



Tipping Point team members participated in various meetings and event surrounding the 61st session of the UN Commission on the status of Women (CSW) held in New York from March 13-24th, joining more than 20 other CARE staff and partners from around the world. The theme of this year's CSW was “*women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work.*” The official outcome of the 2 weeks of negotiations between UN member governments, with input from civil society and other actors, was an “Agreed Conclusions” document, which can be found [here](#).

A key CSW highlight was a well-attended side-event on March 20th organized by CARE and NGO partners and co-sponsored by the governments of Zambia, Nepal and Colombia, whose theme was “*expanding pathways to economic justice for adolescent girls and young women.*” Key speakers included the First Lady of Zambia, the Secretary of the Ministry of Women, Children and Social Welfare from Nepal, the Colombian Deputy Ambassador to the UN and the African Union Goodwill Ambassador for ending child marriage, as well as a number of civil society representatives. The discussion touched on solutions to structural issues that undermine girls and women's access to economic opportunity, including unequal access to decent work, unpaid care work, harmful gender norms, practices such as child marriage and lack of sexual and reproductive health services and information. CARE was represented on the panel by Viviana Osorio, Regional Advocacy coordinator for Latin America, who shared CARE's work with domestic workers movements in Latin America. The Tipping Point team played an important role in getting the Nepal government to co-sponsor and participate in the event, together with the governments of Zambia and Colombia.