

# MWIA held a successful parallel event at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63)

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 63) has ended its first week at UN Headquarters in New York City. The priority theme is social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women, with the review theme being women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development. MWIA was well represented at CSW with members from Australia, Canada, Japan, Nigeria, Taiwan, UK, and USA.



MWIA's parallel event on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> was full to overflowing, giving many members the opportunity to highlight their work under the theme of Medical Women and their role in sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women. Dr. Gigi Osler, President of the Canadian Medical Association, and Dr. Ching-Yi Lin, legislator at large in Taiwan, were the two keynote speakers. The picture above shows the speakers at the MWIA parallel event.



A note of acknowledgment goes out to Dr. Gabrielle Casper, a past president of MWIA from Australia, who for many years has organized a group of medical students and practicing physicians to attend CSW. This year was no exception and the networking lunch following the parallel event provided the opportunity for her medical students to present their research work.

The Medical Women's Association of Nigeria also held a parallel event entitled Social and Economic Consequences of Teenage Pregnancy: Enhancing our Social and Economic Systems (Speakers see in the photo the left).

The Secretary General of the UN, Antonio Guterres, spoke at a General Assembly and familiarized the many thousand attendees at CSW with his work on gender equality at the highest levels of the UN.

As always, sincere thanks goes to Dr. Satty Gill Keswani and Dr. Padmini Murthy, MWIA's permanent reps to the UN, for the work they do all year long at the UN on our behalf.

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