



Women Enabled International CSW63 Official Side Events and NGO Parallel Events New York City Sunday, March 10 to Friday, March 22, 2019

This Women Enabled International UN Commission on the Status of Women 63rd Session (CSW63) calendar was compiled by Mariela Galeazzi, WEI Legal Fellow, and Stephanie Ortoleva, WEI President and Executive Director, using the information provided by the event organizers, the NGO CSW Forum, and the UN Women website. Check the WEI website at: <https://WomenEnabled.org/csw63.html> for updates to this calendar.

On this WEI CSW63 Calendar, the events which specifically address disabled women's issues and/or older women's issues and/or other related issues have the Event Name, etc., highlighted with a light gray background with purple text. Note that WEI does not necessarily support all events listed here, but shares this information to make the vast CSW63 calendars a bit more manageable. Also note that this list includes some events addressing issues of specific interest to WEI but which may not specifically address disabled women and girls.

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- UN Pass & ID office: 320 East 45th Street -between First and Second Avenue- (NY 10017)
- You will need to bring the following to pick up your pass:
 - 1) Signed official letter requesting a pass on the official letterhead of the organization from the Chief Executive/President (I attached it below)
 - 2) A security form, showing the NGO pre-registered its information online (this is in your email confirmation once your annual pass has been approved)
 - 3) A valid government-issued photo ID (such as a passport, driver's license, etc).
- Hours: Monday to Friday from 9 to 4 pm
- Note sometimes this office will not issue both annual passes and CSW passes at the same time during CSW.

Pick up your CSW 63 pass:

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 - 1) Printed copy of the CSW63 confirmation email is required
 - 2) Valid passport issued by a Member State or an Observer State of the United Nations (or government-issued photo-ID if coming from within the U.S) is required.
- Hours:
 - Prior to the session: Friday, 8 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Saturday, 9 March from 10 am to 6 pm; Sunday, 10 March from 10 am to 6 pm.
 - First week: Monday, 11 March from 8 am to 5 pm; Tuesday, 12 March: 8 am to 5 pm; Wednesday, 13 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Thursday, 14 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Friday, 15 March from 9 am to 4 pm.
 - Second week: Monday, 18 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Tuesday, 19 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Wednesday, 20 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Thursday, 21 March from 9 am to 4 pm; Friday, 22 March from 9 am to 12 noon.

Note that NGOs with valid annual UN grounds passes can use their annual UN ground passes for the CSW63 sessions and do not need to collect a CSW63-specific UN grounds pass at the UN Pass & ID office!

Participants enter and exit via the UN main entrance at 46th Street and First Avenue. The **entrance** is open from 7:30 am to 7 pm. After 7 pm it will only be possible to **exit** UN premises, there will be no re-entry.

About the events:

- Parallel events organized by NGOs take place outside United Nations premises, either in the Church Center (located at the intersection of 44th Street and First Avenue, across from the UN Secretariat building) and other locations outside the UN. Any activist may attend these events—subject to space availability, unless otherwise noted. Events take place in many locations outside the UN so check individual events for specific details.
- Permanent Missions and UN entities hold side events on UN premises during the CSW session.
- Watch the NGO CSW/NY online [Orientation Video series](#), and download the [NGO CSW Handbook](#) vApp to track sessions, interact with attendees, view photos, and more.

List of CSW63 Official UN Events and NGO parallel events:

The following is a selection of events related to Women Enabled International's areas of work. We have highlighted in purple those that explicitly include the phrase women with disabilities or the word disability or the word disabled. Note that inclusion on this list of an event does not constitute endorsement by Women Enabled International. Access to the complete list of side events, please visit the UN Women website where the information on side events is posted: <https://bit.ly/2HjBzGi>. Some side events in UN Headquarters will be webcast live on UN Web TV's website <http://webtv.un.org/>. Access to more information on parallel events, please visit the NGO CSW 64 Forum website: <https://bit.ly/2GRCKeh>.

SUNDAY MARCH 10TH

Event Date and Time: Sunday 10th March 2019 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Event Location: Tribeca-Performing Arts Center (Borough of Manhattan Community College), 199 Chambers St, New York, NY 10007.

Event Name: NGO Forum Consultation Day

Event Description: informative panel discussions, enjoy lunch and great entertainment!

Sponsoring Organizations: The Angel Band Project

If RSVP is required: This event is part of the CSW NGO Forum. Register through this link: <https://ngocsw.z2systems.com/np/clients/ngocsw/eventRegistration.jsp?event=9&>

Tickets: \$100

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 11, 2019, from 8.30 to 10.00 am

Event Location: Salvation Army, Auditorium

Event Name: BLIA: Setting New Standards in Inclusive and Progressive Global Education

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Buddha's Light International Association
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 11, 2019, from 8.30 to 10.00 am

Event Location: 4W 43rd Street, Aqua Room

Event Name: Gender Equality in the Third Age

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Association of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 11th, 10:00 am -12:00 noon

Event Location: Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice (320 E 43rd St. New York, NY 10017)

Event Name: **Centralizing Women with Disabilities in Feminist Discourse, Funding & Programming**

Event Description: This session will bring together **women activists with disabilities**, other women's rights activists, and a wide array of funders to share their experiences towards a disability-inclusive feminist future. The event is intended to open space for a dialogue between women's rights funders and women with disabilities. It will start with responses from 2 donors and 3 women with disabilities to questions we've gathered from women's rights donors, move to questions between these donors and women with disabilities, and then to Q&A from the audience, and finally to networking and refreshments.

