

SIDE EVENT

68th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Building a Future Where Care is Valued and Shared: Leveraging CEDAW to Advance the Care Economy



DATE-VENUE

15 March 2024
4:45-6:00 p.m.
Conference
Room D,
Conference
Building
NEW YORK

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— OBJECTIVES

This high-level panel discussion aims to showcase the economic and social imperative of investing in women's economic participation through a vibrant and valued care economy. The discussion will deepen the understanding of the connections between the care economy and CEDAW, and forge actionable solutions for:

- Promoting women's economic participation, including by exploring recommendations for childcare policies, parental leave, skills development, and dismantling gender bias in the workplace;
- Transforming the care economy, including by exploring the economic value of care work, advocating for its formalization and professionalization, and by identifying opportunities for public-private partnerships and innovative financing mechanisms.

— OUTCOME

The panel discussion aims to amplify the understanding of the importance of women's economic participation and a thriving care economy as well as foster partnerships and networks to accelerate progress towards gender equality and economic prosperity.

— MODERATOR

- **Ms. Alia El-Yassir**, Regional Director, UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

— PANELISTS

- **Ms. Ana Peláez Narváez**, Chair, CEDAW Committee (Opening Remarks)
- **Ms. Sima Sami Bahous**, Executive Director, UN Women (Opening Remarks)
- **Ms. Esther Eghobamien-Mshelia**, Vice-Chair, CEDAW Committee
- **Ms. Nicole Ameline**, CEDAW Member (former Chair)
- **Ms. Rangita De Silva de Alwis**, CEDAW Member
- **Dr. Nadine Gasman**, President, National Institute for Women of Mexico and Chief of the Mexican Delegation
- **Ms. Jacqueline Leduc Estrada**, UN Representative, Make Mothers Matter

— FORMAT

The opening statements and presentations by panelists will be followed by an interactive discussion. The panel discussion shall be in English.