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CSW63 invitation letter for NGOs in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Dear ECOSOC-accredited NGOs,

You are invited to participate in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held from 11 to 22 March 2019 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme is “Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”. The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its sixtieth session in 2016 on “Women’s empowerment and the link to sustainable development”.

As in previous sessions, we strongly encourage organizations to include youth members in their delegations whose voice and contribution is critical if no one is to be left behind.

Registration deadline: 27 January 2019

CSW63 registration for representatives of NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is open from 9 October 2018 to 27 January 2019 online. Online registration is mandatory for all participants. We are not able to accept registrations by e-mail.

Last year, a new platform, “INDICO”, was introduced for NGO registration to meetings at United Nations Headquarters in New York. In INDICO, each participant registers herself/himself individually for CSW, and the Conference Focal Point in your organization will then be able to approve the registrations made under your organization. Once the registration has been approved by your organization, your representative will receive a confirmation letter via email that may be presented for visa applications.

Please ask your representatives to go to <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation/registration> to access the CSW63 registration link and step-by-step instructions on how to register.

Because of increasing demands on limited space, the numbers of attendees to CSW sessions should be kept to a minimum and should not exceed 20 representatives per organization. Please ask your representatives to register early, in order to allow sufficient time for your organization’s Conference Focal Point to approve your representatives’ registrations in INDICO before the registration deadline.

The United Nations will not facilitate arrangements, or pay for any costs, such as travel, visa or accommodation expenses, for participants. Such arrangements and costs are the exclusive responsibility of the participants. The United Nations does not charge fees for participation in the Commission on the Status of Women sessions.

Please note that participants are advised to submit their visa applications with the United States' authorities at least three (3) months in advance of the session to allow sufficient time for processing.

Additional information about the session, its organization of work, meetings and documentation, will be available at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw63-2019> . More information on NGO participation in the session can be found on the CSW website at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation> .

For information and services for participants with disabilities, please visit our website's section on accessibility at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation/accessibility> . If you have any questions, please contact us at csw@unwomen.org . We encourage you to follow CSW on Twitter and Facebook for updates: https://twitter.com/UN_CSW and <https://facebook.com/UNCSW>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lopa Banerjee', written in a cursive style.

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