

The NGO Committee on Mental Health

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“Promoting Mental Health and Well-Being of Rural Women and Girls: Impact on Community Well-Being”

This parallel event of the 2012 CSW will focus on the importance of promoting mental health among rural women and girls, in order that they be empowered to fight poverty, eradicate hunger, and promote sustainable development. Recommendations for improving the global mental health and well-being of women, the prevention of violence and abuse, human rights health and disability, examples of successful initiatives, and strategies for effective advocacy will be discussed.

Date / Time

**Friday, March 2, 2012
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**

Location

**The UN Church Center
777 United Nations Plaza
(44th Street bet 1st & 2nd Avenue)
Boss Room - 8th Floor**

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Q&A and GROUP INTERACTION