



FAS attending the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women



The 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) will be held in New York from 10 to 21 March under the priority theme of “Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls.” The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was established by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); it serves as the main global policy-making body devoted exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women. Over a two week period, UN Member States evaluate progress and achievements in gender equality, identify challenges, set global standards and create policies in order to promote worldwide gender equality and women's empowerment. In 2013, Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) was appointed Co-Chair for a two-year term of the newly formed NGO CSW/Africa. NGO CSW/Africa was created to increase the effectiveness of African civil society participation with the CSW. As an ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organization, FAS engages with the CSW in order to impact the agreed conclusions as well as raise awareness of FAS' work. To ensure this goal is achieved each year, FAS sponsors project partners to attend the CSW, organizes parallel events, submits written statements to the Commission, delivers oral statements to the Commission and conducts advocacy with Member states on the agreed conclusions. The CSW serves as one of the foremost venues for FAS advocacy work and this year's CSW will be no exception; FAS will continue to make its contributions to shape the global agenda in the different post-2015 development processes and the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. FAS will also continue its work and advocacy with the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, on the African Union's Agenda 2063, and on the Common African Position for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. FAS will participate and engage with international and regional partners in order to impact the CSW agreed conclusions as well as ensure that agreed conclusions will reflect strong language and demonstrate a strong commitment to gender equality and salient issues related to women, peace and security.