CSW Side event

*Leaving No One Behind for Planet 50/50 by 2030: every rural woman and girl everywhere*

Programme:

Date: March 15, 2018

Half day event: 10.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: 630 Second, 630 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10016

Chair: Nyaradzayi Gumbodzvanda

**Objective:**

- To recommend a set of policy standards and benchmarks on how the implementation of the SDGs and Agenda 2015 will ensure that no one is left behind.

**Main outcome:**

- Civil society, women and girl activists/advocates in rural communities generate recommendations for a set of standards and benchmarks on Leaving No One Behind for policy makers to follow as they engage on the road towards achieving Agenda 2030.

This will be a platform for sharing of best practices that can be road signs on the path to a transformative paradigm for the achievement of the rights of women and girls in rural communities.

**Event Format**
● Each panel will be intergenerational with intentional, deliberate focus on creating the point/counterpoint between generational perspectives. To ensure that each session is interactive
● Balanced regional and geographic representation, representatives (individuals, organizations, and networks), with diverse educational backgrounds (Formal/Informal) and language.
● Diversity on each panel where possible in the form of Gender Identity and Expression, Sexual Orientation, Sex Characteristics, Race, Caste, Faith, Ethnic, Marital status, Socio Economic status and age.
● To include story telling/short films moments during the day to highlight some aspects of the discussions. Narration of stories with an emphasis of lived experiences of the women and girls from rural communities. Strategic, powerful stories that also celebrate autonomy, agency and voice.
● Each segment will generate a set of minimum standards and benchmarks on how to leave no one behind.

Agenda

09:30 Registration

10:00 - 11:00 Conversation Circle I:

Intergenerational Dialogue

Showcasing the reality of women and girls from rural communities and balancing it with what can be. To also understand what it means to be left behind, how, and why rural communities are marginalized.

10:00 - 10:05 Spoken Word - Editar Ochieng Nairobi, Kenya

10:05 - 10:10 Welcome words and acknowledgements: Nyaradzayi Gumbodzvanda – CEO Rozaria Memoria Trust

10:10 – 10:15 Framing the conversation - Why are we here? Why are we focusing on the theme of Leave No One Behind? What are we trying to achieve with this event?

   Lopa Banerjee – Director – Civil Society Division

10:15 – 10:40 Intergenerational conversation: Four women from different generations.
   • Hazvineyi Bhobho (Girl - Africa)
   • Indira Vargas (Young Woman)
   • Pratima Gurung (Middle Aged Woman)
   • Tarcila Rivera Zea (Older Woman)

10:40 – 11:00 What are the implications of being left behind?
Engaging with the audience and having her H.E. Ambassador Geraldine Byrne Nason Chair of the Bureau and Ms. Bineta Diop – AU Special Envoy on Women Peace and Security respond. TBC

11:00 – 13:15 Conversation Circle II

Widows, LBTI, Indigenous, Disability and Migrant/Refugees will share the floor to discuss the structural barriers that exist within these communities. They will also discuss good practice on how not to leave anyone behind.

11:00 – 11:05

Screening of short film

11:00 – 11:05

Empowering the powerful agency of women and girls from rural communities

An intergenerational conversation that will aim to:
- Lead to a better understanding of rural women and girls’ intersectional multiple inequalities.
- Bring to light the multiple identities and experiences of exclusion that can increase the risks of discrimination and marginalization of women and girls from rural areas.
- Better understand the relationships between vulnerability and the social world
- Interrogating the general commonalities that cut across the 5 constituencies.
- Engaging in a sharing of good practice.

Main Conversants
- Roseline Orwa
- Neish McLean
- Aria Mia Loberti
- Maatalii Okalik (TBC)
- Gladys Nairuba

Respondents to the conversation:
- Rose Cunninham
- Edward Ndopu
- Marcy Hersh
- Kim Windvogel
### Setting standards.

What do we need to do to bridge the gap between rhetoric and reality? Why do we need standards, why are they be important? What do we need to do to have practical standards that can be shared with policy makers? Moderated table conversations for 30 minutes: **Nyaradzayi Gumbodzvanda**

**Respondents to the conversation**
- Getrude Oforiwa Fefoame
- Silene Salazar
- Agnes Leina
- Widow (TBC)
- Women’s media sector (TBC)

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### Working lunch moderated by table chairs

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### Thought provoking session exploring how to ensure space for rural voices nationally, regionally, continentally and globally.

What are the minimum standards and benchmarks that are needed to ensure that no one is left behind? What policies are in existence that can be emphasized or used to hold state parties accountable? What role do faith actors play? What role does women’s rights movement play? What roles and responsibilities do men and boys have in this agenda?

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### Responses on standards and benchmarks for policy makers will be received from:

- **Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** - UN Women Executive Director
- **Mr. Shah Asif Rahman** - Bangladesh (Vice Chair of the CSW Bureau) TBC
- **H.E. Dr. Jean Kalilani** - Malawi - TBC
- **ILO – TBC**
- **AU - TBC**
A clear road map on how to lobby the governments on taking the set of standards on board - **Lopa Banerjee – Director Civil Society Division**

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<td>Dedicated music to celebrating the women and girls in rural communities</td>
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