



From: SIE Programme Team

To: Programme Directors

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Dear Soroptimists,

The 69th session of the [Commission on the Status of Women](#) (CSW) will take place at the UN in New York from **10-21 March 2025**. The CSW is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

The main focus of the 69th session will be on the review and appraisal of the implementation of the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action** and the **outcomes of the 23rd special session of the General Assembly**. The review will include an assessment of current challenges that affect the implementation of the Platform for Action and the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and its contribution towards the full realization of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

Attending the CSW in New York is a unique and exciting opportunity, open to all Soroptimists, to network, learn about the critical issues affecting women today, and gain insight into the work of SIE and the United Nations. The SIE delegation is led by **SIE President, Hafdís Karlsdóttir**.

If you would like to join, please fill out the SIE Survey that you can find [HERE](#) by **Tuesday, 5 November 2024**.

Since a limited number of passes are available to attend the CSW69 in New York, interested Soroptimists must fill the questionnaire to apply for a pass. Participants will be chosen on past advocacy/lobbying experience, networking skills, and more. Successful applicants will be notified by **15 November 2024**.

NB: At this stage, any registration request directly submitted by members of the SIE Federation via the CSW69 website (<https://indico.un.org/event/1014110/>) cannot be approved. Indeed, the intermediate step is this pre-selection using the SIE Survey to choose the members of the SIE delegation. Once members have been designated, they will be able to register on the CSW69 registration website.

Thank you very much.

Best regards, **The SIE Advocacy Team**