Sponsoring Organizations: Urgent Action Fund; Africa and the Disability Rights Fund, and **International Disability Alliance and Humanity and Inclusion**/Making It Work

Contact: Tariro Tandi at Tariro@uaf-africa.org and Diana Samarasan at dsamarasan@disabilityrightsfund.org

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters Conference Room 1 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)

Event Name: **Social Protection: Transforming the Social Economic Landscape for Women, Girls and Other Vulnerable Groups**

Event Description: This side event is organized by the Republic of Kenya and will showcase model actions towards ensuring that challenges affecting women and girls' equality and empowerment are addressed through social protection initiatives resulting from the adoption of regional and international frameworks.

Sponsoring Government: Kenya

If RSVP is required:

Contact: DivaYancey@kenyaun.org

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 12.30 pm.

Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Blue Room

Event Name: Youth Shaping Future Agendas for a Diverse, Inclusive, and Sustainable Community

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Foundation for Women's Rights Promotion and Development, Impact Hub Taipei

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 12.30 pm.

Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Green Room

Event Name: Strategic Communications to Advance Human Rights

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Corkery Group Unlimited
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 1:15 PM-2:30 PM

Location: UN Headquarters, Ex-Press Bar - GA Building (max. capacity: 100)

Event Name: Changing social norms and delivering justice - Towards a culture of consent and sustainable infrastructure to combat sexual violence

Event Description: The event is organized by the government of Sweden. It will consist of a moderated panel presentation and discussion. Government representatives/experts from very different contexts will share experiences, challenges and opportunities in addressing the common global issue of sexual violence. The focus of the presentation and discussion will be on moving towards "a culture of consent" and providing justice for survivors/victims of sexual violence. The panelists will discuss experiences in working with social norms, infrastructure, social services as well as legislation. Sweden will be represented by the Gender Equality Agency and the Swedish Crime Victim Compensation and Support Authority who will present experiences of government work in relation to the recent enactment of consent-based sexual offences legislation and government and civil society campaigns towards a "culture of consent".

Sponsoring Government: Sweden, Ethiopia

Co-Sponsoring Organization: UN Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 2.30 pm.

Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall

Event Name: Workshop on Access to Public Services in Rural South India

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: SMVA Trust

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 2.30 pm.

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: Reclaiming Public Policies for Gender Justice: An Intergenerational Feminist Dialogue

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: ActionAid International, Public Services International

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 2.30 pm.

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Chapel

Event Name: Using CEDAW Optional Protocol & Human Rights to Promote Social Protections for Vulnerable Women

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: National Council of Single Mothers and Their Children, Australian Council of Social Service

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 2.30 pm.

Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall

Event Name: **Invisible Victims- Violence Against Elderly Women- Time to React!**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Women's Support and Information Centre, Union of Women Associations of Heraklion Prefecture, Greece

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 4.30 pm.

Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall

Event Name: Cities for CEDAW: Pathways to Social Protection Systems

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: WIN (Women Intercultural Network), Women NC and WHRIA (Women Human Rights International Association)

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 4.30 pm.

Event Location: Salvation Army, Auditorium

Event Name: The Role of Social Protection in Ending Gender-Based Violence at Work

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Solidarity Center

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 11, 6.15 pm.

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: **Tackling Mental Health and Sexual Violence Trauma--The Silenced Connection**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: World Jewish Congress, Enosh - The Israeli Mental Health Association

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 11 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm

Event Location: Japan Society in New York 333 East 47th Street New York, NY 10017 [to be confirmed]

Event Name: **Reception: Focus on disability inclusion in the United Nations**

Event Description: The reception will highlight the importance of integrating women's and **disability** rights. Women with disabilities must be able to lead, participate in and directly shape and influence decisions which impact on their lives. Through positive imagery and brief motivational speeches from a number of speakers the event will highlight that women have multiple identities, and that diverse representation is critical to ensuring a vision of gender equality and disability inclusion is realised in practice. The event will also focus on promoting the message that in order to advance the rights of women with disabilities in society and development, it is essential that their perspectives and voices are heard and included in all aspects of work for women's empowerment, and that all work on disability incorporates a gender perspective. The gender and disability movements must work together to advance the rights of all women. We need to strengthen opportunities for women to engage in political and public life and advocate for the participation, representation and inclusion of all women, everywhere.

Speakers: International Disability Alliance, UN Women, Women Enabled International (probably: representatives of permanent missions).

