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Invitation for Applications—The Seventieth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW70) OSSTF/FEESO Virtual Delegation

To: Presidents and all Members

From: Joel Duff, Associate General Secretary—Professional Services

For Action

OSSTF/FEESO is inviting eligible Members to apply to participate in the virtual delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) as part of the Canadian Labour Congress' (CLC) delegation.

Participation in the UNCSW reflects OSSTF/FEESO's long-standing commitment to women's issues, gender equality, equity, anti-racism, and anti-oppression. This opportunity supports Member leadership development and strengthens our collective voice on global women's rights and gender justice.

The CLC is a United Nations (UN) accredited organization for this Commission, and they typically bring a large delegation of women leaders to participate in both the formal meetings and the parallel conference organized by non-governmental organizations (NGOs). This year, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW) is an in-person event in New York City, held from March 9 to 20, 2026. The CLC will be bringing both an in-person delegation (voting) and a virtual delegation (non-voting) to the event.

Priority Theme: "Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls."

OSSTF/FEESO is inviting up to 10 women to participate as part of the CLC virtual delegation. All applicable costs pertaining to virtual participation, in accordance with the 2025-2026 Federation Guidelines, will be the responsibility of Provincial Office.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be an active OSSTF/FEESO Member,
- demonstrate an active interest or involvement in issues related to gender equality,

- women's rights, or the broader Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) themes, and
- must verify that they have no restrictions for time release from their employer to participate.

Note: Bargaining Unit Presidents may be contacted regarding any member(s) being considered as an OSSTF/FEESO delegate. Individuals who are selected will be notified, along with their Bargaining Unit President, following approval by the Provincial Executive.

OSSTF/FEESO is dedicated to equity, anti-racism, and anti-oppression, while protecting and enhancing public education. We value the participation of members with various lived experiences and actively seek and welcome applications from members of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and/or equity-seeking groups. Self-identification is voluntary.

Applications may be submitted electronically using the link below by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.**

[Application Form](#)

[OSSTF/FEESO Voluntary Self-Identification Form](#)



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