

Speakers Lineup for First Ladies and Emerging Leaders: The Journey of 1325 and Women's Leadership

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CSW 65 PARALLEL EVENT
AN INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE
First Ladies & Emerging Leaders
The Journey of 1325 and Women's Leadership

 Mrs. Fionnuala Kenny Spouse of Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland (2011-2017)	 Mrs. Callista Jennie Mutharika First Lady, Republic of Malawi (2010-2012)	 Hon. Mrs. Maria Fernanda Flores de Aleman First Lady, Republic of Nicaragua (1997-2002)	 Mrs. Debbie Romengesau First Lady, Republic of Palau (2015-2021)	 Dr. Sun Jin Moon Senior Vice President, WFWPI		
 Marilyn Angelucci President, WFWP Afghanistan	 Merly Barlaan Deputy Director, WFWPI Office for UN Relations	 Blessie Dhekal International Coordinator, IAFLP	 Carolyn Handachin Director of WFWPI Office for UN Relations	 Sruthi Lekha UN Representative, WFWPI UN Relations, Geneva	 Amanda Bradley Legal Service Team Assistant, Davis Park Wardwell	 Jungsoo Moon Master of Public Policy and International Relations, U. of Tokyo

**MARCH 19, 2021
9 AM (EST)**

First Ladies and Emerging Leaders: The Journey of 1325 & Women's Leadership

As part of the NGO CSW65 Forum, **Women's Federation for World Peace, International** will be sponsoring an **exciting parallel event entitled "First Ladies and Emerging Leaders: 'The Journey of 1325 & Women's Leadership'"** in collaboration with the [International Association of First Ladies for Peace](#) (IAFLP), a project of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF).

This intergenerational dialogue between First Ladies and emerging leaders from different walks of life, will focus on the Journey of 1325 and the impact of women's leadership for protecting rights, delivering justice through mutual cooperation and securing sustainable peace.

From UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) to the most recent resolution on the Women, Peace and Security agenda - UNSC Res 2493 (2019), the world has witnessed major shifts in the paradigms of leadership, conflict management and peacebuilding. That challenging journey and its influence on women's participation and leadership at home, and in public spaces, has been very crucial.

The advances and progress of the same in protecting the rights of women from violence, abuse and all forms of discrimination can be very well addressed by the First Ladies. Their role in protecting the well-being of the nation, and creating platforms for youth can be a significant model in implementing 1325 with an intergenerational approach.

This program will take place on Friday, March 19, from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM EST. We highly suggest beginning the several step registration process as soon as possible to attend this event. Find the registration details below.

[Registration Details](#)

SPEAKER BIOS



Mme. Fionnuala Kenny
Spouse of Prime Minister, Republic of Ireland
(2011-2017)

Mme. Kenny is an Irish Public Relations Specialist who is the wife of former Taoiseach (the prime minister and head of government of Ireland) Enda Kenny. In March 1987, she became the first woman to head the Irish Government Information Service, a position she held until 1990. She then served as the head of public affairs at Radio Television Ireland, beginning in 1990.



Mme. Callista Jennie Mutharika
First Lady, Republic of Malawi
(2010-2012)

Mme. Mutharika has served as Cabinet Minister, Member of Malawi Parliament, Member of Pan African Parliament and Country Director of an international NGO working with grassroots women in areas of food security, microcredit, functional adult literacy, early childhood development, water and sanitation and livestock enhancement. Mme. Mutharika holds a degree in Human Resource Management from the University of Leicester and a Certificate in Education from the University of Leeds (UK).



Hon. Mme. Maria Fernanda Flores de Aleman
First Lady, Republic of Nicaragua
(1997-2002)

Mme. Flores de Aleman served as the First Lady of Nicaragua (1997-2002) and is currently serving as a Congresswoman of the National Assembly of Nicaragua. She is also the President of the Foundation for Human Dignity, Residence for the Elderly, which was founded in August 2000. The First Lady is also the creator and founder of the Liberal Movement.



Mme. Debbie Remengesau
First Lady, Republic of Palau
(2015-2021)

Mme. Remengesau is married to the ninth President of Palau, Tammy E. Remengesau, Jr. As a mother, grandmother and homemaker with a deep-rooted love for the Republic of Palau, her people and her culture, the First Lady maintains a strong spirit of community through supporting and promoting women, children, the protection and conservation of Palau's precious natural resources and unique cultural identity.



Dr. Sun Jin Moon
Senior Vice President, WFWPI

Dr. Sun Jin Moon is the fifth daughter of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Rev. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. She is the Senior Vice President of Women's Federation for World Peace, International. In 2020, she founded the "Giving for Good" Project with WFWP to raise awareness and funds for WFWP humanitarian activities and to support SDG 13 Climate Action.



Srruthi Lekha Raoja Elango
UN Representative, WFWPI Office for UN Relations, Geneva

A native of India, Ms. Elango is a student of Rhein Waal University in Germany, focusing on Peace & Security Studies and has also received certification from Harvard in the area of women and youth empowerment. She has experience with various CSOs in India, UN Women Germany, BRICS Feminist Watch and worked with the UNECE Civil Society Forum as its Rapporteur for Accountability and Monitoring in 2019.



Jungsoo Moon
Master of Public Policy and International Relations, University of Tokyo

Jungsoo Moon is a first-year Master's student studying Public Policy and International Relations at the University of Tokyo. Born in South Africa and having spent her childhood in both South Africa and South Korea, she learned to appreciate the value of diversity. Her interest in international cooperation for mutual prosperity grew during her study in the U.S. and further solidified through her internship at WFWPI.



Amanda Bradley
Legal Service Team Assistant, Davis Polk Wardwell

Ms. Bradley works on a legal team at Davis Polk & Wardwell in NYC and volunteers with WFWPI as a UN representative. She has a BA in Political Science and an MA in Law & Governance from Montclair State University. She worked closely with WFWPI's Director of Communications to publish several articles focused on peace talks in Afghanistan, the impact of COVID-19 at the UN and the effective leadership of women and women leaders.



Carolyn Handschin
Director of WFWPI Office for UN Relations

Ms. Handschin is currently the Vice President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations in Geneva. She is a Vice President of Women's Federation for World Peace, International, overseeing program development throughout the 22 National Chapters in Europe. Ms. Handschin guides the leadership and advocacy training of young women and men in the WFWPI-UN Internship Program in Geneva (2005-present) and remains active as Co-founder and program director of the "GIIA Model UN Interreligious Youth Council" Program.



Blessie Gadon Dhakal
International Coordinator, International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP)

Ms. Dhakal is a Filipino-Nepalese entrepreneur and is married to a Nepalese politician, Hon. Ek Nath Dhakal (Nepal Family Party/Nepal Pariwar Dal). She serves as the President of both WFWPI, Nepal and the Nepalese-Filipino Association in Nepal. Ms. Dhakal also served as the President of the Nepal-Philippines Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NPCCI) from 2017 to 2019.



Merly Barlaan
Deputy Director, WFWPI Office for UN Relations

Ms. Barlaan is the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Deputy Director of the Offices for UN Relations and a Vice President of Women's Federation for World Peace, International. She is a peace advocate with a special focus on women, youth, family and community development. She has played an active role in the United Nations NGO community for the past 23 years.



Marilyn Angelucci
President, WFWP Afghanistan

Ms. Angelucci was born in the United States and received her BA in Psychology and MA in Religious Education. She has worked in various organizations on three different continents and seven different countries. She serves as the President of WFWP, Afghanistan and the Secretary-General for WFWP Middle East and lives in Istanbul, Turkey.