Sponsoring organization: Sightsavers

Contact: Natasha Kennedy Head of Multilateral Engagement and Campaigns:

nkennedy@sightsavers.org

If RSVP is required:

TUESDAY, MARCH 12th

Event Date and Time: 12 March, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building
Event Name: Informal NGO Morning Briefing
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 8.30 am.
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Second Floor
Event Name: **Mental Health: Break the Silence, Reduce Inequalities and Promote Social Inclusion**
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Global Girl Power Foundation
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 8.30 am
Event Location: Salvation Army, Auditorium
Event Name: Through Sexual Violence Prevention Network to Empower Women and Girls
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Tainan Gender Equality Promotion Association, Taipei Awakening Association
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 8.30 am
Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Guild Hall
Event Name: A Cross-Cultural Conversation: NGO/GO Partnerships Serving Women Under Domestic Violence
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Modern Women's Foundation, SIA Taiwan Region
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 1 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)
Event Name: [Gender and Adolescent-Responsive Social Protection systems](#)
Event Description: Social protection can improve adolescent girls' lives today and transform their futures. This event is a chance to hear from leading voices in social protection how programmes can better address life course vulnerabilities and break inter-generational cycles of poverty. It will demonstrate the need for adolescent- and gender-responsive policy, programmes and research to build effective social protection systems. Over the last decade, the understanding of adolescence as a critical window of opportunity to accelerate development has increased, yet social protection systems still do not systematically target the needs of adolescents, especially the promotion of gender equality. A new approach will ensure no girl or woman is left behind.
Sponsoring Organization: United Kingdom, UNICEF and GAGE
If RSVP is required: <https://www.gage.odi.org/event/gender-and-adolescent-responsive-social-protection-unleashing-the-potential-of-social-protection-for-adolescent-girls-and-women/>
Contact: aaron.holtz@fco.gov.uk

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 10.30 am
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Chapel

Event Name: Young Women's Leadership for Inclusive Social Protection Systems
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Soka Gakkai International, Global Movement for the Culture of Peace
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 12.30 pm
Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall.
Event Name: New Strategies to End Family Violence: Lessons from San Francisco
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium, Institute on Aging
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 2.30 pm.
Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Blue Room
Event Name: Enhancing States Response to GBV: Paying the True Costs
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Heinrich Boell Foundation
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)
Event Name: Social protection: sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: United Kingdom
If RSVP is required:
Contact: aaron.holtz@fco.gov.uk

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Ex-Press Bar - GA Building (max. capacity: 100)
Event Name: Social protection and Unpaid care work
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Switzerland,
If RSVP is required:
Contact: cristina.verones@eda.admin.ch

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 4.30 pm
Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Green Room
Event Name: The Imperative of Intersectionality in Advancing Women's Accessibility to Social Security System
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Women's Studies Program, Southern Connecticut State University, Flying Eagle Woman Fund for Peace, Justice, and Sovereignty
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 4.30 pm
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Chapel
Event Name: Ending Violence Against Girls: Role of FBOs in Strengthening Social Protection Systems
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: World Vision

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 12, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room D - Conference Building (max. capacity: 53)

Event Name: Women Delivering Justice: Investing in Women Justice Professionals for The Achievement of Agenda 2030

Event Description: This event will focus on highlighting the contributions of women justice professionals make, the barriers they encounter, and the pathways taken in delivering justice. It will also call for more commitment and investment to this topic? Thus, reaffirming that women are not only justice seekers, but also justice providers. The event will also be informed by IDLO's recent report, Women Delivering Justice: Contributions, Barriers, Pathways.

Sponsoring Organization: Mission of Qatar, International Development Law Organization (IDLO), International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) and the GQUAL Campaign

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday, 12 March, 6PM- 8PM

Event Location: New Yorker Hotel (481 8th Ave, New York, NY 10001).

Event Name: Reception (Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be served.)

Sponsoring Organizations: NGO CSW Forum

If RSVP is required:

Tickets: \$80

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 8:15 AM-9:30 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: Care systems and social protection models: impact on women's right and autonomy

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Government: Uruguay

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 8:15 AM-9:30 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)

Event Name: With one voice for the right to abortion

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Government: Belgium

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: 13 March, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building

Event Name: Informal NGO Morning Briefing

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 8.30 am

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eight Floor

Event Name: Tipping the Balance: Sexual Assault and Power Relationships

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: The Garden of Hope Foundation, Asian Network of Women's Shelters
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room A - Conference Building
(max. capacity: 53)

Event Name: Training gender and development professionals

Event Description: UNICEF and the Global Women's Institute at the George Washington University propose a CSW63 side event on building the gender capacity of international development professionals. The objective of this session is to discuss the importance of professionalizing the gender and development field through gender training and explore different approaches to that training. Panelists will share their experiences creating and administering training for gender and development professionals and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of different approaches. Critical competencies of gender and development professionals will be discussed. This event is intended for those who are interested in building their own gender capacity or are interested in building the gender capacity of their team or organization.

Sponsoring Organizations: UNICEF and the Global Women's Institute

If RSVP is required:

Contact: kchriscaden@unicef.org

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Event Location: Roger Smith Hotel, Starlight Lounge, 501 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY

Event Name: **Meeting of Women with Disabilities and Allies - A Dialogue and Networking Event** (*Please note, there is only one elevator available. Please allow extra time).

