

# Zonta International and the United Nations

Zonta International service has been closely linked with the United Nations since Zonta expressed support for the fledgling UN in 1946. As an international non-governmental organization (NGO), Zonta brings women's concerns to the UN, suggests solutions, draws public attention to issues and encourages its members to participate at the local level.

Zonta maintains representatives of its United Nations Committee at UN sites in Geneva, New York, Paris and Vienna. Committee members attend UN conferences, and UN agency, committee and commission sessions.

Accredited NGOs, like Zonta, participate in these sessions by providing written statements and oral presentations on issues being considered. NGOs also may organize panels relating to the general debate.

## **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

Since 1985, Zonta has had general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of six principal bodies carrying out UN work.

ECOSOC is responsible for two-thirds of UN

**Zonta Club Members**  
[access the UN Committee page.](#)

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**Zonta International also has consultative status with:**

[International Labour Organization \(ILO\)](#)  
[Council of Europe](#)

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**News article:** *(new)*

*(Date: July 21st 2009)* [UN CEDAW Committee Discusses New Forms of Discrimination Against Women](#)

*(Date: June 18th 2009)* [UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women - Rashida Manjoo](#)

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**UN Commission on the Status of Women, 52nd Session**

*(25 February - 7 March 2008)*

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**International Women's Day /**

**Zonta Rose Day**

*(8 March 2008)*

*From the United Nations to all UN-affiliated non-governmental organizations on the occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March 2007*

> [Message from the UN Secretary General](#)

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**[International Day of Peace](#)**

programs, in particular, those concerned with economic issues such as trade, industrialization and development, as well as social issues such as women's rights, children and social welfare. ECOSOC makes recommendations on how to improve education and health conditions and to promote respect for and observance of the human rights and freedoms of people everywhere.

### **Commission on the Status of Women**

One of nine functional ECOSOC committees, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the leading policymaking body concerned with women's rights and the equal status of women. Since 1946, the CSW has convened an annual conference, now attended by thousands of women worldwide, to discuss issues of paramount concern for women.

### **Department of Public Information**

Zonta is one of many NGOs associated with the [United Nations Department of Public Information](#) because of its strong programs on issues of concern to women. The UN provides NGOs access to information and materials and the NGOs agree to disseminate information to their membership.

(21 September)

**Zonta International Congratulates UNIFEM Executive Director Noeleen Heyzer on Appointment as Under-Secretary-General to Head the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).**

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**UN Secretary-General's in-depth study on Violence Against Women**

(9 October 2006)

[Executive Summary](#)

**Fact Sheets**

Violence against women:

- > [Forms, consequences and costs](#)
- > [Unmet needs, broken promises](#)
- > [Fighting violence against women: what works](#)

## United Nations Resources

- [The United Nations](#)
- [UN Division for the Advancement of Women](#)
- [United Nations Development Fund for Women \(UNIFEM\)](#)
- [United Nations Population Fund](#)
- [Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#)
- [United Nations Department of Public Information](#)
- [Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS](#)
- [United Nations International Children's Fund \(UNICEF\)](#)
- [International Year of MicroCredit, 2005](#)