

Day 4 at CSW63: Last meetings and heading home



Myself and my UIMF colleagues at the UN Headquarters.

On the fourth day, which was the last day for me in the United Nations (UN) and New York City, at 8:30AM we attended a briefing by the NGO CSW/NY which took place at the UN Headquarters. At the briefing, leaders from UN Women and NGO CW/NY spoke to the audience of civil society leaders about the negotiations surrounding the final draft of the 63rd Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) final document in the UN. They started the panel with a background about what was going on during the entire week and how things are going. After that, a question and answer session was conducted, where our mentor Dr. Abdrisaev made his comments about the necessities of including the mountain women and girls in the finale document. Dr. Abdrisaev explained how those women are suffering and in need for the member state negotiators to include them in the final document. However, the answer to Dr. Abdrisaev was that those minorities need to push harder. But after that, my colleague Mr. Michael Hinatsu ask a question and made

a comment about the mountain women and how they are suffering for being women in the first place and being in such a high altitude where the sources of empowerment and sustainable development are difficult to get to their environments. The co-host of the briefing agreed with him but they still recommended for a higher number of countries with mountain women involved in UN activities. However, by the end of the panel, an African-American lady named Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely said that they will go to the United States Congress on Thursday to push the U.S Congress more to support women rights and equality and correct the current situation when many women were denied visa to come to CSW63.



Michael Hinatsu speaks during the civil society briefing.

After the briefing, we had to go and check out from our Airbnb and we transferred our luggage to Dr. Abdrisaev's hotel room. Then I went with Dr. Abdrisaev, Michael Hinatsu, Dr. Lago and Amy Barnett to the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the U.N., Her Excellency Dr. Aksoltan Atayeva. She welcomed us in her office and told a lot about her country. We had a really great time with her, where we invited her to visit us in Utah Valley University and also invited her to discover the State of Utah. She was happy to hear that but due to her busy schedule, she told us that she wants to come to Salt Lake and she always get invitations from Salt Lake, but in the meantime, she won't be able to do it, but she promised us to visit the State of Utah and UVU. By that time we had to say

goodbye to Ambassador Atayeva. However, it was a great experience for me to meet and speak to such a high-level diplomat who has served her country for 24 years as a Permanent Representative (PR) for Turkmenistan to the United Nations and now is the Dean of all PRs accredited at the UN.



Michael Hinatsu and the Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the UN, Dr. Aksoltan Atayeva



Myself and my colleagues with PR of Turkmenistan to the UN, Ambassador Aksoltan Ataeva.



Myself and my colleagues meeting with the PR of Tajikistan to the UN, Ambassador Mahmadamin Mahmadaminov.

After that great meeting, we went to the U.N Headquarters where we met the PR of Tajikistan to the U.N., His Excellency Mr. Mahmadamin Mahmadaminov. We spoke to Ambassador Mahmadaminov about empowering mountain women and girls, and he expressed his strong support to those minorities. We also spoke to him about the water issues to be discussed at the Salt Lake City UN Civil Society Conference in August and he also was willing to stand with this issue. Dr. Lago also invited him to visit UVU on August and he was happily accepted the invitation. After our meeting with his excellency, I had to go and met the other students to go to the airport, where we met many people who were talking to us about our great speech on the U.N.

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