Event Description: We welcome all women and girls with **disabilities** attending CSW63 and their allies to a meeting and networking event. Recognizing that the women with **disabilities** attending this meeting will be diverse, we see this meeting as an opportunity for, among other things: A safe space for dialogue and networking; Dialogue about how to increase representation of women with **disabilities** at CSW and other women's rights spaces and issues of financial support for travel, etc.; Engagement of women with **disabilities** in the Beijing +25 process; Updates.

Moderators: Stephanie Ortoleva, Executive Director, Women Enabled International; Megan Smith, Gender and Development Officer, International Disability Alliance

Sponsoring Organizations: Women Enabled International and International Disability Alliance

If RSVP is required: Please rsvp to Anastasia Holoboff at A.Holoboff@WomenEnabled.org no later than 10am EST on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019

Sign Language and CART closed captioning will be provided. Please email msmith@ida-secretariat.org if other reasonable accommodations are required.

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, 13 March, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: How to guarantee universal access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, as an essential condition for the emancipation of women and girls?

Event Description: How do social protection and public health systems better guarantee and protect sexual and reproductive rights around the world, particularly in countries in economic and social transition?

Concept note: [Concept Note 10058](#)

Sponsoring Governments: Sweden; France

Co-Sponsoring Organization: SheDecides, International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Le Planning Familial

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March, 13 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 1 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)

Event Name: **High Level Intergenerational Dialogue "Take the Hot Seat"**

Event Description: Engage with senior Government and UN leaders as they take the "hot seat" and respond to questions on critical issues of achieving social protection, accessible public services and sustainable infrastructure for young people by young people. See: [High Level Intergenerational Dialogue](#); [Youth Dialogue Save the Date](#); [Youth Engagement during CSW63](#); [Pre-CSW Youth Dialogue Registration](#)

Sponsoring Organizations: UN Women, UN SG's Envoy on Youth, Girls Scouts and the Working Group on Girls, WAGGGS, AIESEC, World YWCA, AWID, WE, Restless Development, MenEngage Alliance, ACT Alliance, Rozaria Memorial Trust, FRIDA, Soul City Institute of Social Justice, Plan International, African Women Leadership Network, Afrika Youth Movement, Mexico Women with **Disability** Movement and the Youth Coalition

If RSVP is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/take-the-hot-seat-a-high-level-intergenerational-dialogue-tickets-56193447113>

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 12.30 pm

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eight Floor

Event Name: CEDAW and Beijing Platform for Action 2020

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: NGO CSW/NY

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 12.30 pm

Location: Salvation Army, Auditorium

Event Name: The Marginalized Girl & Social Protection

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Tabitha Cumi Foundation, Mercy Corps Nigeria

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 12.30

Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Guild Hall

Event Name: Systèmes de protection social: handicaps ou atouts pour l'égalité des sexes

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: SERVITAS Cameroon, Forum Des Femmes D'Afrique Post 2015

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 12.30 pm

Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Yerevan Hall

Event Name: **Access to Public Services for Marginalized Women and girls**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Lotus Circle, **Humanity & Inclusion**

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 2.30 pm

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: **Access to Justice for Women with Disabilities: Towards More Equitable & Just Public Institutions**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: [Disability Rights Funds, Inc.](#), Urgent Action Fund-Africa
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 2.30 pm.

Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall

Event Name: Preventing and Redressing Forced Sterilization of Marginalized Women: Comparative Views

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: International Justice Resource Center, Maurice Law

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13, 4.30 pm.

Location: Church Center, 8th Floor

Event Name: [Women in vulnerable situations and access to public services and social protection](#)

Event Description: The objective of this workshop is to put forward proposals to eradicate poverty in the world and particularly women's poverty by facilitating their access to public services, which would contribute to the economic empowerment of women. This objective is one of the 17 sustainable development objectives for 2030, but its implementation is proving difficult. How to move forward?

Sponsoring Organization: La Coordination Française pour le Lobby Européen des Femmes; Femmes Solidaires; Fondation Jean Jaurès; Project Ethiopie; Association Femmes Pour Le Dire, Femmes Pour Agir; [Women Enabled international](#).

Speakers: Ghislaine Toutain (former Member of Parliament, Advisor to the President of the Jean-Jaurès Foundation Jocelyne); Adriant-Mebtoul (President of the CLEF - French Coordination for the European Women's Lobby); Sabine Salmon (President of Femmes solidaires); Claire Desaint (Vice President of Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir - FDFA and Vice President of Réussir l'égalité Femmes-hommes – REFH); Stephanie Ortoleva (President and Executive Director, Women Enabled International); Yannick Glemarec (UN Under-Secretary-General for Women).

Moderator: Amandine Clavaud, Head of Europe, Gender Equality at the Jean-Jaurès Foundation and Morgane Bourgeois, Policy Officer at la CLEF

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 4.30 pm.

Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Yerevan Hall

Event Name: [Examining Mental, Familial and Environmental Problems of Dependent Women](#)

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Turkish Green Crescent

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, 13 March, 4:45 PM-6:00 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: [MORE THAN A FOOTNOTE: Sexism, Colonialism, Racism and Ableism? How can intersectional research and policy development impact girls, including girls with disabilities in Canada and the World?](#)

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Government: Canada

If RSVP is required:

Contact: Roan.Ramos@international.gc.ca

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 13, 6.15 pm.
Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall
Event Name: Lifelines: The Literature of Human Rights
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Women's Learning Partnership (WLP)
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday, March 13, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM
Event Location: Conference Room 1 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)
Event Name: **STEP IT UP! Most Left Behind Adolescent Girls - Turning the Tide on HIV, Ensuring SRHR for All by 2030**
Event Description: Step It Up! will put the spotlight on the needs and demands of adolescent girls and young women who are especially marginalized, in all their diversity - living in poverty, with HIV, with **disabilities**, survivors of gender-based violence, migrants, sex workers, LGBTQI, using drugs, domestic workers, young widows, among others. The fast-paced, dynamic exchange with audience participation will focus on addressing accountability gaps for the most left behind adolescent girls who are especially impacted by HIV and gender inequality in the context of achieving social protection, universal health coverage and the SDGs. [SaveTheDate](#)
Sponsoring Organizations: UNAIDS and ATHENA Network
If RSVP is required: <https://bit.ly/2XdnKU4>

Event Date and Time: **Wednesday 13th March, 17:00 – 18:30 pm – 5:00 to 6.30 pm**
Event Location: to be confirmed
Event Name: **Highlighting good practice in strategies aimed at the prevention of, and response to, violence against women and girls with disabilities**
Sponsoring Organization: UN Trust Fund
Description: to be confirmed
Speakers: will include a UN Women representative, the Chief of the UN Trust Fund, A Member State representative, and representatives from partners of the UN Trust Fund (civil society organizations implementing projects funded by the UN Trust Fund). + Sophie PECOURT, MIW Project Coordinator, Humanity & Inclusion.
If RSVP is required: to be confirmed

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

Event Date and Time: Thursday, March 14, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building
Event Name: Informal NGO Morning Briefing
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 8.30 am.
Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Blue Room
Event Name: Multi-Sectoral Approach to Intersectionality in Gender-Based Violence
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Vital Voices Global Partnership
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 10.30 am
Event Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Green Room
Event Name: Fundamental Freedoms: Fostering, Enabling Environments and Financing Gender Equality
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women of Trinidad and Tobago, National Muslim Women's Organization of Trinidad and Tobago
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 10.30 am
Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Green Room
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Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Network of NGOs for the Advancement of Women of Trinidad and Tobago, National Muslim Women's Organization of Trinidad and Tobago
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 10.30 am
Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall
Event Name: Specialist Women's Services Against Violence as Essential Infrastructure
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Australian Women Against Violence Alliance
If RSVP is required:

[WEI EVENT]

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 12.30 pm
Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Aqua Room
Event Name: **Rights-Based GBV and SRHR Services for Women with Disabilities**
Event Description: This event will introduce attendees to the "Guidelines for Providing Rights-Based and Gender-Responsive Services to Address Gender-Based Violence and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Women and Young People with **Disabilities**," an innovative publication launched jointly by Women Enabled International (WEI) and UNFPA in November 2018. The event will feature women with disability panelists who can speak to their experiences with respect to SRHR and GBV and the importance of disability- and gender-responsive services for ensuring their human rights, as well as experts who contributed to the development of the UNFPA/WEI Guidelines. The event will further highlight some good practices concerning SRHR and GBV service delivery to women and girls with disabilities.
Welcome: Luis Mora, United Nations Population Fund (to be confirmed)
Speakers: Caroline Atim Ogwang (Executive Director of South Sudan Women with Disabilities Network) Robinah Nakanwagi Alambuya (Triumph Uganda), Bonnie Brayton, Executive Director, [DAWN Canada](#)
Pratima Gurung, Chair, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal (NIDWAN)
Moderator: Suzannah Phillips (Deputy Director Women Enabled International)
Sponsoring Organization: **Women Enabled International**
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 2.30 pm
Location: Salvation Army, Downstairs
Event Name: Local Human Rights Approach to Social Protections and Social Services

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Women's Intercultural Network, California Women's Agenda

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 4.30 pm

Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Social Hall

Event Name: Promoting Women's Empowerment Through More Equitable Services and Infrastructure: Global Case Studies

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Canada's International Development Research Centre

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 4.30 pm

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Second Floor.

Event Name: Women's Shelters: The Heart of Social Protection Systems

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Global Network of Women's Shelters (GNWS), Garden of Hope, Taiwan

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 14, 6.15 pm

Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Guild Hall

Event Name: Courts +Access to Public Services: Global Perspectives from Women Judges

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: International Association of Women Judges, Garden of Hope, Taiwan

If RSVP is required:

FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 10.30 pm

Event Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall

Event Name: **Diversity: Addressing Intersectional Priorities of Women and Girls with Disabilities**

Event Description: There continues to be barriers for **WGwD** to be meaningfully included in the mainstream priorities of gender and development actors. Our session will showcase the women leaders who are taking local action in this area and who can bring recommendations on how to take an intersectional approach to SDG implementation for WGwD. This will also be an opportunity for development and gender actors to have a constructive dialogue on making mainstream programming and policy inclusive

Sponsoring Organization: **HI/Humanity and Inclusion, International Disability Alliance**

Speakers: Meenakshi Balasubramanian (Founder and Chief Executive, Equals, Centre for Promotion of Social Justice India) Eza Nkaka (co-director, Rwanda National Organization of Deaf Women, Rwanda); Mathilde Umuraza (board member, UNABU, Rwanda); Esther Okech, executive director, Kenya Female Advisory Organization, Kenya) Jigjid Dulamsuren (board member, World Federation of the Deaf, Mongolia); Pratima Gurung (president, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal, Nepal).

