



United Nations Activity Report

The [General Assembly of the United Nations](#) hosted a townhall meeting of civil society as a side event to the [Commission on the Status of Women](#).

The 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, New York, United States, from 12 to 23 March 2018.

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You can watch the remarks by [H.E. António Guterres](#), United Nations Secretary-General, at [UN Live United Nations Web TV](#).

Introduction to the Secretary General in an open discussion format to give a voice and direct dialogue with [civil society/non-governmental organization](#).

General Secretary disclosed that although he is male and was elected to be the General Secretary over other female candidates, he has adopted a feministic agenda and has a feminist core value system. This is shown through the main pillars adopted by the United Nations during his time thus far.

It is essential that gender is mainstreamed into all policy, especially economic policy. It is a male-dominated world with a male culture. Conditions must be created to give effective power to women across the globe. We need parity! General Secretary has changed his board around to reflect this with 56% being women and 44% being men. Even in top leadership positions, 23 are women and 21 are men. The agencies within the United Nations must submit roadmaps on how they will achieve gender parity in all departments by 2028.

It was also mentioned that sexual exploitation by United Nations agencies and health workers reduce sexual exploitation in peace keeping. Zero tolerance attitude is enforced, and most importantly, member states must hold their country members accountable.

Sexual harassment within the United Nations must also stop. This includes general education on the topic as well as training.