
**UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN -59th SESSION
(UN CSW59)**

TRLPLAW SPONSORED EVENTS (2)

EVENT 1 -ORDER #384178406

TITLE:

**BEIJING +20: GLOBAL RESPONSES TO SIGNIFICANT ENGAGEMENT OF
WOMEN IN POWER AND DECISION-MAKING**

Date: 12 March Time: 6:15 Pm
Venue: United Nations HQ, New York
Room Assignment: Ballroom 1, Armenian Convention Center

Primary Sponsor: TRLPLAW

Collaborating Organizations:

Young Women Christian Association (YWCA)
National Council For Women Societies (NCWS)
American Bar Association INT. Women's Interest Network,
American Bar Association INT. United Nations & Int. Organizations Committee

Program Description

Indisputably, equal and meaningful participation of women in decision-making platforms play a pivotal role in the quest for the progression of women generally and also in ensuring equitable growth and sustainable development of the society at large.

Notwithstanding recent minor successes, the significant engagement of women in decision-making remains a critical target area of gender equality, women's rights and empowerment, as the female gender remains largely underrepresented in every sphere.

With vivid audience participation and top-notch, globally renowned panellists, this exciting session will provide a platform to assess the progress made so far, address prevailing challenges and adopt structural and behavioural reformations globally. The program will further re-affirm transnational commitments whilst establishing international partnerships for the effective promotion of strategies for the enhancement of women's involvement in leadership universally.

Possible Speakers

There will be a panel of 5 speakers in total -chosen from each of the following jurisdictions:

Africa:

Abike Dabiri-Erewa

Chair, Committee on Diaspora Affairs, House of Representatives, Federal Rep. of Nigeria

Professor Mrs. Florence Nduka

Head, Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Abia State University

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

South African Politician, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UN Women.

Asia:

Lakshmi Puri

Assistant Secretary-General of the UN and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

Sania Mirza

UN Women's Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia (Tennis Star)

Farhan Akhtar

UN Women Goodwill Ambassador for South Asia, Bollywood Actor/Filmmaker/Singer

Latin America/Caribbean:

Anande Trotman Joseph

Grenadian lawyer. Gender equality advocate. Member, Civil Society Advisory Group for UN Women's Caribbean Multi-Country Office.

Alicia (Isabel Adriana) Bárcena Ibarra

Mexican biologist, United Nations Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

The Hon. Melanie Griffin

Minister of Social Services & Community Development, The Bahamas

Middle East:

Hibaaq Osman

Somali global political strategist. Founding Chairperson of 'the Think-Tank for Arab Women', 'the Dignity Fund', 'El-Karama' and the 'Centre for the Strategic Initiatives of Women'.

Vickie Langohr

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts.

Bassam Haddad

Director of the Middle East Program at George Mason University

North America/Europe:

Ingibjorg Gisladottir

UN Women Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, Politician, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs leader of the Social Democratic Alliance, Iceland

Wanda Nowicka

Parliamentarian, Deputy Speaker of the Sejm – the main chamber of the Polish Parliament.

Dr. Susan O'Malley

UN Representative for the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, Faculty Trustee and Chair of the City University of New York (CUNY) Faculty Senate

Emma Watson

UN Women Global Goodwill Ambassador (Actress)

EVENT 2 -ORDER #375313107

TITLE:

**ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

Date: 12 March Time: 12:30 p.m.

Venue: United Nations HQ., New York

Room Assignment: Guild Hall, Armenian Convention Center

Sponsor: TRPLAW

Collaborating Organizations:

Institutes for Human Rights and Business

American Bar Association Section of International Law

-UN and International Organizations Committee &

-Women's Interest Network

Program Description

How can women's human rights be advanced and enhanced through sustainable development? The full and inclusive participation of women in their societies is explicitly recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). These legal instruments, along with other international and regional legal instruments, have catalyzed the international community's commitment to reducing violence against women, increasing women's financial security, promoting gender-

equitable advancement and participation in public life, and ensuring freedom by women from injustices and conflicts.

Yet, much work remains to be done to ensure the full implementation of women's rights and gender equity into economic, social, and environmental development.

Join us for a heartening, exhilarating discourse on the critical need to integrate the advancement of human rights of women and gender equity as a central priority in the new post-2015 agenda.

Possible Speakers:

- Olufunmi Oluyede, Co-Founding Principal, TRLPLAW, Nigeria
- Motoko Aizawa, Board Member, Institute for Human Rights and Business, Washington, DC, USA
- Denise Scotto, Vice-President, International Federation of Women in Legal Careers, USA
- Christine Chinkin, Centre for the Study of Human Rights, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Moderator:

Renee Dopplick, Co-Chair, ABA INT. NGOs & Not-for Profit Organizations Committee, Vice-Chair ABA INT. United Nations & Int'l Organizations Committee