

HAPPY 2ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL!

Today is a part of a global movement to advance girls' rights and opportunities by celebrating their unique voices and experiences. It is an annual reminder about how important it is to speak out against the devaluation of girls around the world and to come together to talk about what really matters to us. Girls around the world are taking action in their communities, advocating for the rights of girls and changing the way we think about gender issues.



THAT'S WHAT TODAY'S SPEAK OUT IS ALL ABOUT! This event provides a space for girls engaged in activism around the world to share their stories and to speak with Member States, UN agencies and NGOs about their important work. The Working Group on Girls and the governments of Canada, Peru and Turkey are excited to welcome you to hear the inspiring testimonies of seven global girl activists whose passion for gender justice stands at the heart of a worldwide girl revolution!

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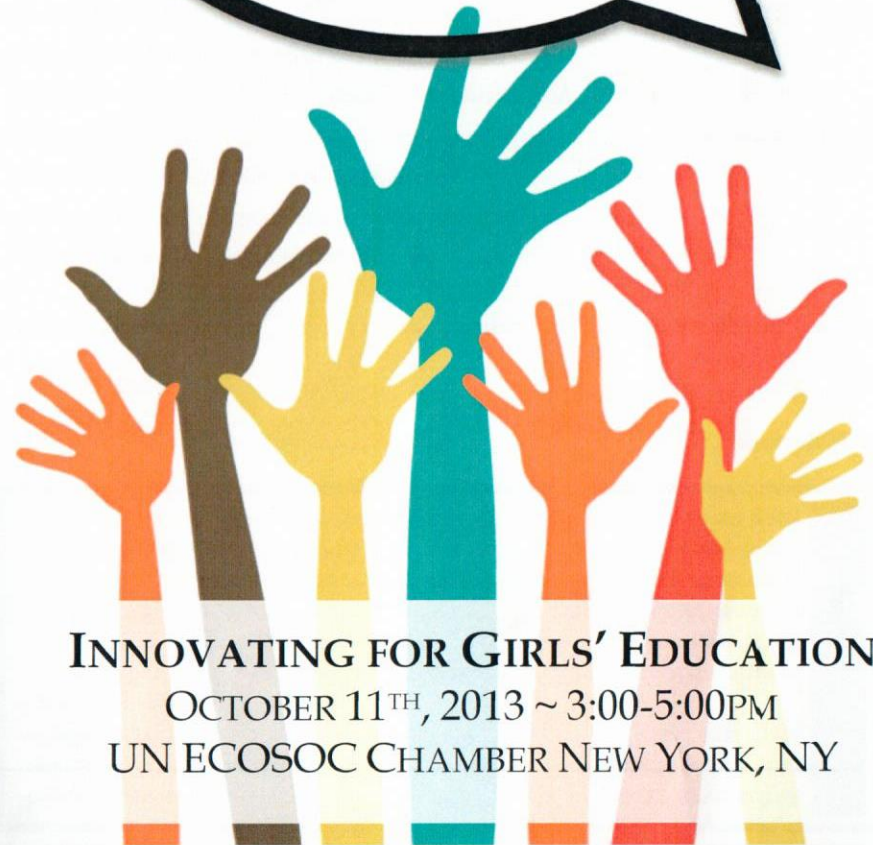


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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL



INNOVATING FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION

OCTOBER 11TH, 2013 ~ 3:00-5:00PM

UN ECOSOC CHAMBER NEW YORK, NY

PROGRAM

Introduction.....Dr. K. Kellie Leitch, Minister of Status of Women, Canada

Julia, Girl Advocate

Introduction of Respondents.....Julia and Anita, Girl Advocates

Presentations of Girl Activists

1) **MALIKA** | Burkina Faso |INTRO: Anita

RESPONDENTS: Yaşar Halit Çevik, Ambassador of Turkey

Phumzile Mlabo-Ngcuka, UN Women

2) **NESSRINE & SIHEM** | Algeria | Video |INTRO: Christina, Girl Advocate

RESPONDENT: Marta Santos Pais, SRSG

3) **SOPHIE** | USA |INTRO: Lizzy, Girl Advocate

RESPONDENTS: Dr. Babatunde Osotimeh, UNFPA

Geeta Rao-Gupta, UNICEF

4) **CLAUDIA** | Mozambique | Video |INTRO: Laila, Girl Advocate

RESPONDENT: Phumzile Mlabo-Ngcuka, UN Women

5) **DIANA** | USA |INTRO: Christina

RESPONDENTS: Marta Santos Pais, SRSG

Guillermo Rishchynski, Ambassador of Canada and Permanent Rep to the UN

6) **YEIMY** | Guatemala |INTRO: Laila

TRANSLATOR: Kim, Girls Learn International

RESPONDENTS: Nadine Heredia, First Lady of Peru

Dr. Babatunde Osotimeh, UNFPA

Change.org Petition Video: Girls Activism.....SPARK

Q&A:.....Julia & Lizzy

Closing Remarks.....Julia & Dr. K. Kellie Leitch

RESPONDENTS

DR. BABATUNDE OSOTIMEHIH.....Executive Director, UN Population Fund (UNFPA)

