

REFLECTIONS FROM THE 55TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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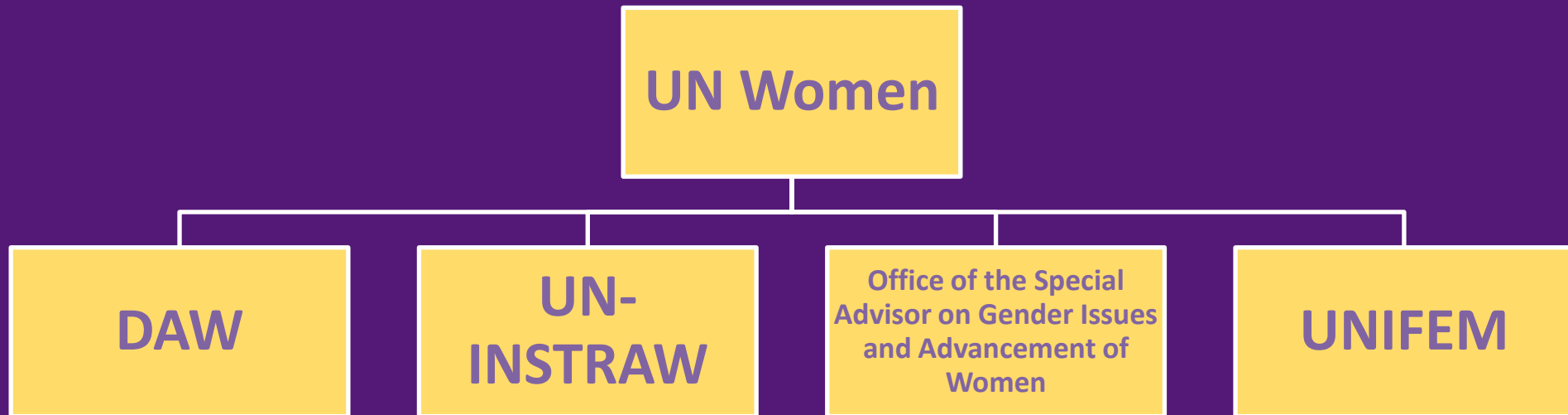
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Agenda

- Overview – UN Women, CSW, CEDAW, WomenNC
 - Kristen Brugh
- Sex trafficking
 - Katie Starr
- Violence against women
 - Annie Clark
- Reproductive health and education policy
 - Kimmie Garner

UN Women

- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women



UN Women

■ Governance

- UN General Assembly
- Economic and Social Council
- Commission on the Status of Women
- UN Women Executive Board

■ Three key roles in the UN system

1. Support inter-governmental bodies in the formulation of global policies and standards
2. Technical, financial, and networking assistance for member states to implement standards
3. Routine monitoring of UN system progress for gender equality

UN Women

■ Focus Areas

- Violence against women
- Peace and security
- Leadership and participation
- Economic empowerment
- National planning and budgeting
- Human rights
- Millennium Development Goals

55th Session

Commission on the Status of Women

- Annual Sessions
- Output of the Commission
 - Agreed conclusions on priority themes
- 55th Session
 - “Access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work”
- Parallel Events – NGO CSW

Personal Impacts

- Child Labor in North Carolina Agriculture: Human Rights Frameworks for the Girl Child
 - “The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development, and current challenges” – 56th Session (2012)
- Gender statistics, data demand, and reporting systems
 - "Making Gender Statistics Meaningful on the Ground" hosted by UNFPA, UNSD and UN-Women
- Female Genital Cutting/Mutilation
 - Italian Permanent Mission

Future Directions

- Continued involvement with WomenNC
 - Research & Student Fellowship
- PhD in Maternal and Child Health
 - International reproductive health policy
 - Gender equity and international development
 - Student engagement in health and human rights