

UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The 60th session of the <u>Commission on the Status of Women</u> took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016.

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. A functional commission of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), it was established by Council resolution 11(II) of 21 June 1946.

The following summary is from a parallel event sponsored by STTI. Three STTI volunteer leaders presented "Empowering Women through Leadership Development" on 16 March 2016 at the Church Center for the United Nations, New York City, NY

Report Submitted by Constance Sobon Sensor, STTI United Nations Liaison

Summary: The topic of the presentation was leadership development through education, collaboration, networking, and mentoring.

The purpose of the event was to present and discuss strategies for leadership development and provide examples and results that impact well-being, quality education, gender equality, and decent work and economic growth for women.

Economic, political, and social barriers exist in varying degrees worldwide that impact the ability of women and girls to reach their full potential to achieve gender equity. Leadership development strategies presented have the potential to break the cycle of internalized oppression by enhancing opportunities for quality education, decent work, and achieving acceptable levels of well-being.

Link to PowerPoint presentation