Moderator: And Diane Bergeron, IDA Board Member

If RSVP is required: <https://www.ngocsw.org/>

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 2.30 pm

Location: 4 W 43rd Street, Green Room

Event Name: No Woman Left Behind: Hope for Women Facing Substance Use Disorder

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Dianova International, PPSEAWA - Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 2.30 pm

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Drew Room

Event Name: **The Empowerment of Women and Girls: Making Mental Health a Priority**

Event Description: not available

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 2.30 pm.

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: Integrated Domestic Violence Courts

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: American Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges - District 2

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 2.30 pm

Location: The Armenian Convention Center, Vartan Hall

Event Name: **Social Protection: Preventing Violence and Exploitation of Older Women/Widows**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: International Network for the Prevention of **Elder** Abuse (INPEA), Widows Development Organization (WDO)

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Friday March 15, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Ex-Press Bar - GA Building (max. capacity: 100)

Event Name: Navigating Complex Pathways to Justice for Women: Engagement with Customary and Informal Justice Systems

Event Description: The event will provide a space to have an open consultation on the relationship between women and customary/informal justice (CIJ), with a focus on challenges and opportunities of engagement. With a gender lens, the panel and participants will discuss critical issues of engaging with CIJs and the specificities of promoting women's rights within such systems. The event is part of a series of global consultations being initiated by IDLO to gather input into its research series on CIJ, which includes a specific brief on women and CIJs (forthcoming).

Sponsoring Organization: International Development Law Organization (IDLO)

If RSVP is required:

Contact: newyork@idlo.int

Event Date and Time: Friday, March 15, 4:45 PM-6:00 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Ex-Press Bar - GA Building (max. capacity: 100)

Event Name: **Making Social Protection, Public Services and Infrastructure Inclusive and Meaningful for Women and Girls in Africa**

Event Description: This side event focuses on women and girls in Africa and provides an advocacy platform to examine the extent to which social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure development and investments in Africa currently contributes to addressing gender

inequality and promoting women and girl's rights and empowerment. It will also identify persisting gaps and emerging challenges and propose concrete and forward-looking recommendations for ensuring a gender-sensitive focus and approach to policy design, financing, implementation and evaluation of social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure. Ensuring gender responsive social protection systems, public services and sustainable infrastructure investments necessitates that the underlying and multiple causes of women and girl's vulnerability and exclusion are comprehensively assessed and addressed. In this respect, the side event will also highlight the challenges confronting migrant women, refugee and internally displaced women, older women, women living in rural areas, **women with disabilities**, and women with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, among others. This will not only highlight the peace, security, governance, human rights, humanitarian and development nexus, but also the synergies between the priority theme of CSW 63 and the 2019 African Union theme of the Year on "Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa".

Sponsoring Government: Finland

Co-Sponsoring Organizations: UN Women, United Nations Global Compact, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and African Union Commission Office of the Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security

If RSVP is required:

Contact: alaga@un.org

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building

Event Name: Informal NGO morning briefing

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 18, 8:30 am 4:00 pm

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Drew Room

Event Name: Women's Empowerment Through Health Promotion

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Endeavour Forum, Inc.

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 18 8:30 am 4:00 pm

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor

Event Name: **"The Elderly Are Not Lonely:" Building a Community Care Network**

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Taipei Awakening Association, International Federation of Women Lawyers

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 10:00 AMi11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)

Event Name: CHANGING THE RULES OF THE GAME: GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF GIRLS THROUGH SPORTS

Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: UNFPA
If RSVP is required:
Contact: mgana@unfpa.org

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Ex-Press Bar - GA Building (max. capacity: 100)
Event Name: DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS
Event Description: The event will provide a space for discussing discrimination against women in the area of economic and social rights, particularly regarding the rights to work, health, education and social security, among others.
Sponsoring Organization: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
If RSVP is required:
Contact: courtis@un.org

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room D - Conference Building (max. capacity: 53)
Event Name: GETTING TO ZERO MATERNAL DEATHS - THE CASE FOR PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS IN CREATING ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS)
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: UNFPA, Philips and Johnson and Johnson
If RSVP is required:
Contact: munk@unfpa.org

