



## Women's Federation for World Peace, International

United Nations Office

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February 18, 2015

Dear friend,

The 59<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 59), will convene in and around the UN HQ in NY, March 9-20, 2015 with the theme: "*Beijing+20: The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.*"

You are cordially invited to attend the WFWPI parallel event which will take place on the first day of CSW 59, on Monday, March 9, from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, in the Armenian Convention Center, 630 Second Avenue, 35<sup>th</sup> street, New York 10017. The theme is "*Young Women and Leadership: Education, Opportunities and Obstacles.*" Co-sponsors of this event include the World Youth Alliance, Montage Initiative and WFWP USA. It will feature a panel of young women leaders who will address this topic. The parallel event is open to the general public and there is no fee.

You are also invited to attend the annual WFWPI Luncheon which will take place the following day on Tuesday, March 10, from 12 noon to 2:00 pm, in the West Terrace room of the Delegates Dining area, with the theme "*A Celebration of CSW 59 and International Women's Day.*" Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth, has been invited to speak. Confirmed speakers include Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, President, WFWP International, and Mrs. Carolyn Handschin, Director, WFWPI UN Office. The cost of the luncheon is \$125 per person.

To accommodate guests who will be coming into New York to attend the parallel event and, or, the luncheon the WFWPI UN Office will be preparing a list of recommended parallel events which they may consider attending on these days.

Attached to this invitation you will find one response form for both the parallel event and the luncheon. Please send your completed form and any questions you may have to Heather Fraser-Harris, WFWPI UN Office Administrator at [unoffice@wfwp.org](mailto:unoffice@wfwp.org). The deadline for submitting the response form is Friday, February 27, 2015.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to your colleagues. We kindly ask that you submit one response form for each guest.

With warm regards,

Alexa Ward  
Deputy Director, WFWPI UN Office

# Background Information

## United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

Established in 1946, the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is an intergovernmental body that promotes women's rights, documents the reality of women's lives throughout the world and shapes global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

On an annual basis CSW hosts a two week session at the UN headquarters in New York that includes plenary sessions, forums and parallel events. These activities are attended by representatives of UN member states, civil society organizations, and UN entities, as well as more than 5,000 women participants from around the world.

The 2015 theme for CSW 59 is "Beijing+20: Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action."

## Women's Federation for World Peace, International (WFWPI)

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) supports a network of National WFWP chapters in over 120 nations that are dedicated to empower women with "the knowledge, the tools and the support needed to create peace at home, peace in our communities, our nations and throughout the world".

Programs, designed according to local needs and capacities, include; leadership training for women and girls, education for peace and reconciliation, skills development and advocacy at major UN Offices and various regional and national institutions. In support of United Nation Development Goals, WFWP maintains over one hundred service projects in fifty nations, in the areas of education, vocational training, microcredit, AIDS prevention education, technical support, medical assistance and nutrition guidance.

WFWP Chapters adhere to the principle that women, working together, taking initiative and empowering one another across traditional lines of age, race, culture and religion to create healthy families, are resolving the complex problems of our world. Ultimately "solutions" come as true partnerships between men and women are established in all levels of society. The beginning point is within society's most elemental level—the family. From there, Peace will naturally expand.

## Recent WFWPI History with CSW

CSW 58 (2014), Parallel Event Theme: Stories of Women's Leadership; CSW 57 (2013) Parallel Event Theme: Women Standing Up to Violence: finding Ways Through with Hope and Connections; CSW 56 (2012) Parallel Event Theme: Growing Sustainable Projects in Rural Communities, Women to Women; CSW 55 (2011) Parallel Event Theme: Women in Technology: The Past, Present, and Strategies for the Future; CSW 54 (2010) Parallel Event Theme: Sharing of Good Practices to Achieve MDGs Number Three; CSW 53 (2009) Parallel Event Theme: Successful Strategies for Prevention of HIV/AIDS; a Responsibility Shared Equally Between Women and Men.



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## RESPONSE FORM

### Participant's Information

<i>Title, First, Last Name</i>	
<i>Organization</i>	
<i>Address (City, State, Postal Code, Country)</i>	
<i>E-mail</i>	
<i>Phone</i>	

### CSW 59 Parallel Event

March 9, 2015 | 12:30 - 2:00 pm | Armenian Convention Center, New York

I will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

*Guests may be invited to the Parallel Event up until March 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### CSW 59 Luncheon

March 10, 2015 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm | West Terrace, Delegates Dining Area UN HQ

I will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return this form by: **Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Please see payment instructions on page 2 of this form.

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# PAYMENT

\$125 fee for WFWPI Luncheon

*Please send completed response form and payment by check or money order to*

*Address:*           WFWPI UN Office  
                          P.O. Box Number 110125  
                          Trumbull, CT 06611, USA

*Response forms may also be submitted electronically to the following email address*

*Email:*             [unoffice@wfwpi.org](mailto:unoffice@wfwpi.org)

*For credit card payment, please provide the following information*

*Card Number:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Exp. Date (M/Y):* \_\_\_\_\_ *Security Code:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Account holder's name on card:* \_\_\_\_\_

*I give the WFWPI UN Office permission to charge my account in the amount of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*SIGNATURE:* \_\_\_\_\_



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Cordially invites you to

An NGO CSW Forum Parallel Event

Theme

*Young Women and Leadership: Education, Opportunities, and Obstacles.*

Moderator

Ms. Nomnandi Bengu

*Youth Educator*

*Chairwoman, WFWP Harlem*

Panelists

Ms. Hannah Alexander

*Founder and Author, Beyond Service book project*

*Non profit and Social Innovation Consultant*

Ms. Roudabeh Jamshid Eini

*M.A. Candidate in Global Development and Peace, University of Bridgeport*

Ms. Christelle Ngama

*Founder, Congo Rises*

*Law Student, UK*

World Youth Alliance Representative

Date & Time

Monday, March 9, 2015 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Location

Armenian Convention Center, Ballroom II

Address

360 Second Avenue, at 35<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017.

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For more information contact: Heather Fraser-Harris at [unoffice@wfpw.org](mailto:unoffice@wfpw.org)