Selection of UNCSW66 Side events

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Please note that the calendar of UNCSW66 side events will be updated on an ongoing basis with additional information as it becomes available. (CSW66 virtual side events | Teamup)

Mon 14 Mar

11:00 - 12:00

**The Forgotten Voices – The Impact of Climate Change on Violence against Women**

Organizer: Iceland, UN Women National Committee Iceland

Topic: Violence against women and girls in contexts of climate and environmental crises and disasters

Registration / Event Link:
The event is live streamed. More information on the event and panellists will be announced later here: https://fb.me/e/12Zd7fxpa

Concept Note: CSW_sideevent_PMOUNW.docx

Additional Information:
- Organized by the Icelandic Prime Minister’s Office in cooperation with the UN Women National Committee Iceland.

Mon 14 Mar

13:45 - 15:00

**Pay transparency: empowerment through information**

Organizer: United Kingdom, Canada

Topic: Promoting women’s and girls’ participation and leadership

Other topic: Women’s Economic Empowerment

Registration / Event Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mS1o5rRPTmqYghBxX0valg

Under the Women Build Back Better agenda, a key focus for domestic gender policy in 2022, we are holding a hybrid event on pay transparency and fairness.

As we mark five years since the introduction of gender pay gap reporting in the UK, we want to not only reflect, but also think about what is next. One of the key principles that underscored reporting was the importance of transparency in relation to pay. This is something that each country has responded to differently, but one thing we are all still considering is how we can continue to empower women through information.

Tue 15 Mar
9:00 - 10:15

**Unlocking the potential for women in STEM**

**Organizer:** United Kingdom  
**Topic:** Promoting women’s and girls’ participation and leadership  
**Other topic:** Women’s economic empowerment  
**Registration / Event Link:** TBC

The UK Government is holding a virtual event to discuss action to increase the number of women working in STEM sectors, including links between education, training, and employment, and support for those considering a return to STEM. Sector-specific learning can be introduced, with further insight and best practice shared after the event.

Tue 15 Mar

9:30 - 11:00

**Women and youth at the frontlines of the climate change response: How to challenge inequalities in leadership, recognition and responsibility**

**Organizer:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Permanent Delegation of Iceland to UNESCO  
**Topic:** Promoting women’s and girls’ participation and leadership  
**Registration / Event Link:** [https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZvtaX0sKQ4yrVGiTCYzOzg](https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZvtaX0sKQ4yrVGiTCYzOzg)

An interactive roundtable, gathering a diverse group of experts to highlight the gender challenges of climate change adaptation, mitigation and response. The event will aim to shed light on the unequal impact of climate change on women, youth and vulnerable groups, and showcase promising practices to support and recognize women’s and youth leadership, and well-being in this field. The event’s discussions will also be in line with the Transforming MEN'talities Initiative, which seeks to tackle harmful gender norms and engage men and boys as accountable allies for gender equality and against all forms of violence and discrimination.

**Organized by** UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Sector, Permanent Delegation of Iceland to UNESCO and a member of the UNESCO Group of Friends for Gender Equality (TBC) with the participation of the Youth UNESCO Climate Action Network (YoU-CAN) and the Coalition of Partners of the UNESCO Transforming MEN'talities Initiative.

Tue 15 Mar

10:00 - 11:30

**Amplifying women & youth initiatives to combat climate change: solutions and best practices**

**Organizer:** Netherlands, Atria Institute on Gender Equality and Women's History, Youth Climate Movement NL, Women Engage for a Common Future, WO=MEN Dutch Gender Platform, Dutch Women's Representative to the UN  
**Topic:** Other  
**Registration / Event Link:** [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
In order to successfully fight the climate and environmental crisis, we must place the experiences and solutions of those on the front lines of these crises at the center of our response. Feminist and youth movements from around the world have been mobilizing for climate action and leading climate solutions. Too often, their solutions are not heard in relevant decision-making spaces, due to existing inequalities and structural barriers. In this side-event, feminist and youth-led solutions will be placed front and center. Their solutions address the needs of young people and future generations, with a focus on human rights and the needs of local communities and their members.

