

UN Update - Sister Helen Martinez – Journal/Report January 12th -16th 2014

NGO committee meetings:

- CSW Planning committee meeting: The CSW committee arranged the regular committee meeting. They announced the following events.
- CSW-59 registration deadline will be Jan 27th 2015.
 - Online sign up intervention events from 26th-19th Feb 2015 UN women will send out the information.
 - Declaration will be adopted day one of CSW 59. Comprehensive, progressive will not be negotiated. Negotiations will happen at National level.
 - There was a discussion regarding the women's day celebration.
- NGO committee meeting on stopping trafficking: The conveners of each task force updated the information. The business ethics task force is planning for a side event in June 12th with the focus of world day against child labor. The task group on children and youth are planning for a workshop or event on youth development. In commemoration of Human trafficking awareness month in USA (January) events are organized by UNICEF and New York Asia Women's Center.
 - Mining working group meeting: The meeting started with sharing of a news piece from Columbia how mining affects the earth and the human lives. The Secretary General's synthesis report was correlated with the mining topic including the human right and the environment. The members announced the forthcoming of different meetings and the side events.
 - Subcommittee on Migration: The task force members had discussion on position paper on migration, unaccompanied youth at borders.
 - Committee meeting on Migration: The committee presented the process of preparing the pilot study on migration, and the position paper on unaccompanied youth at borders. The focused countries are U.K, South Africa, Syria and South East Asia.
 - Committee meeting on Indigenous people: During this meeting the Aniea, Sisters of Mercy shared the goals, objective, vision and focus of mining working group to the UN. Following that there were announcements regarding the forthcoming meetings on stakeholder's preparatory forum for post 2015.
 - The NGOs, International Presentation Association, Sisters of Nazareth Charity Federation and the Medical Mission Sisters had the conversation around the CSW side event on behalf of mining working group. The theme of the side event is "Unearthing development women's experience".
 - Attended the meeting on Stakeholder preparatory Forum for the Post -2015 Development Agenda negotiations cosponsored by NGLS and DESA to the UN. The sessions were in the form of Panel discussions with open discussions. It focused on four broad themes:
 - a) **Welcome and the Way forward:** It focused on the MDGs, what kind of transformative agenda do we want? The hope of the future agenda will focus on People, planet and participatory, inclusive dialogue, accountability mechanisms.
 - b) **Focus on the Secretary General's Synthesis Report:** The panelists highlighted the positive elements of the synthesis report, covering a number of issues that really were concerned with

the reality of the people (Human rights, justice, eradication of poverty, education, environment etc.). There were also the key areas to put forward in part of international business, economic growth and partnership, productive partnership (capacity building, infrastructure and good practices), Matrix and indicators.

c) Focus session on “Means of implementation and global partnership for development”:

The discussion focused on the Means of Implementation (MOI) as not giving and taking but it is collaboration, pooling of resources, friendly system and joining hands together in terms of partnership. Global partnership should be based on equity and justice. The need for consideration the Least Developed Countries LDS, LLDS and SIDS. Global technology facilitation mechanism for global governance.

d) Follow up and review: This discussion focused on the importance of embracing the concept of accountability at all levels. The review process should be designed to be transparent, inclusive and independent. To implement the principle of global partnership, civil society, academia and the private sector should be part of the accountability mechanisms.

- Interactive dialogue with Civil Society: Civil Society representatives were invited for this special interactive dialogue with the President of the General assembly. It was open forum for the civil society to discuss and clarify different issues.
- A two day Barbershop Conference: Changing the discourse among men on gender equality. Barbershop Conference aimed at engaging men and boys to address negative stereotypes of masculinity and to become active promoters of gender equality. A special focus was on efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls. The Deputy Secretary-General, Jan Eliasson, praised the Conference for its focus today on changing behaviors, ending violence against women and girls. He stated that he and the Secretary-General are convinced that this must be the Century of Women and Girls. It is up to all of us to make that a reality.