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Dr. Susan O'Malley is the Main Representative to the UN (NY) for the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW). She has been chair of NGO CSW/NY since July 2015 and was recently reelected for a second term until 2019. She is also Communication Co-Chair and editor of *Action for Girls* for the Working Group on Girls (WGG). She was co-chair of the Planning Committee for NGO Forums 58 and 59 and organizer of the monthly NGO CSW/NY meetings based on the 12 areas of action of the Beijing Platform for Action, 2014-2015. Since becoming Chair, she has increased the NGO CSW/NY membership from 79 to over 400 members, made the finances transparent, increased the visibility of IFBPW and NGO CSW/NY at the UN with member states and the NGO community by mission visits, working with the Bureau on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), UN Women and the Women's Major Group and the NGO Major Group. She has helped to further NGO/CSW committees in Africa, Caribbean and Latin America, ArabMENA and Asia Pacific. For the last three years she has served on the Advocacy Training Grant and helped secure grants from Switzerland, Germany and Australia to develop an Advocacy Training Booklet, "NGOs and Women's Human Rights Activists and CSW, translated into 4 languages. Trainings have been given at the CSW, at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF), and in the 5 regions to several thousand women. She will hold an advocacy training at our Triennial Congress in Cairo.

In addition to serving as the elected Faculty Trustee and Chair of the 22-campus City University of New York (CUNY) Faculty Senate from 2002-2006, Dr. O'Malley was a professor of English and Women's Studies at CUNY (Kingsborough and the Graduate Center) for 36 years. She has published articles and books on early modern women's literature, Shakespeare, higher education, disability and civil rights. She holds an AB from Smith College and a PhD from Tulane University. She is currently involved in Cities for CEDAW to get CEDAW ratified in NYC.