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 1:15 PM-2:30 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)
Event Name: **SILVER LININGS: SOCIAL PROTECTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF AGING WOMEN**
Event Description: This side event aims to: 1) Highlight the situation of **elderly** women in different countries; 2) Share gains, challenges and opportunities in terms of social protection for elderly women, especially on health care and pension programs; 3) Describe enabling mechanisms to ensure elderly women's access to social protection programs and services; and 4) Present aging women as active contributors to social change.
Concept note: [Philippines' CSW Side Event Concept Note Silver Linings: Social Protection and Empowerment of Aging Women](#)
Sponsoring Government: Philippines
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday, March 18th, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor
Event Name: Empowering Girls and Women Facing Violence in Family Settings
Event Description: not available.
Sponsoring Organization: American Society of Criminology: Division on Women & Crime, Living Without Abuse (A Women's Aid Affiliated Organisation)
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 4:45 PM-6:00 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: PREVENTING SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT SETTINGS: GOOD PRACTICES

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Government: France

If RSVP is required:

Contact: raphael.dang@diplomatie.gouv.fr

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)

Event Name: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS AROUND THE WORLD

Event Description:

Sponsoring Government: Mali

Co-Sponsoring Organization: US-Mali Charitable Association (UMACA)

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Monday March 18, 6:30 PM-7:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)

Event Name: ROLE OF INTERMEDIARIES IN TACKLING ONLINE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Event Description: The event will provide an opportunity for the SR VAW to disseminate her report on online violence against women, and will focus particularly on the role of internet intermediaries in preventing online attacks and threats against women, particularly women human rights defenders and women politicians.

Sponsoring Organization: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

If RSVP is required: courtis@un.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 8:15 AM-9:30 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: CONSULTATION BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL INDEPENDENT MECHANISMS ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE SRVAW INITIATIVE ON STRENGTHENING COOPERATION

Event Description: The event is intended to further develop the linkages and cooperation between global and regional independent mechanisms on women's rights and gender-based violence against women, with the aim of establishing the institutionalization of such cooperation at the UN and regional levels

Sponsoring Organization: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building

Event Name: INFORMAL NGO MORNING BRIEFING

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: Social Protection Strategies for Abused African Women and Girls

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Sure Smiles Women and Children Advocacy Initiative, Africana Women Working Group at the UN

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday, March 19, 8:30 am 10:00 am

Event Location: Salvation Army, Auditorium

Event Name: Health as a Factor to Empowerment for Women

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: Nurses Across The Borders Humanitarian Initiative, Office of the First Lady of Osun State, Nigeria

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, ECOSOC Chamber - Conference Building (max. capacity: 581)

Event Name: INTERSECTING FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION: "WOMEN ON THE MOVE: GIVING VISIBILITY TO MIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS"

Event Description:

Sponsoring Government: France

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 10:00 AM- 11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)

Event Name: SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR GENDER EQUALITY: ACHIEVING UHC TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS AND REDUCE THE BURDEN OF NCDS

Event Description: [Save the date!](#)

Sponsoring Governments: Permanent Mission of Uruguay and Permanent Mission of Thailand

Co-Sponsoring Organization: World Health Organization (WHO), NCD Alliance and Women & NCDs Taskforce, The George Institute

If RSVP is required: All external guests (those not holding UN badges which gain them access to the UN during CSW) must RSVP via [this link](#) by 13 March. Once confirmed, external guests will receive information via email on 15 March on how to collect their entrance pass on the morning of the event on the 19th.

Contact: intern2@whoun.org

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: United Nations Headquarters, ECOSOC Chamber - Conference Building (max. capacity: 581)

Event Name: WHAT CULTURAL CHANGE IS NEEDED TO CONSIGN SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO THE DUSTBIN OF HISTORY?

Event Description: We know that ending sexual harassment is a matter of cultural transformation not only change in mechanisms or law, though these matters too. In line with 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, UN Women supports efforts to prevent and respond to violence, including addressing sexual harassment. Unprecedented recent global mobilization is profoundly challenging sexual harassment. We should not assume that any workplace is immune from sexual harassment; its prevalence remains unacceptable. Women have taken to the streets and mobilised the power of social media to expose the inequalities of power that sustain sexual harassment, as well as their pain and harm. They have used the hashtags #MeToo, #NiUnaMenos,

#BalanceTonPorc, #PrimeiroAssedio, #Babaeko and #WithYou, among others. The leadership and knowledge of the MeToo, Time's Up and similar movements strongly shape work to end sexual harassment.

Panelists: representatives of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, Equality Now, Australia Human Rights Committee, Member of Parliament from Georgia, Under-Secretary-General for Management/Chair of the CEB Task Force on addressing sexual harassment, a representative from the Group of Friends for the Elimination of Sexual Harassment and victim-survivor advocates.

Concept note: [here](#)

Sponsoring Organization: UN Women

If RSVP is required:

Contact: end.sexualharassment@unwomen.org

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room D - Conference Building (max. capacity: 53)

Event Name: ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Event Description:

Sponsoring Government: Malawi

If RSVP is required:

Contact: loyce6@gmail.com

Event Date and Time: Tuesday 19 March, 12:30 pm 2:00 pm

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: **Social Protection, Access to Public Service for the Physically Challenged Women and Girls in the Rural Areas**

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: Women and Child Watch Initiatives

Co-Sponsoring Organizations: Commonwealth Scholars and Fellows Alumni Association, Nigeria

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Tuesday March 19, 4:45 PM-6:00 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room D - Conference Building (max. capacity: 53)

Event Name: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN THE MESA REGION

Event Description: This event will be a collaboration of parliamentarians and the International federation for Peace and Sustainable Development, IFPSD, to discuss and focus on violence against women in the MESA region of the world. The IFPSD utilizes this event to strengthen, develop, and equip the necessary laws that will not just eliminate violence against women, but also prevent. Women are the core to society's ability to reach full potential of peace and sustainable development. With the empowerment of women, we can witness growth, peace, and security.

