



NEWSLETTER

"HISTORY IS NOT THE PAST. IT IS THE STORIES WE TELL ABOUT THE PAST. HOW WE TELL THESE STORIES – TRIUMPHANTLY OR SELF-CRITICALLY, METAPHYSICALLY OR DIALECTICALLY – HAS A LOT TO DO WITH WHETHER WE CUT SHORT OR ADVANCE OUR EVOLUTION AS HUMAN BEINGS..."

GRACE LEE BOGGS

The Issue

CSW 67

The 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) took place at the UN in New York from 6th-17th March 2023. The conference was about promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives around the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

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Women's History Month

Celebrating the achievements women and raising awareness about domestic violence, sexism, and how we can overcome them.

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Presidents Address

Bahamas Lotus has received a huge amount of support over the last year, which was used to help families and host several events. I'm continually honored to put people's care and generosity into action, and my hope is that our community continues in its spirit of empathy for those who are struggling.

A new year is upon us presenting itself with the opportunity to revisit our enthusiasm for pursuing our ambitions and dreams. We are incredibly grateful for this community of partners, supporters, members, and participants, and look forward to another year of working together to achieve those ambitions that we share.

May this new year bring happiness and joy to everyone. I wish you and your family all the best and a very Happy New Year. As one year ends and a new one starts, I hope for a brighter and easier 2023, one in which we are kind to one another, and to ourselves.

Yours Truly,
Dwina Higgs



CSW67 Briefing

Bahamas Lotus joined other agencies at CSW67 in New York March 6th-17th at the UN to be able to aid in changing the laws and policies within The Bahamas and around the world to achieve gender equality. CSW is the preeminent global policy space in which to do this.

The 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) was about promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives around the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. With the participation of thousands of women and gender equality experts from around the world exchanging experiences, it provided us with the opportunity to share lessons learned and good practices, that will shape Global norms and standards on gender equality, and the empowerment of all women and girls.

With a seat at the table, with governments and funders of the world, we are able to remind them of their political and financial commitment to women's rights. It was a great space to network, share BL's work, and advocate within the UN and with Member States.

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

Ruth Bader Ginsburg



NGO High - Level Civil Society Briefing

CSW Chair, Amb. Mathu Joyini & BL President Dwina Higgs, as they have Conversation with UN Women Executive Director, Sima Bahous, and Anita Gurumurthy.



13 WAMM

Bahamas Lotus along side Civil Society Bahamas, Women United, Business Institute, The Josiah Institute, Teachers Union and several Bahamian NGO's meet to discuss the upcoming 13 WAMM Conference which is to be held in The Bahamas later this year in August.



Collaboration

The Good And The Beautiful Team who presented Chrome Laptops to Bahamas Lotus after meeting discussing the possible implementation of their educational platform at BL's after school program.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrating Women Who Tell Stories

During Women's History Month, Bahamas Lotus celebrate the countless women who have fought tirelessly and courageously for equality, justice, and opportunity in our Nation. We also reaffirm our commitment to advancing rights and opportunities for women and girls in The Bahamas and around the world. We acknowledged the voices and stories from five great women. It helps their stories to be heard and encourage others on their journey.

01. Celebrating Women Who Tell Stories



Remelda Moxey
Dean of Business,
Hospitality & Tourism Studies
University of The Bahamas

Storytelling traditions span time and cultures and have been relied upon for generations to both entertain and educate. For many Indigenous cultures history and traditions were passed through oral storytelling and Ms. Moxey did just that. She shared the importance of never giving up, questioning conventional paradigms, and disrupting the social norms that define women as inferior; this includes, discrimination, disregard, control, oppression, exploitation, and violence of women.



02. Making your money work for you (Financial Resilience).



Ms. Allita Bain
Founder Of Beauty Logistics Salon
&
Diamond Travel Agency

Ms. Bain talked about how to make money work. She said making money work entails taking charge of one's money and steadily using that power to increase one's stability and security and eventually, be able to achieve financial independence or amass riches through investing. Having a financial plan is key to becoming financially resilient. Reminding us to set goals to help stay focus on what matters most, build an emergency fund, understand where money goes, reduce, or eliminate debt and build up one's knowledge.



03. Self-care through skincare.



Ms. Natasha Evans
Mental Health & Nonprofit
Consultant

Ms. Evans stated that self-care is the decision-making process in which women use information to look after their own health. With no sole specified way to practice self-care the most important is to put yourself first and that you need your own time. Self-Care through skin care is one of the best ways to start, because beauty regiments date back to ancient Egyptian times. She left us with 3 immediate things to Care for yourself: know our skin type, start a regimen, and give it time as you allow our skin to tell our story!



04. Your voice is your spirit. Be the change of resilience for tomorrow's story tellers (Injecting Positivity).



Ms. Latoya Johnson
Founder Of Bahamas Institute &
Business Institute Empowerment
(NGO)

Ms. Johnson inspired the women in the room, to be their own chair leaders and to always move with positive people. They were encouraged to never procrastinate because it will stagnate their growth and they must always show their true potential. She gave examples of simple steps using her journey to tell her story as a reason it is important to believe in oneself. The evening ended with a clip of what steps take place from hesitating by John Maxwell.



Date	Event	Venue
April	Say No Than Go Campaign (Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Awareness)	TBA
June	Lotus Backyard Gardens Launch	Multiple Venus
June	Coral Reefs (Ocean Day Awareness)	TBA

"The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up."

Serena Williams



