

Working Group on Girls
Side Events for CSW

Side Event	Sponsoring Group	Contact Person	Co-Sponsor
<p>Sunday, February 26, 2012 Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm 120 West 14th Street Salvation Army - Railton Hall WGG Youth Orientation Description: Girls & Boys (20 & under) Spend the day learning about CSW 56 and its Themes, listen to chats by Head of UN Women, Michelle Bachelet and Kenyan Ambassador Josephine Ojiambo. Discuss ways in which youth can make a difference. (\$10 fee w/ lunch inc.) www.girlsrights.org</p>	<p>The WGG Girls Participation Committee</p>	<p>Beth Adamson, Co-chair Adwoa Aidoo and Emily Bent of Girls Participation task force</p> <p>Sign up for Youth by 17 February: www.girlsrights.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Monday, February 27, 2012 Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Salvation Army Basement Girls Statement Drafting: Part II Description: Girls only. Continue drafting the official Girls Statement, with Girl Delegates, Helen & Gaylynn (GLI)</p>	<p>Girls Learn international</p>	<p>Emily Bent emilycbent@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Boys Statement Drafting will continue on Tuesday morning. See below. Boys only.</p>			

<p>Monday, February 27, 2012 Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm The Salvation Army Basement Caucus on Girls – for all. Presentation of the Girls Statement. The Caucus will be a working session: presenting the Girls Statement and suggesting concrete language additions regarding rural girls – to the CSW 56 draft Outcome Document.</p>	<p>The WGG Advocacy Committee</p>	<p>Mary Jo Toll mjtsndngo@yahoo.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Monday, February 27, 2012 Time: 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm Boss Room 8th floor Church Center World Café: Taking action on Food & Economic Resources for Rural Women and Girls Description: This World Café will be a series of discussion topics set up in a series of grouping to allow YOU (women & girls) to speak out and share with others about the economic and food issues that particularly face women and girls who are struggling to survive in rural areas. Action items re: WHAT CAN BE DONE will be sought as an outcome of the conversation. Finger Foods will be served.</p>	<p>International Psychoanalytical Association, Anglican Consultative Council, Anglican Women’s Empowerment</p>	<p>Vivian Pender vp52@columbia.edu</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Monday, February 27, 2012 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Church Center Hardin Room 11th Floor Empowering Women and Girls Politically to Eradicate Poverty Description: Importance of women and girls using and participating in the political process to develop programs and policies that provide safety nets, education and employment opportunities – all key in the eradication of poverty.</p>	<p>League of Women Voters</p>	<p>Rosalee Keech unobserver@lww.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
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<p>Tuesday, February 28, 2012 9:00am – 12:00Noon The Salvation Army Basement Boys Statement Drafting: Description: Boys only. Drafting the Boys Statement with Boy Delegates. The Emerging Theme heralds the joint efforts of Young Men and Women, Boys and Girls to work on Gender Equity. The drafting and presentation of a specific Boys Statement will be a great step toward this joint effort.</p>	<p>Girls Learn International</p>	<p>Emily Bent emilycbent@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Church Center 2nd Floor From Seeding to Feeding: The role of Women and Girls across the life cycle of Food.</p>	<p>Soroptimist International</p>	<p>Lois Beilin lanbeilin@yahoo.com</p>	<p>FAO Solar cooling International Soroptimist International The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Church Center Chapel 1st Floor Girl-Boy Dialogue: Financing for Gender Equality from a Youth-Based Perspective Description: Youth Only. This panel will discuss the CSW 56 review theme of financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women from a youth-based perspective. The UN suggests gender equality makes good financial sense for local-global economies; and girls are increasingly recognized as essential catalysts for inspiring this economic development and large-scale social change. But how do girls and boys experience gender inequalities in their everyday lives? How do traditional notions of femininity and masculinity, power and privilege impact their economic self-sufficiency? And in what ways can young people support and promote gender equity in the global economy? This event gives youth the opportunity to share their stories, collaborate with one another, and advance the movement for girls' economic empowerment.</p>	<p>Girls Learn International</p>	<p>Emily Bent emilycbent@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
