The Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations

In partnership with NGO CSW New York

Invites you to a Panel Discussion

"From Equal Rights to Equal Opportunities: Countering Discrimination Affecting Women and Girls"

On the Margins of the 63rd Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63)

Tuesday, 12 March 2019, 16:45 – 18:00

UN HQ Conference Room 8

Concept Note

Efforts to promote gender equality have come a long way in gaining attention and driving change, but there is still a long way to go. In the vast majority of countries around the world, gender-based discrimination is still embedded in law. Repealing discriminatory laws and practices is an important step in making a real difference in advancing gender equality. However, moving from policy to practice requires even more coordinated efforts to accelerate progress and avoid the risk of relapse.

Held on the margins of the 63rd session of the Commission of the Status of Women, the high-level panel will discuss the ways in which non-discriminatory laws and gender equality in legal systems can bring about not only equal rights but also enhance opportunities of meaningful participation of women in public life, access to education, employment and financing.

Discussions will also build upon the strategy for the promotion of equality between women and men, girls’ rights and empowerment across various regions.

Representatives of the United Nations Member States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, as well as members of civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders are invited to participate in event.

Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Mher Margaryan, Permanent Representative of Armenia to the UN

Panelsists:

H.E. Ms. Zaruhi Batoyan, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of the Republic of Armenia
Ms. Josie Christodoulou, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus on gender mainstreaming in foreign policy
Ms. Daniela Bas, Director, Division for Inclusive Social Development, UN DESA
Ms. Susan O’Malley, Chair, NGO CSW/NY
Mr. Luis Mora, Chief of the Gender, Human Rights and Culture Branch, UNFPA