

# Women and the World at a Turning Point

A Parallel Event of the 55<sup>th</sup> CSW

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# **55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Parallel Event**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**

**Venue: Nigeria House**

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## ***Women and the World At A Turning Point***

**10:00 AM      Opening Plenary**

**Moderator: Mrs. Genie Kagawa**

*Deputy Director, Office of UN Relations, Universal Peace Federation*

### ***Opening Remarks***

**H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu, Event Chairperson**

*Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations*

### ***Congratulatory Remarks***

**H.E. Dr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nassar**

*Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations*

**H.E. Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting**

*Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations*

### **Video**

### ***Speakers:***

#### ***“Women and Multi-Track Diplomacy”***

**Mrs. Eileen Borris**

*Director of Training & Program Development, Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy*

#### ***“Women and Reconciliation”***

**Ms. Marie Claudine Mukamabano**

*Kuki Ndiho-Rwandan Orphans Support Project*

#### ***“Women and Social Transformation”***

**Mrs. Lynn Walsh**

*Director, Marriage and Family Peace Initiative, Universal Peace Federation*

**11:30 AM      Session Two: *Women and the Challenge of Popular Culture***

**Moderator: Mrs. Tomiko Duggan**

*Director , UPF Office of Embassy Relations and Public Affairs, Washington D.C*

***Speakers***

**H.E. Ms. Alysa Ahmed S. Al-Thani**

*Deputy Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations*

**Mrs. Sharon Slater**

*President, Family Watch International*

***Songs of Peace***

*Japanese Soprano*

**12:00 PM      Lunch and Discussion Groups**

**2:00 PM      Session Three: *Women as Interfaith Leaders***

**Moderator: Rev. Tsu-Wei Zoe Chang**

*President, Megaspheres*

***Panelists:***

**Mrs. Sharon Hamilton-Getz**

*Vice President, Institute of International Social Development*

**Dr. Mahjabeen Hassan**

*Founder, American Muslim Women's Association*

**Rev. Deborah Steen-Ross, MSC, ACH**

*Co-Director, The New Seminary for Interfaith Studies*

**3:00 PM      *Water of Life Interfaith Ceremony***

**Moderator: Mrs. Tomiko Duggan**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

**3:30 PM      Closing Session**

**4:30 PM      End of Program**



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