Concept note: [here](#)

Sponsoring Government: Permanent Mission of Guatemala

Co-Sponsoring Organization: International Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development (IFPSD)

If RSVP is required:

Contact: Mrs. Sally Kader info@usfmep.org, phone number (917) 331 4699

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 20, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building

Event Name: INFORMAL NGO MORNING BRIEFING

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Wednesday March 20, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 12 - GA Building (max. capacity: 129)

Event Name: LAUNCH OF STRATEGY ON EQUALITY IN LAW FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS BY 2030: A MULTISTAKEHOLDER STRATEGY FOR ACCELERATED ACTION

Event Description: The event brings together government representatives, civil society organizations and UN partners with the primary objective of generating awareness on the important role of gender equal laws in the achievement of gender equality and will reinforce the importance of eliminating discriminatory laws in all countries by 2030.

Moderator: Yasmeen Hassan, Global Executive Director, Equality Now

Key Highlight: Ms. Jakomba Jabbie, young gender activist, The Gambia

Concept note: [here](#)

Flyer: [here](#)

Sponsoring Organizations: UN Women, African Union, Commonwealth, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and Secretaría General Ibero-Americana

If RSVP is required:

Contact: beatrice.duncan@unwomen.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 08:30 AM - 09:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 4, GA Building

Event Name: INFORMAL NGO MORNING BRIEFING

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on the Status of Women

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: EMPOWERING WOMEN AND ENSURING ACCESS TO SERVICES

Event Description:

Sponsoring Organization: World Health Organization (WHO)

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room A - Conference Building (max. capacity: 53)

Event Name: **ADVANCING WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING: NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDS) AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE**

Event Description:

Sponsoring Governments: Jamaica and Thailand

Co-Sponsoring Organizations: World Health Organization (WHO) and International Council of Women (ICW-CIF)

If RSVP is required: events2@optonline.net

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 12:30 pm 2:00 pm
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
Event Name: **Innovative and Creative Global Approaches to Mental Health Promotion**
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: NGO Committee on **Mental Health**, International Council of Women
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 12:30 pm 2:00 pm
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor
Event Name: Online Spaces: How Women in Media Challenge Stereotyping and Misrepresentation
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: Global Forum for Media Development
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM
Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 2 - Conference Building (max. capacity: 571)
Event Name: **SOCIAL PROTECTIONS FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND ALL THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME (IN COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY)**
Event Description: This side event will bring together Down Syndrome advocates to discuss the inherent dignity and worth of women, girls and all those with **Down syndrome**, their contribution to society in all spheres of life, and the concrete cultural, legal, and policy changes necessary for persons with Down Syndrome to receive social protection, access public services and reach their full potential. Social protection for persons with Down syndrome is lagging at all stages of their life, including before birth, where in some countries 100 percent of those with in utero Down Syndrome diagnoses are aborted. At present, social support for mothers and families to welcome and care for children with Down syndrome are often insufficient, even though international law enshrines special protections for motherhood and the family. And social policies to help persons with Down syndrome develop and achieve their full potential are badly needed. These failures to afford women, girls and all persons with Down Syndrome and their families the social protection they are entitled to across their lifespan are the result of widespread ignorance of persons with Down syndrome, their inherent dignity and worth, and their contribution to societies in every sphere of life, socially, economically, culturally and spiritually.

Flyer: [here](#)

Sponsoring Organizations: Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN and Center for Family and Human Rights

If RSVP is required:

<https://fs3.formsite.com/sunreachholyseemissionorg/ledqa7s1za/index.html>

Contact: rlandry@holyseemission.org

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 4:30 pm 6:00 pm
Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eighth Floor
Event Name: **Innovative and Creative Global Approaches to Mental Health Promotion**
Event Description: not available
Sponsoring Organization: **Mental Health** Association Taiwan, World Federation of **Mental Health**
If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Thursday March 21, 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Tenth Floor

Event Name: Access to Justice for Women and Girls: The Role of Women in Law Enforcement and Peacekeeping

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: American Society of Criminology: Division on Women & Crime, Criminologists without Borders

If RSVP is required:

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND

Event Date and Time: Friday March 22, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Event Location: UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11 - GA Building (max. capacity: 131)

Event Name: WOMEN'S RIGHTS: "SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS: WHERE ARE WE NOW?"

Event Description:Not available

Sponsoring Government: France

If RSVP is required:

Event Date and Time: Friday, March 22, 8:30 to 10:00

Event Location: Church Center for the United Nations, Eight Floor

Event Name: Asian Women's Reproductive Health

Event Description: not available

Sponsoring Organization: Endeavour Forum, Inc.

If RSVP is required: