



NGOCSD-NY Annual Series

CSW68: Women Leaders Impacting Change

Thursday, March 21, 2024, via **Virtual Platform**

1pm – 2:30pm, EDT – Register [Here](#)

In observance of our Annual Series for UN-Women's 68th Commission on the Status of Women the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development-NY together with our co-host the Permanent Mission of Palau to the United Nations and our partner organizations we will highlight the contributions of women leaders from various sectors and regions who are actively involved in initiatives to empower women and girls. Areas of focus will include ending gender-based violence, gender equality, poverty alleviation through education and developing entrepreneurship opportunities for inclusive economies, with access to technology, connectivity, health care and human rights by building secure environments for cultures of peace to thrive. We are aligned with the UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasizing the importance of collaborations and partnerships to achieve positive change. Additionally, we seek to amplify the voices of civil society organizations (CSOs) for the UN Summit of the Future including the Nairobi CSO Conference in May 2024.

Programme

Welcome & Moderator

- Ms. Margo LaZaro, President & Chair of the NGOCSD-NY, Director of UN Relations for Global Family, and Convener of the NGO/MG Urban Cluster for the UN High-Level Political Form

Opening Reflections

- H.E. Ms. Ilana Seid, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Palau to the United Nations

Keynote Reflections

- Ambassador Ms. Adela Raz was the last Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the United States and Amb. Raz served as the first female Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the UN, currently she is the Director of the Afghanistan Policy Lab at the Princeton School of Public & International Affairs
- Ms. Hawa Taylor-Kamara Diallo, Chief of the Civil Society Unit at the Civil Society and Advocacy Section at the UN Department of Global Communications
- Lord Mayor Ms. Carola Gunnarsson of Sala, Sweden & Vice President of United Cities & Local Governments
- Dr. Linda Vakunta, Deputy Mayor of Madison Wisconsin

Impacting Change

- Ms. Mary Nikezic Entrepreneur, Business Litigation Attorney, and Partner at Zarco Einhorn Salkowski, P.A.
- Ms. Mimi Darvish, a Lead Realtor Associate with Cervera Real Estate, & Senior Advisor for SDG Relief Fund
- Ms. Gold Darr Hood, Founder and CEO of FULL
- Ms. Mary Muia, Founder & Director of WEMA, UN Rep for Soroptimist Int'l to UNEA in Nairobi. Kenya.
- Ms. Kirsten Midura, Founder & Executive Director of Engines for Change
- Ms. Alina Karimamusama, Founder of AfriHER in Zambia, NGOCSD-NY Youth Rep to UN/DGC & Co-Chair of the NGOCSD-NY Youth Leadership Council
- Ms. Julia Sora Wykoff, a Freshman at Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Founder of Zeal Cares, NGOCSD-NY Youth Rep to UN/DGC & -Co-Chair of the NGOCSD-NY Youth Leadership Council

Updates: CSO Nairobi Conference, the UN Summit of the Future & the Pact for the Future

- Mr. Jeffery Huffines, Senior Adviser of the Coalition for the UN We Need

Our Team: NGOCSD-NY, Permanent Mission of Palau to the UN, PVBLIC Foundation, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet, Global Partnerships Forum, Baha'i International Community, SDG Relief Fund, Coalition for the UN We Need, The Stimson Center, Blue Planet Alliance, RecycleGO, United Cities & Local Governments, IBTK Foundation, NGO/MG Urban Cluster, Global Family, Education Leadership Development Council, Humanitarian Focus Foundation, Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission, Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization, Global Urban Development, Huairou Commission, General Assembly of Partners, Global Family for Love & Peace, Debate for Peace, ICW, GNEC, CoNGO, and UNA-USA COO.

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