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<p><i>Tuesday, February 28, 2012</i> <i>Time: Tuesday evening by Invitation</i> <i>Youth Only Reception</i> Description: Youth only! Have a chance to socialize with other youth who are participating in CSW 56 in a casual and relaxing environment.</p>	<p>Girls Scouts of the USA</p>	<p>For an Invitation to this Reception, youth must contact, Adwoa Aidoo by Friday, February 24th AAidoo@girlscouts.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p><i>Wednesday , February 29, 2012</i> <i>Time: 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm</i> <i>Salvation Army Auditorium</i> Voices of rural girls: Empowerment through leadership and entrepreneurship Description: We all know that investing in girls can lead to amazing change in communities all over the world. This statement may be even more true of rural economies. Girls in rural communities are often their families’ caregivers, providing their parents and siblings support in the means of daily chores, childcare and farming. Come hear from rural girls themselves as they speak about their personal experiences in their communities and how opportunities to gain leadership and entrepreneurship skills have impacted their lives.</p>	<p>Girl Scouts of the USA</p>	<p>Adwoa Aidoo AAidoo@girlscouts.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Wednesday, February 29, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Salvation Army Auditorium While Women Weep Description: The Empowerment of Rural Women and Girls over poverty. Film Screening of Rural Women of Kenya, and a panel discussion with women from Papua New Guinea, Kenya and other parts of the world.</p>	<p>The Salvation Army</p>	<p>Victoria Edmonds – Victoria.Edmonds@Salvationarmy.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
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<p>Wednesday, February 29, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm The Salvation Army Basement Bringing it Home: Youth Delegates Share the Impact of CSW (Alumni Panel)</p> <p>Description: The power of the CSW can not simply be found in the resolutions and discussions amongst governments and international leaders, but also in the localized actions carried out by CSW participants in their own lives, communities, and nations. This event will share the stories of returning CSW youth participants and the ways in which, they have sought to initiate change for women and girls because of their previous experiences at the CSW. In addition, the panel will provide an opportunity for this year's participants to brainstorm concrete plans and actions for how to 'live out' and 'take home' the lessons from CSW 56.</p>	<p>Loretto Community,</p>	<p>Emily Thenhaus emilythenhaus@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
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<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 12:30 – 2:00 pm, UN Church Center, Second Floor. Girls Grow: A Vital Force in Rural Economies</p> <p>Description: This panel will feature The Honorable Catherine Bertini, senior fellow at The Chicago Council on Global Affairs and former Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Program; the United Nations Adolescent Girls Task Force; and NGOs working on the ground to explore how empowering rural adolescent girls spurs economic and social growth, and how to best address the triple disadvantage of location, age, and gender unique to rural adolescent girls. It will explore the concrete recommendations that come out of the newest Girls Count report, <i>Girls Grow: A Vital Force in Rural Economies</i>, for how country governments, bilateral and multilateral donors, regional and international organizations, NGOs, policy influencers, and opinion leaders can improve the lives of rural adolescent girls.</p> <p>Girls living in rural areas of the developing world play a vital yet unrecognized role as agricultural producers and hold the potential to be agents of food and nutritional security and economic growth.</p>	<p>UN Foundation, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Coalition for Adolescent Girls</p>	<p>Leah Meadows lmeadows@unfoundation.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
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<p>In the nations of Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, where a significant portion of Gross Domestic Product is dependent on agriculture, women and girls living in rural areas comprise nearly half of the region's total agricultural workers. However, less than 10 percent of total official development assistance for agriculture explicitly addresses gender issues, and only 33 percent of girls in rural areas of the developing world attend primary school. As the international community renews its focus on the importance of agriculture and rural economic development, the success of its efforts will be significantly enhanced if it includes a major emphasis on rural adolescent girls.</p>			
