Dear NGOCSD Members and Colleagues,

We invite you to join our NGOCSD-NY General Membership Meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015, 1-4PM on the 2nd Floor of the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 UN Plaza (Located on East 44th Street between First & Second Avenues, NYC). We ask that you arrive by 12:45PM. There will be light refreshments available.

We wholeheartedly thank our NGOCSD-NY Honorary Advisers: H.E. Mr. Henry Mac-Donald, Ambassador & Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations; Ms. Gloria Starr-Kins, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Society & Diplomatic Review; Ms. Zainab Zeb Kahn, Founder of MALA - the Muslim American Leadership Alliance along with Ms. Wendy Wright, Vice President of C-Fam|Center for Family & Human Rights for their outstanding support. Our appreciation goes to the Co-Sponsors of our meeting: The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations; Society & Diplomatic Review; MALA - the Muslim American Leadership Alliance; C-Fam|Center for Family & Human Rights; International Council of Women; Global Family; World Federation of Ukrainian Women’s Organizations; Africa Development Interchange Network; Global Family for Love & Peace; UNDP Policy & Strategy Group/The World We Want Platform. In addition, we thank UNICEF, UN/DESA & the team at the UN/DPI NGO Resource Center.

1PM
Welcome: Co-Chairs Margo LaZaro & Yvonne O’Neal
Executive Board
Reports & Updates

1:10PM
Child Brides: Raising Awareness of a Cultural Travesty
UNICEF Video Intro from Chad: RL GRIME - Always | #ENDChildMarriageNow

H.E. Mr. Henry Leonard Mac-Donald
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Permanent Mission of the Republic of Suriname to the United Nations

Ms. Satvika Chalasani, Ph.D.
Technical Specialist, Adolescents and Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health Branch
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Mr. Ravi Karkara
Strategic Adviser, Partnership to the Assistant Secretary-General & Deputy Executive Director of UN-Women
Co-Chair of the Policy Strategy Group, for the World We Want Platform

Ms. Melissa Jane Kronfeld, Ph.D. (ABD)
Founding Member & Co-Chair of the Nexus Working Group on Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery

Dr. Padmini (Mini) Murthy
Associate Professor and Global Health Director at New York Medical College

Mrs. Stella Ayo-Odongo
Executive Director the Uganda Child Rights NGO Network
& a Custodian of the AfricaWide Movement for Children
via Skype from Uganda

Ms. Ashley Marinaccio
Co-Founder/Director of Girl Be Heard

Ms. Naila Amin
College Student & 26 year old Survivor of a forced marriage residing in New York

Ms. Monica Singh
Fashion Designer - Motivational Speaker & Survivor of being attacked by Acid

Ms. Iqra Shafiq
Youth Representative of Girl Be Heard at the United Nations

Q&A