



## INVITATION TO A PARALLEL NGO CSW - SIDE EVENT

**Empowering Women, Children/Youth - 75% of the world population -  
to unite & claim a seat at the table**

**& Self-Employed Women's Association "Tackling Climate Change"**

**Sunday, 20 March 2022 - 8 AM EST / 1 PM CET – 40 Min.**

### Program Speakers

- **Elly Pradervand**, Women's World Summit Foundation (**WWSF**) Founder / President, Geneva, Switzerland, introducing the 75% Empowerment Campaign: Women, Children & Youth (6 billion strong), unite as Actors 4 Good International & claim a seat at the table (10 Min.)
- **Rehana Riyawala**, Self-Employed Women's Association (**SEWA**) Vice-President, Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India (2 million strong) shares rural women's work with a specific focus on tackling climate change (10 Min.), followed by a video.
- Q & A (10 Min.)

### Registration Form

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### Concept Note

Participating as international NGOs in the annual "UN Commission on the Status of Women – 66th Session (14-25 March 2022)", and in solidarity with the NGO CSW Virtual Forums in New York & Geneva, the Women's World Summit Foundation &

the Self-Employed Women's Association (India) seize this opportunity to contribute to the CSW66 theme: **“Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programs”**.

- **WWSF** serves with its four annual empowerment campaigns the creation of a global movement **“Actors 4 Good International”** to boost implementation of UN binding Conventions for the rights of women and children, the Beijing Platform 4 Action & CSW66, Resolution 1325, and the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. We are expecting from world leaders to change course so that our children will not inherit the unstable and fragile world we live in today. Women who give birth to all humanity deserve a seat at the decision-making table. <https://www.woman.ch/>

- **SEWA** serves close to 2 million rural women members in 9 states of India. To-date, SEWA has been successful in organizing and empowering poor self-employed women into more than 3200 self-help groups, more than 110 co-operatives, and more than 15 associations/federations. SEWA workers do not remain workers but become owners and managers of their trades and organizations and overcome the challenge of poverty and climate change. Meet these heroines and be inspired by the videos showing their spirit of courage, resilience, non-violence, and sustaining livelihoods while tackling climate change. <https://www.sewa.org/>

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### **Additional important information**

Over the two weeks of the **UN Commission on the Status of Women event** in March 2022, the **NGO CSW FORUM** takes place simultaneously with over 700 registered parallel events sponsored and organized by NGOs from around the world. These virtual events are civil society actions for Good, that increase community empowerment, more leaders to emerge, and help deliver the urgent climate actions we need.

The 2022 the NGO CSW66 Forum, side- and parallel events, will be entirely virtual, taking place from 14 March till 25 March 2022.