GEETA RAO GUPTA.....Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

GUILLERMO RISHCHYNSKI.....Ambassador of Canada and Permanent Rep to the UN

GUSTAVO MEZA-CUADRA.....Ambassador of Peru

DR. K. KELLIE LEITCH.....Minister of Status of Women, Canada

MARTA SANTOS PAIS.....Special Representative to the Secretary General on

Violence Against Children (SRSG)

NADINE HEREDIA.....First Lady of Peru

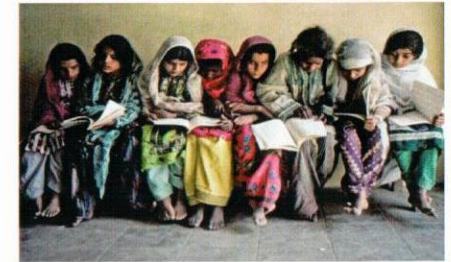
PHUMZILE MLAMBO-NGCUKU.....Executive Director, UN Women

YAŞAR HALIT ÇEVİK.....Ambassador of Turkey

SPEAKERS

Claudia | 16 years | Mozambique |

Claudia is a leader in a local girl's group that addresses girl issues including: early marriage, rights violations, education, and political participation and recently implemented a project on early marriage where girls speak in schools, communities, and with parents to change cultural norms. Claudia first recalls becoming an advocate for girls' rights when she joined The Grail Youth Group in 2011. Since then, Claudia has been an activist in her community, advocating for girls' right to have their voices heard. Claudia's philosophy comes from the words of Coco Chanel, "A girl should be two things: who and what she wants."



Diana | 16 years | USA | Diana is one of the youngest leaders of the New York State

Youth Leadership Council (NYSYLC), the first undocumented youth led, non-profit organization in NY that works to educate, empower, engage and advocate for undocumented youth in US. Originally from Mexico, Diana moved to Florida when she was 6 and says she saw firsthand how Secure Communities Program destroyed and separated immigrant families. Diana hopes to continue learning from school and through her activism at NYSYLC; she remains committed to the fight for fundamental rights for everyone, including undocumented immigrants.

Malika | 14 years | Burkina Faso | Malika started a campaign to support girls' education and safety. She raised funds to purchase 60 bikes to distribute to girls in the village of Boulssa; bikes provide safe transportation for girls to school and also to get water and food at a distance. As a straight A student, Malika considers herself lucky to have access to amazing education. She loves to write and engage with issues of ethics and human rights and is active in the Model United Nations at her school. Malika loves making the world around her a better place and considers herself a citizen of the world.

Nessrine & Sihem | 17 years | Algeria | Nessrine and Sihem started an organization for girls and women to help raise funds and awareness about girls' education and human rights. The organization has 70 members and focuses on raising funds to support girls in the community to attend school, raise awareness about early marriage and leadership skills. They have been leaders in supporting women's rights in Algeria, attending conferences and raising awareness about women's rights. Nessrine is soon to be a petrochemical student at the university level is excited to travel to new places.

Sophie | 13 years | USA | Sophie started a swimming program for girls in Dominican Republic as part of the Mariposa Foundation, which provides high school sponsorships for girls and promotes girls' health, athletic participation, and job skills training. Sophie started volunteering with the foundation when she was 10 years old and is returning for the fourth year to teach swimming lessons, help with fundraising and see her friends again. In her spare time, Sophie also enjoys competitive swimming, kiteboarding and running. She is thrilled to be here today to share some of her experiences and learn from the other participants in our celebration of the International Day of the Girl.

Yeimy | 15 years | Guatemala | Yeimy represents a local group of Mayan girls who convinced Guatemalan leaders to invest in girls' education and development through petitions for direct funds towards ensuring girls can attend school. She is part of a group called Paz Joven, a local support group where girls discuss important issues and learn the skills to escape poverty. Yeimy loves going to school and enjoys playing sports and chess and believes that everyone can do little things to help improve the lives of other people, because with a lot of energy and enthusiasm you can change the world.