Tue 15 Mar
10:00 - 11:15

**Shifting narratives and practices to achieve gender just climate transitions**

Organizer: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), International Development Research Centre (IDRC)

**Topic:** Gender perspectives in climate change Promoting a gender-responsive transition to green and blue economy; gender-responsive just transition

**Registration / Event Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P3KVAD3RYSmi1MFlahC_g](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P3KVAD3RYSmi1MFlahC_g)

This CSW66 side event brings together insights from ecofeminist research in global North and South arguing that both narratives and practices must change to secure gender just transitions: ecofeminism offers powerful alternative narratives that value care for people and planet, in contrast to mainstream development. Much just transition policy attention still focuses on male-dominated, formal work such as coal mining. *Who* is represented in narratives for just low-carbon transitions makes a difference. Women’s voices and lived experiences need to influence debates and decision making to achieve gender-egalitarian practices and low-carbon transitions that contribute to climate action and justice.

**Panelists:**

- Abdelrahman Al Tamimi – General Director, Palestinian Hydrology Group
- Erin Tansey – Director Sustainable Inclusive Economies, IDRC
- Shehnaaz Moosa - Director, CDKN
- Stefania Barca – «Beatriz Galindo» Distinguished Researcher, Contemporary History, University of Santiago de Compostela
- Zo Randriamaro – Coordinator, Centre de Recherches et d’Appui pour les Alternatives de développement – Océan Indien (CRAAD-OI)

**Moderator:** Dunja Krause, UNRISD

**Additional Information:**

- Link to website: [www.unrisd.org/csw66-climate](http://www.unrisd.org/csw66-climate)

Tue 15 Mar
11:15 - 12:45

**Feminist Economic Governance**

Organizer: Sweden, USA, Republic of Korea, UN Women, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)
The webinar brings together government, international organisations, trade unions, private sector and civil society in a conversation on gender equality in economic governance and rights, with a focus on the labour market, against the backdrop of pandemic recovery. Covid-19 has increased gender inequalities and impacted women's socio-economic situation, with an increase in unpaid care and domestic work as well as gender-based violence. Addressing unequal power structures both at home and in the workplace, along with access to social security systems is imperative for women's economic empowerment rights, and for improved resilience and recovery at societal level.

**Flyer:** [CSW_flyer_Economic Governance.pdf](#)

**Tue 15 Mar**
12:00 - 13:15

**Empowering women and girls through a Just Transition to a Green Economy**

*Organizer:* United Kingdom

**Topic:** Gender perspectives in climate change | Promoting women’s and girls’ participation and leadership | Building women’s and girls’ resilience | Promoting a gender-responsive transition to green and blue economy; gender-responsive just transition | Other

**Other topic:** Promoting education and skills for girls and women to equip them for working in the green economy

**Registration / Event Link:** Dimpy Sanganee <dimpy.sanganee@fcdo.gov.uk>  
This event brings together representatives from governments, private sector, academia and civil society and seeks to facilitate rich discussions where expertise, best practice and tools will be shared to help empower women and girls in the just transition to a green, inclusive economy. It will provide a platform to deepen the understanding of how climate change disproportionately affects women and girls and how empowering them effectively can support Net Zero commitments by: enabling stronger climate, environmental and business outcomes; increasing business resilience; reducing risk; diversifying value chains; and resulting in more sustainable business practices.

