CSW58 Side Event

“Disaster Risk Reduction and Empowerment of Women”

Date & Time: March 14th (Fri.) 3:00~ 4:15 pm
Venue: Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium
Organized by: International Women’s Year Liaison Group / JAWW (Japan Women’s Watch) / National Women’s Committee of UN NGOs in Japan/ the Permanent Mission of Japan to UN
Language: English

- **Moderator: Masako HIRAMATSU:** Vice Chair, National Women’s Committee of UN NGOs in Japan
- **Opening Remarks: Ritsuko MIBAE:** Convener, International Women’s Year Liaison Group
- **Opening Address: Ambassador Motohide Yoshikawa, Permanent Representative of Japan**
- **Speakers: (speaker’s order is not decided)**

(1) Yuriko HISAMUNE: Member of the National Committee on Disaster Response, YWCA of Japan
“Empowering girls through holistic education is the key to overcoming natural disasters”
Learning from the experience of mental health care activities carried out by the YWCA of Japan during its disaster response project, this presentation will look into the situation of women in the affected area through gender perspective and propose a way forward.

(2) Yukiko ODA: Vice Convener, JAWW; Researcher, Kitakyushu Institute on Sustainability
“Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: A Key to Disaster Risk Reduction”
The presentation will explain how gender equality and women’s empowerment are essential for disaster risk reduction, based on experiences and lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and post-disaster reconstruction.

(3) Mikio ISHIWATARI: Sr. Water & Sanitation Spec. WB; Sr. Visiting Advisor, JICA
“Gender Responsive Disaster Risk Management:Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake”
Sharing lessons in disaster risk management (DRM) from a gender perspective by introducing Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)’s support activities in the aftermath of the GEJE and Japan the World Bank joint research project on "Learning from Megadisaster".
Also, acknowledging the importance of promoting gender responsive DRM in development assistance.

(4) Atsuhiko BEPPU : Deputy Director General for Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office
“Learning from Adversity”
Sharing lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake mainly focused on “Guidelines for disaster planning, response and reconstruction from a gender-equal perspective” drawn up by Government of Japan.

(5) A Speaker from the Philippines : To be Confirmed

- **Questions, Answers, and Comments:**

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