

## Commission on the Status of Women - 53rd Session - 2-13 March 2009

### Town Hall Meeting: Action Agenda on Caregiving in the Context of HIV/AIDS

4 March 2009 - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium

*You are cordially invited to join us for a dialogue on caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS*

Opening Remarks by:

**Ines Alberdi**, UNIFEM Executive  
Director

**Elizabeth Mataka**, Special Envoy of  
the UN Secretary General for  
HIV/AIDS in Africa

**H.E. Tiina Intelmann** Permanent  
Representative of the Estonian  
Mission to the UN

#### Speakers include:

- Dr. The Hon. Esther Rosenna Byer-Suckoo - M.P. Minister of Youth, Family and Sports, Barbados
- Salman Ahmad - UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador
- Julia Alvarez - Nuevo Amanecer/Huairou Commission
- Rania Antonopoulos - Levy Economic Institute
- Kufekise Laugery - Senior Citizen Association of Zambia
- Jacqueline Mukamusana - World YWCA
- Esther Mwaura-Muri - GROOTS
- Dean Peacock - Sonke Gender Justice Network

#### Moderator:

Daljit Dhaliwal, Host of Foreign Exchange on PBS

The town hall event will discuss:

- *Key issues, strategies and entry points* for those on the front-line of care-giving, such as caregivers themselves or their networks, to fully engage as key participants in the formation of the national response and the decision-making processes that affect them;
- *Efforts taken to change deep-rooted stereotypes* regarding the roles and responsibilities of women and men within the family and society at large in providing care; and
- *Innovative mechanisms established* to reduce women's disproportionate burden of care in the context of HIV/AIDS, emphasizing different forms of support for caregivers as well as national strategies that seek to institute a broad response, with specific attention to the provision of basic social services.

**Organizers:** The Permanent Mission of Estonia to the UN and UNIFEM

**Co-organizers:** CIRDDOC (Nigeria) CORDAID (Netherlands), Gender Links/GEMSA, GROOTS International, HelpAge International, Huairou Commission, ILO, International Women's Health Coalition, Sonke Gender Justice, UNAIDS/Global Coalition on Women and AIDS, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, VSO International, World YWCA

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