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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  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.

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- Hours:
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o 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.

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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**: DiyaYancey@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-Pres 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: ntkennedy@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, 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
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, 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

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

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**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.*

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**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
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’Affrique 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; Foundation Jean Jaurès; Project Ethiopia; 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:**

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**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.  
**Sponsoring Organizations:** UNAIDS and ATHENA Network  
**If RSVP is required:** [https://bit.ly/2XdnKU4](https://bit.ly/2XdnKU4)

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**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  
**EventDescription:** to be confirmed  
**Sponsors:** 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

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**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:**

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**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
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:

[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
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

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**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:**

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**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:**

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**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:**

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**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: curtis@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

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**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

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**Event Date and Time:** Tuesday March 19, 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:**

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**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](#)

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**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
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**Event Date and Time:** Thursday March 21, 12:30 pm to 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:

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**Event Date and Time:** Thursday March 21, 12:30 pm to 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:

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**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:  
**Contact:** rlandry@holyseemission.org

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**Event Date and Time:** Thursday March 21, 4:30 pm to 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:

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**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 22**

**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:**