**Concept Note:** [CSW/66 UK Concept Note - Empowering Women and Girls through a Just Transition to a Green Economy.pdf](#)

**Tue 15 Mar**
13:00 - 15:00

**African and European Youth Leaders for a Just Transition: Driving change towards a just, gender-transformative, climate-resilient and sustainable future in Europe and Africa**
Organizer: European Union, France, Oxfam Intermón

Topic: Promoting women's and girls' participation and leadership Promoting a gender-responsive transition to green and blue economy; gender-responsive just transition

Registration / Event Link: https://forms.gle/aFDvLeXWuSPqYAZx6

This high-level side event builds on the momentum from the EU-AU Summit of 17-18 February 2022, which prominently featured discussions on climate change and energy transition, as well as agriculture and sustainable development, with a particular focus on youth from both continents. The event follows a youth-led and participatory set of meetings focusing on African and European youth views, demands, lived experiences and success stories in regards to climate change and a green transition, peace-security-development and the integration of gender justice and feminist approaches organized by the AU-EU Youth Cooperation Hub and Oxfam Intermón. It will seek to bring the Africa-EU partnership approach to the UN, share best practices and lessons learned, and inform future policy and programming at the national and international levels.

Tue 15 Mar
13:00 - 14:30

**STEM education as a stepping stone towards gender-transformative climate change policies**

Organizer: Italy, Council of Europe

Topic: Gender perspectives in climate change Promoting women's and girls' participation and leadership

Registration / Event Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewWqdbfT6izjYokUw6F7v6F_lJfDs9wApcDIk47myRD-yfg/viewform

Synopsis: the event aims to discuss ways to increase girls' take-up in STEM fields and women's career advancement and maintenance in STEM research fields; present tools and methods developed and applied in education systems around the world to promote STEM education and attract young people, especially girls, to these research fields and careers; present the role which gender equality policies and strategies play in creating more women-friendly academic and research working environments and careers; explore ways to increase the integration of gender considerations in emerging policy and programming on climate change mitigation and adaptation; highlight opportunities for leadership and inclusion of women in climate change and environment related decision-making processes.

*This event is co-sponsored by Austria and UNESCO.*

Wed 16 Mar
7:00 - 8:15

**Climate change and impact on violence against women**

Organizer: Leaders of the Action Coalitions on Feminist Action for Climate Justice and Action and Gender-based Violence, UN Women

Registration / event link: https://unwomen.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oumbeAtqS9u2X9n9fBQvpg

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The side event “climate change and the impact on violence against women” will highlight the linkages between the impacts of climate change on gender-based violence (GBV) against women
and girls and identify possibilities and strategies for preventing and responding to GBV in the context of climate change. It will explore how environmental and sustainable development initiatives can better mitigate against GBV related risks and the integration of GBV prevention and response into climate change related policies and programmes, including those which focus on the role of women’s rights organizations and women human rights defenders in addressing the impacts of climate change.

More information on Action Coalitions: https://forum.generationequality.org/action-coalitions

Wed 16 Mar
10:45 - 18:45

**Fighting climate change: gender perspective and feminist solutions**
Organizer: European Parliament
Topic: Gender perspectives in climate change
Registration / Event Link: TBC

The event will include two panels. The first panel will focus on the EU fighting climate change, a gender equality perspective. The second panel will focus on women and innovation in fighting climate change.

Wed 16 Mar
8:30 - 10:00

**From Words to Action: Climate Finance and Gender Justice**
Organizer: Denmark, ACT Alliance, DanChurchAid, Christian Aid, Act Church of Sweden, the Lutheran World Federation
Topic: Gender perspectives in climate change
Registration / Event Link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-words-to-action-climate-finance-and-gender-justice-tickets-259512237087

The climate emergency demands urgent and gender-transformative action. Structural and systemic gender inequalities shape the climate emergency. Unequal participation in formal economies and decision-making processes, limited access to finance and information, and greater domestic responsibilities, compounds gender inequalities. Women, youth and faith communities play a significant role in driving climate action and are critical stakeholders to include in climate-related development finance. Bringing forward concrete recommendations, this Side Event will advocate for the power of gender-responsive finance to turn words into action.

Concept Note: CSW66_ClimateGenderJustice.pdf

Wed 16 Mar
9:00 - 10:30

**Promoting gender-equitable norms to advance women's empowerment in the context of climate change**
Organizer: Colombia, Ireland, OECD Development Centre
Topic: Other
Other topic: Women’s empowerment and gender norms, masculinities

Registration / Event Link: https://bit.ly/3I1CL2y

Gender norms, including around masculinities, can either support or hinder women’s empowerment and gender equality. Measuring these norms is the first step to transforming them and designing better policies. This is all the more important in building resilience and responses to address climate change and its associated risks which disproportionately impact women and girls.

This high-level event will share insights from Ireland’s application of the OECD Development Centre’s “Man Enough?” indicator framework and from Colombia’s work to promote a cultural shift away from negative masculinity norms. It will show that tackling these restrictive masculinities has the potential to improve both women’s and men’s well-being, especially in the context of climate change. It will be an opportunity to hear from a diverse group of panellists and to discuss what policies and programmes can promote gender-equitable masculine norms that support women’s empowerment and gender equality in practice in developed as well as in developing countries, and in particular in more vulnerable contexts due to climate change. A High Level representative of Colombia, and Ireland’s Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, H.E. Roderic O’Gorman, will provide opening remarks.

Concept Note: Agenda_CSW66_Masculinities-and-Climate-Change-1.pdf

Wed 16 Mar

10:00 - 11:30

Fostering a green and just transformation – women’s empowerment and leadership in the context of climate change. Side event on the occasion of the German G7 presidency in cooperation with W7

Organizer: Germany, National Council of German Women’s Organizations

Topic: Other

Registration / Event Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSsetncAI7jxy5yLVHITi2aAeT74CREdFAGs1mcyB0VYLTu4aAL/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Women are often hit more severely by crises. This is also true in the context of climate change. However, women have also proven to be crucial agents of change in the areas of resource sustainability and driving forces behind the shift to a wellbeing economy.

The necessary responses to climate change will have to include a broad social and economic transformation. This transformation has the unique potential to accelerate gender equality, for instance through an increased women’s participation in green jobs and their equal and meaningful inclusion in all decision-making processes regarding climate policy.

Recognizing the need to first collect relevant gender-sensitive and disaggregated data, this side event will outline the necessity of gender-transformative strategies and policy approaches to climate change.

On the occasion of the G7 presidency the Federal Republic of Germany would like to strengthen the necessary debate on women’s empowerment and leadership in the context of climate change with this side event and also outline its further plans for gender equality activities during its presidency. As co-host the National Council of German Women’s Organizations will present the voices of civil society involved in the Women7-Dialogue. Women7 (W7) is a group of civil society organizations and advocacy groups promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment in the G7. The National Council of German Women’s Organizations is chairing the 2022 W7 Dialogue during Germany’s G7 Presidency.
Wed 16 Mar
16:00 - 17:30

**WOMEN IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE: HOW TO FOSTER PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP?**

Organizer: Argentina, Germany, Latvia, South Korea, South Africa

**Topic:** Promoting women’s and girls’ participation and leadership

**Registration / Event Link:** https://lvmfa.webex.com/lvmfa/j.php?MTID=m72a7b450d9e5274f362314d8a1727e9a

Women’s participation in science and research decreases with seniority in the workplace. The panelists – women from the science communities of Argentina, Germany, Latvia, South Africa, and South Korea – will share their experiences about pursuing careers in science and working with issues related to climate change and environment, challenging gender stereotypes in these fields, as well as their advice on what could be done to foster women participation and leadership in science. The aim of the discussion is to encourage women’s participation and leadership in science, research, and innovation.

Thu 17 Mar
8:00 - 9:15

**Making digital a catalyst for women’s employment in the MENA region**

Organizer: Morocco, OECD

**Topic:** Other

**Other topic:** Digitalisation and Women’s Employment

**Registration / Event Link:** https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__0BckQEmRru7usIEM_iIZw

This high-level event is part of the MENA-OECD Women’s Economic Empowerment Forum (WEEF) series of regional dialogues on *Women’s Economic Empowerment and Digitalisation in MENA economies*. It will aim at fostering peer learning and the sharing of good practices between MENA and OECD countries. Discussions will highlight innovative initiatives implemented in MENA and OECD countries that use digital tools to promote women’s access to employment and gender-friendly workplaces.

*Organized by the OECD and the Moroccan Ministry of Solidarity, Social Integration and Family*

**Concept Note:** 66-CSW-WEEF-Morocco-17-03-22-Concept-Note.pdf

**Additional Information:**

Thu 17 Mar
8:30 - 10:00

**Climate Change: Challenges and Synergies for Addressing GBV in the Arab region**

Organizer: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), ASRO

**Topic:** Violence against women and girls in contexts of climate and environmental crises and disasters

**Registration / more information:** castan@unfpa.org

The event will explore means to integrate strategies to eradicate gender-based violence with climate change response in the Arab region as well as analyse challenges and present new opportunities in this regard. The event will 1) take stock of ongoing efforts to integrate the prevention and redress of gender-based violence with climate change action, 2) highlight areas to further scale up efforts and enhance cooperation between gender equality and climate change actors, including in humanitarian settings, 3) to mobilize action and resources.

Fri 18 Mar
9:00 - 11:00

**Green Job Opportunities to strengthen women's economic empowerment as key actors in sustainable development and the fight against climate change**

Organizer: Morocco

**Topic:** Gender perspectives in climate change

Gender perspectives in environmental degradation

Impact of climate and environmental crises and disasters on women and girls

Promoting a gender-responsive transition to green and blue economy; gender-responsive just transition

**Registration / Event Link:** [https://unwomen.zoom.us/j/99859403652?pwd=ZThndU8rQnh5Z1RBYINMaERvRC9kQT09](https://unwomen.zoom.us/j/99859403652?pwd=ZThndU8rQnh5Z1RBYINMaERvRC9kQT09)

The Kingdom of Morocco is co-organizing with UN Women Morocco and their partners, a side event that will focus on the links between gender equality, fair and equitable access to green jobs, and climate change as an entry point to eradicate climate vulnerabilities to which women are exposed. It will share strategic developments and good practices to promote the transition to a free economy for the economic empowerment of women, key actors in sustainable development and the fight against climate change, and to formulate recommendations to address the challenges related to women's access to green jobs and professions.

**Concept Note:** Green Job Opportunities_97.pdf

Fri 18 Mar
11:00 - 12:30

**Women’s Empowerment for a Sustainable World: Towards a Gender Just Transition**

Organizer: Austria, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR), and Global Women’s Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET)

**Topic:** Other

**Other topic:** Gender-responsive just transition
The global energy transition opens a unique possibility to shift gender power imbalances and ensure women's voices, perspectives and knowledge are harnessed to stage the future of renewable energy with a human rights and gender perspective. This event will convene a group of policymakers, experts, grassroots women, and NGOs to explore the gender dimensions of the energy transition and its implications for climate justice. It will provide a space for key stakeholders to voice concerns on how the green transition may be blindsiding gender issues and to share initiatives that have been successful in driving a gender-just energy transition.

**Co-organizers:** Interamerican Association for Environmental Defence (AIDA), Gender CC South Africa, International Women’s Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAW-AP) and Aksi!

**Concept Note:** AT Side event 66 CSW Women’s Empowerment for a Sustainable World.pdf

**Additional Information:**

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**Mon 21 Mar**

10:00 - 11:30

**Institutional Mechanisms for Efficient Gender Pay Gap Reduction**

*Organizer:* Czech Republic

*Other topic:* Women's Economic Empowerment

**Registration / Event Link:** TBC

Anchoring Gender Pay Gap reduction mechanisms within the institutional structures has proven to be the most effective strategy for those countries who take a serious stand towards fair and just economy. The event will introduce different models of the institutional mechanisms within state structures and relevant stakeholders’ structures. The aim is to discuss their designs, management, feasibility, efficiency, costs, and enforceability. Special emphasis will be put on sharing best practice examples of those countries and workplaces which have required pay transparency measures for a long time already and can evaluate and share their experience.