<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm 8th Floor Boss Room Investing in Girls: Progress made, Gaps identified, Possibilities ahead Description: This event will be on CSW 56 Review theme 'Financing for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women' with a specific focus on Girls. The event will look at the progress made re the implementation of the 'Agreed</p>	<p>International Presentation Association of the Sisters of the Presentation</p>	<p>Fatima Rodrigo pbvmipa@msn.com 212-370-0075</p>	<p>Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary Medical Mission Sisters Daughters of Charity VIVAT International The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Conclusions -CSW 52' which has 15 reference to girls. During the event, a discussion will be facilitated on the World Bank Report 2012 on 'Gender Equality and Development'. We are in dialogue with UN Member States, UN Agencies to be on the panel to tell us their success stories of the implementation of Agreed Conclusions. The NGO panelists will present stories from across the world, looking into gaps identified and possibilities ahead and emphasize the dire need to invest in girls, as a way forward to an equitable present and future. We are in conversation with a girl, aged 21 years, to moderate the session.</p>			
<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Hardin Room 11th Floor Church Center Forgotten Youth: Native American Girls and commercial Sexual Exploitation Description: Panel discussion that will bring together experts on the issue of Native American children and the issue of commercial sexual exploitation.</p>	<p>ECPAT-USA</p>	<p>Sydney Rose srose@ecpatusa.org</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 Time: 4:45 to 6:15 pm UN Building NLB, tba Transforming Rural Communities through Psychosocial Empowerment of Poor Rural Women and Girls Description: Psychologists, physicians, and activists are working in India, Africa, and Latin America to empower rural women and girls, including those with disabilities. Using psychosocial interventions, education and training, and social activism, these rural women and girls are developing skills, positive attitude, and understanding their human rights in order to take control of their lives. They are growing food, increasing personal income, improving their health, experiencing an increased sense of well being, and developing their communities. In this parallel event, speakers will provide examples of these efforts, and present strategies for effective psychosocial interventions. For example, two psychologists will report on the development and evaluation of a psychosocial 5-day camp for teenage girls who are school dropouts from rural Lesotho, Africa: the Girls Empowerment</p>	<p>American Psychological Association</p>	<p>Deanna Chitayat Deanna Chitayat@aol.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention International Association of Applied Psychology International Council of Psychology International Union of Psychological Science Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues</p>
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<p>Program, conducted by the Office of the First Lady of Lesotho. In another example, the Women's Earth Alliance will send a representative from India, who directs the Gorakhpur Environmental Action Group. They have been empowering 30 women farmers and community activists from 4 flood affected areas. They are using psychosocial techniques to foster learning about sharing tools, and developing community based advocacy strategies so as to build resilience in the face of climate unpredictability and poverty. Other speakers who work with rural woman and girls, including those who are disabled, will discuss their experience in initiating programs and providing direct services.</p>			
<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 Time: 4:30-6:30 pm UN Church Center, 8th Floor Project Girl Performance & Workshop for Peacebuilders Description: Economic Empowerment and its effect on rural women in “peace time” and in conflict-affected situations. Girl Performance on the issues of rural women in conflict/ post-conflict situations.</p>	<p>Project Girl Performance Collective, United Methodist Women, The Global Network of Women Peacebuilders</p>	<p>Jessica Morris jgm.consulting1@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Millennium Hotel What does it mean to be rural girl? Description: Panel led discussion featuring 8 PLAN girl delegates from Sierra Leone, Malawi, Pakistan, and Zimbabwe. Discussion will be followed by a networking reception.