Invitation to 61st Session
Commission on the Status of Women

Violence, Crises, Adversity, and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs): Implications for Global Health and Well-Being for Women and Children

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Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and respiratory illnesses are the greatest burden of disease worldwide and are anticipated to increase over the next decades, especially in low resource countries. Depression, which is projected to be the number one burden of disease by 2030, and other mental disorders are significant cross-cutting factors. This event will focus on women's health and well-being examining the impact of conflict, violence, adverse life events and stress on health and well-being. It is important to note that not only does conflict and chronic adverse events impact current health, but research now shows that it has detrimental impact on children's development and contributes to the development of chronic health conditions later in life. Therefore, achieving the highest level of health and well-being requires a multi-faceted approach and has implications for women's empowerment and sustainable development.

Thursday, 16 March 2017
3:00-4:15 PM
Kindly arrive by 2:50 PM
United Nations Headquarters
Conference Room A
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Seating will be on a first come first serve basis

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND COUNTRY PERSPECTIVES

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MODERATOR

Dr. Elizabeth Carll - UN Representative, International Council of Women; Convener, Global Mental Health and NCDs Work Group & Former Chair, UN NGO Comm. on Mental Health; President CCCUN

GROUP DISCUSSION - AUDIENCE Q & A