spotlight Project Officer, UN Women (KYRGYZSTAN)

**Jenny Jenish Kyzy**, Head of Experimentation, UNDP Accelerator Lab (KYRGYZSTAN)

**Talant Sultanov**, Chair and Co-Founder of the Internet Society-Kyrgyz Chapter (KYRGYZSTAN)



**8 March 2023 (Church Center for UN) | IN PERSON | [Event Recording](#)**

**Intersectional Violence Against Women in Turkey, organized by Set Them Free (USA) in partnership with the JWF and AST**

**Hafza Girdap**, Executive Director, Advocates of Silenced Turkey (USA)

**Alin Ozinian**, Regional Analyst & Editor-in-Chief, GerçekNews (GERMANY)

**Sarah Teich**, Human Rights Lawyer, Senior Fellow at Macdonald-Laurier Institute (CANADA)

**Hozan Cane**, Kurdish Songwriter, Women's Rights Advocate (GERMANY)

**9 March 2023 (Church Center for UN) | IN PERSON | [Event Recording](#)**

**Integration Policies for Successful Resettlement of Refugee Women in Greece, organized by PIGI KOINSEP (Greece), in partnership with the JWF**

**Cemre Ulker**, Representative of JWF to the UN DGC (USA)

**Alexis Anagnostakis**, Human Rights Officer, European Criminal Bar Association (GREECE)

**Vonya Womack**, Executive Director, Refugees Unknown Stories Untold (USA)

**Ramona Mihaila**, Head of Secretary of State's Office, National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women & Men (ROMANIA)

**Ahsen Karagulmez**, Youth Advocate resettled in USA from Greece (USA)

**13 March 2023 (YouTube) | VIRTUAL | [Event Recording](#)**

**Global Solidarity to Combat State-led Violence against Women, organized by Set Them Free (USA), in partnership with the JWF**

**Cemre Ulker**, Representative of JWF to the UN DGC (USA)

**Azadeh Nikzadeh**, Iranian Director, Women's Right Activist (USA)

**Dr. Shilan Fuad Hussain**, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow of Gender Studies and Cultural Analysis, Senior Consultant of Gender (UK)

**Fatema Daryab Ahmadi**, Adjunct Professor at American University (USA)

**Chra Abdullah**, Project Manager, Dialogue and Culture Organization (IRAQ)

**13 March 2023 (YouTube) | VIRTUAL**

**The Role of STEM Education in Achieving Gender Equality: Perspectives of Youth, organized by Triangle Math and Science Academy (USA), in partnership with the JWF**

**Meryem Golbasi**, Sophomore at TMSA, President of the Model UN Club (USA)

**Arvinth Krishna**, Sophomore at TMSA, Member of the Model UN Club (USA)

**Yashitha Vanamala**, Junior at TMSA, Student Athlete (USA)

**Liam Westberg**, Senior at TMSA, Vice President of the Model UN Club (USA)

**Ishaan Kamra**, Sophomore at TMSA, Treasurer of the Model UN Club (USA)

PROTECTING WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE



INTERSECTIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN TURKEY



INTEGRATION POLICIES FOR SUCCESSFUL RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE WOMEN IN GREECE



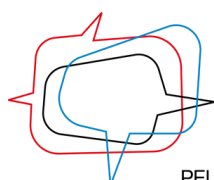


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