

11 November 2013

Dear ECOSOC-accredited NGOs,

You are invited to participate in the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, to be held from 10 to 21 March 2014 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The priority theme is “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls”. The Commission will also evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its fifty-fifth session in 2011 on “Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work”.

Limitations on the number of participants per organization

Your organization may pre-register up to 20 individuals. We kindly ask that organizations keep the numbers to a minimum because of increasing demands on limited space.

New pre-registration deadlines

11 November 2013 to 27 January 2014

All participants must be pre-registered by 27 January 2014. Once all required information has been entered into CSO-Net, a letter confirming the participant's pre-registration can be printed and used in obtaining a visa, if necessary.

Go to: <http://esango.un.org/irene/?page=viewContent&nr=22564&type=8§ion=8>

The address where the participant will be staying in New York during the session needs to be added in the system prior to onsite registration. Once this information has been entered, a grounds pass form can be printed. Participants will be required to show these forms at onsite registration.

Please note that participants may need a secondary pass to gain access to open official meetings of the session. In such case, one or two secondary passes per organization will be distributed at or near the registration site.

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. The United Nations will not send copies of invitation letters or confirmation letters to U.S. embassies.

Additional information about the session, its organization of work, meetings and documentation, will be shortly available at <http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw58-2014>

Yours sincerely,

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

Lopa Banerjee
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