</p>	<p>PLAN International</p>	<p>Emily Bent <emilycbent@gmail.com></p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Thursday, March 1, 2012 Time: 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm Church Center Harden Room 11th Fl. Girls Safety in Home, Community and School Description: Panel discussion covering best practices, intervention efforts and challenge in keeping girls safe. Panelists: Ms. Marta Santos Pais (SRSG on Violence against Children), Professor Shang Lang Yan (Shieh Chien University in Taipei) and Mrs. Teresa A. Hintzke (International President of PPSEAWA)</p>	<p>WGG Committee: Protecting Girls from Violence</p>	<p>Eleanor Schlesinger ellyrose@optonline.net</p>	<p>PPSEAWA League of Women Voters – US The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Friday, March 2, 2012 Time: 10:30 to 12:00 pm Church Center 2nd Floor Girls Voices: Challenges of Age & Gender in a Rural Environment Description: Many of the world's girls face the "triple challenge" of rural life, age and gender. This event features rural girls from several countries who will share their stories and struggles. As they speak, it becomes clear that given access to education and resources, they will become farmers and business leaders who will play a vital role in solving poverty and hunger in the developing world. As the international community shifts its focus to the importance of sustainability in the global economic recovery, the role adolescent girls can play in the overall solution must be a central theme.</p>	<p>The Grail</p>	<p>Mary Kay Louchart Grail-ipt@juno.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Monday, March 5, 2012 Time: 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm Chapel at the Church Center Rural Girls and Women, agents of change in climate justice: Living testimonies of Dr. Maathai's Legacy Description: Event in tribute of and inspired by the visionary work of Wangari Maathai that highlights the Empowerment of Rural Girls and Women by fostering</p>	<p>Mata Amritanandamayyi Math National Ethical Service International Council of Women United Religions Initiative Maryknoll Sisters, and Maryknoll Fathers &</p>	<p>Carmen Gloria Arriagada gloriaarriagada1@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>their Leadership Role within their Communities, while combating Climate Change and Alleviating Poverty. This event is proposed with the endorsement of, and in coordination with, the Permanent Mission of Kenya to the United Nations (to be formally confirmed), the co-sponsorship of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations (to be formally confirmed), and under the auspices and co-sponsorship of the Climate Change Working Group Associated with the CoNGO Committee on Sustainable Development, the NGO CSW Subcommittee on Women and Climate Change, and the CoNGO Committee on Sustainable Development. Featured invited speakers include Ms.Michelle Bachelet on behalf of UN Women, Ambassador Macharia Kamau on behalf of the Permanent Mission of Kenya, Wanjiru Maathai (daughter of Wangari) on behalf of the Green Belt Movement, and testimonials from rural girls and women from the developing world.</p>	<p>Brothers Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University World Christian Life Community Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries The Grail</p>		

<p>Tuesday, March 6, 2012 Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm Church Center 2nd floor Rural Communities: Health Workforce for Women and Girls Description: The focus of this event is meeting the Millennium Goals for Women and Girls. Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty, promote gender equality and empower women, reduce child mortality and improve maternal health. Speaker Panel: Jacob Kumaresan, Executive Director World Health Organization, Frances Day Stirk – President, International Confederation of Midwives Board Member, Global Health Workforce Alliance and Ann Kurth, Professor, Director New York University College of Nursing Global.</p>	<p>Health Committee</p>	<p>Christine Verber selwynverber@gmail.com</p>	<p>Soroptimist International NGO Committee on UNICEF International Confederation of Midwives NYU College of Nursing Global International Health Awareness Network Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues The Working Group on Girls</p>
<p>Collaborative workshop with US Mission on Girl Advocacy Time & Place to be announced “at the invitation of the U.S. Mission”</p>	<p>Girls Learn International</p>	<p>Emily Bent emilycbent@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Working Group on Girls</p>

<p>Thursday, March 8, 2012 Church Center United Nations 10th Floor 10:30 am to 12:00 pm Social Work with Rural Women: Psychosocial and Economic Empowerment</p> <p>Description: Rural women and girls often move to urban environments to escape poverty, but are at risk of being trafficked or isolated and vulnerable in cities. The role of social workers is important in providing psychological and social support, as well as entrepreneurial know-how before they leave, as well as after they arrive. The Panel will present successful programs and examples of best practices within the framework of the global social welfare workforce that strengthen the movement. Participants will be invited to add examples from their own countries.</p>	<p>University of Connecticut: School of Social Work</p>	<p>Nicole Fink nicolefink@gmail.com</p>	<p>Working Group on Girls</p>
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