

# Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations Newsletter

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## The 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The CSW is a very important event in the Anglican Communion Office at the UN (ACOUN) calendar. This year, the delegation was made up of Anglican women from 8 Provinces: Burundi, the Episcopal Church, Scotland, Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan), Melanesia, Southern Africa, West Africa and Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

With the theme of "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls", our delegation undertook advocacy with government representatives to champion the rights of women and girls in their regions. They also participated in side events and workshops that were places for education and partnership.

## UNHCR Briefing on Refugees



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recently briefed the Security Council on the current situation of refugees and displaced people worldwide. The key issues raised were:

- Resolving the root causes of conflict in order to prevent forced migration
- Supporting countries that host large numbers of refugees
- Removing obstacles for the safe return of refugees to their country of origin such as

the fear of retaliation through violence and/or legal punishment.

The High Commissioner concluded by reminding member states that returns need to be safe, dignified, well supported, and voluntary. He also made it clear that reducing and eliminating statelessness is a priority for his office. The year 2019 marks the halfway point in the UNHCR 10-year campaign to eliminate statelessness.

## The 52nd Commission on Population and Development: The role of faith actors

The Anglican Communion was present this year at the CPD as part of the ACT Alliance delegation. The Anglican Bishop of Mityana, the Right Revd Stephen Kaziimba, spoke on the importance of including boys and men in the faith community's efforts in pursuing gender justice. Within his own diocese, he teaches gender sensitivity to boys and men.

The political declaration that came out of the CPD highlighted the need for NGOs and civil society to commit themselves to fully implementing the Programme of Action and the 2030 Agenda, and emphasized the need to collect higher-quality data to measure progress towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



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