



The United Nations holds the Commission on the Status of Women in New York every March. Over 9000 women from across the globe come together to discuss and share solutions around various women's issues. The Baptist World Alliance is a UN recognized Non-governmental Organization (NGO) and as such it has access to many functions there such as this Commission. We have twenty passes available to us as BWA Women each year.



Let us share with you just a few snippets of some of many sessions that have challenged us in past Commissions:



Nadia Murad Basee Tahu was captured as a sex slave for ISIS. Now that she has escaped, she asked "What can I do? Over 3000 women are still being enslaved as I was!" She has been speaking any place she can, calling people to awareness and with appeals to help.

Binta, a young Sengalize woman, came alone to America for a brighter future. Poor, and a hair braider, someone saw her intelligence and potential, took her under their wing and helped her get an education.

“What can I do?” she asked. Now a lawyer she is helping illegal immigrants gain green card status and has started a foundation to stop female genital mutilation.



In 2013, Alaa, an American Syrian teen, heard of the plight of other teens like her in Syria who were in dire straits due to the war against the regime. She asked, “What can I do?” She looked around her room, saw her laptop and began a revolution on social media with the youth in Syria, getting their word out to the world through videos sent to CNN and other broadcasts.



9000 women coming together to share stories.  
And solutions.

These and hundreds of other stories are told as women share how they are making a difference through about 75 sessions to choose from each day.

**Solutions, Ideas, Networking, Resourcing, Training  
Inspiration—we CAN make a difference!**

All these come through as we meet together. Even though the majority of the women and groups represented are not Christians, it gives us a much deeper understanding of the issues we, as

Baptist women, are also dealing with across our globe and gives ideas as to what can be done. By anyone. By average women who love God and want to exercise HIS heart and share His much needed love in a hurting world!

If you are interested in attending or want more information, contact Moreen Sharp, BWA Women's Interim Executive Director at [womenbwa@bwawd.org](mailto:womenbwa@bwawd.org).

In 2018, the Commission runs from March 12-23