



US WOMEN'S CAUCUS AT THE UN

The Mission of the US Women's Caucus at the UN is to bring together progressive US non-governmental organizations and individuals at the United Nations to share information and engage in joint advocacy on behalf of women and girls. With those aims, we engage with the US Mission to the United Nations, the US Congress, and other US governmental officials around issues affecting women and girls in the US and abroad.

Membership in the US Women's Caucus is open to US non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and US individuals committed to the principles of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action. Members agree to promote the UN women's agenda with their communities and political representatives where appropriate. Members support the Caucus through an annual membership fee payable here: winaction.org/caucus-membership/.

The Caucus holds an open meeting every March during the UN Commission on the Status of Women session in New York. We share information and hold regular meetings online throughout the year to pursue our mission goals.

Recent policy positions include support for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and advocacy for retaining language concerning sexual and reproductive health and rights in UN documents. We urge the United States to fully fund its obligations to the United Nations on a timely basis, including mandatory assessments and voluntary contributions to UNICEF, the World Food Program, and the UN Population Fund. We support the United States Women, Peace, and Security Strategy issued on June 11, 2019 and look forward to its annual reports and consultations with civil society. We welcome the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative (W-GDP) and its July 2019 set-aside of \$27 million for projects advancing women's economic empowerment. Please see our website (uswomenscaucus.org) for our policy documents.

The Caucus originated in conversations among US NGO delegates to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in March 2016. After online exchanges, our initial organizing meeting was held in March 2017 and our first open meeting was convened in March 2018.

For further information, please visit our website (uswomenscaucus.org) or e-mail us at uswomenscaucus@gmail.com.