**Tue 22 Mar**

7:00 - 8:30

**Role of Women in STEM in addressing Climate Change**

*Organizer:* UNESCO, World Federation of Engineering Organisations (WFEO)

*Other topic:* Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes

**Registration / Event Link:** https://unesco.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YsSmL5alRVi3vKaffm9MTw

The event will demonstrate the key role of women scientists and engineers in addressing climate change, disaster risk management, innovation and advancing the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable
Development Goals, including Goal #9.5, Goal #5 – Gender and Goal #13 Climate Change. The event will also contribute to celebrating the achievements of engineers and agronomists and scientists in this field. UNESCO and WFEO will address the issue of women and their role in addressing climate change, environmental risks and natural disasters. Empowering women in the STEM fields and ensuring their role in government, industry and academia, is increasingly important after two years of dealing with the pandemic. Women have been under-represented in addressing issues relating to climate change to date and this event will address this imbalance to some extent.

Concept Note: Concept Note UNESCO WFEO ISC CSW66 Side Event March 2022.docx-DIR-PCB.pdf

Tue 22 Mar
9:00 - 10:30

Equal pay is everyone’s business: All engaged in advancing women’s economic empowerment

Organizer: Canada, Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC)
Topic: Other

Other topic: Equal pay in the context of the review theme: Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work

Registration / Event
Link: https://zoom.us/j/96193750641?pwd=VEtzY1BqQzluOWRDZXU3VGY2RjZVUT09

Globally, unequal pay is one of the most persistent barriers to women's economic empowerment, and long-standing gender inequities have been amplified in the context of COVID-19. Moving towards a human-centred recovery requires that equal pay be addressed as an issue which everyone can contribute to and benefit from.

This virtual side event, which addresses the CSW66 review theme, will focus on the key role of a collaborative approach between governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations, and the private sector in advancing equal pay.

The event is organized by the Government of Canada, in collaboration with the Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC).

Concept Note:
English: CSW66 Canada-EPIC Side Event_Concept Note_EN.pdf
French: CSW66 Événement parallèle organisé par Canada-EPIC_Note de synthèse_FR.pdf

Tue 22 Mar
9:30 - 10:45

Advancing an Inclusive Transition to Renewable Energy

Organizer: United Arab Emirates, The Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS)

Topic: Gender perspectives in climate change

Other topic: Gender-responsive climate action
Registration / Event Link: Register via eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advancing-an-inclusive-transition-to-renewable-energy-tickets-260453743157

This event will convene experts and key stakeholders to identify new recommendations for how the UN, Member States, the private sector, and civil society can support the meaningful inclusion of women in renewable energy activities. Panelists will discuss strategies for advancing gender-responsive climate action through renewable energy, drawing on lessons learned and best practices that can be scaled to inform policy and practice. The conversation will have a special focus on applications to fragile and conflict-affected states, where women’s access to the renewable energy economy provides a critical opportunity to bolster preparedness to climate shocks and women’s economic empowerment, and thus, overall peace and security.

Concept Note: CSW66 Side Event Proposal - 3_22_22.pdf

Thu 24 Mar

11:00 - 12:30

**Equal Work, Equal Pay: Reducing the Gender Pay Gap**

Organizer: Civil Society Unit, UN Department of Global Communications, DGC Civil Society Youth Representatives Steering Committee

Topic: Other

Other topic: Reducing the Gender Pay Gap

Registration / Event Link: bit.ly/24March2022

Guided by the principles established by United Nations frameworks on gender equality and the empowerment of all women, this event invites a range of stakeholders, including civil society actors, youth groups, representatives from the United Nations Member States and the UN system working at the forefront of the human rights and women’s rights to discuss the successes and challenges in advancing more equitable economic opportunities women across different backgrounds. Speakers will share best practices in combating continued wage disparities based on gender and race as well as highlight the necessary role all women play in decision-making processes that affect them.

Concept Note: CSW 24 March Scenario CSW Youth-led Side Event_DGC_03.08.2022.pdf

Additional Information:

- Flyer: Civil Society Youth-led Briefing.pdf