“Empowering women and girls through access to health”

Co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Cyprus, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Bulgaria and Armenia. The purpose of this event is to present ongoing or future projects that will empower rural women on a personal and professional level through developments in the areas of Women’s health, specifically preconception health and their contribution in achieving sustainable development goals, in particular SDG3 on Good Health and Well-Being, SDG5 on Gender Equality and SDG8 on Decent Work and Economic Growth. To compliment the aforementioned topic, discussion may also encompass topics related to technology as a means to facilitate working in remote areas. This event is designed to reinforce the following messages that women in rural areas are empowered when: a) they have access to quality health services, b) their right to work is realized and they have the opportunity to pursue professional fulfillment and development in their rural environment, c) they are financially empowered and independent.

DATE: 13 MARCH 2018
TIME: 10:00 - 11:15 A.M.
VENUE: CONFERENCE
ROOM 12, UN HQ, NY

*UN Grounds Pass is required.*

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  Permanent Representative of the Republic of Cyprus to the UN

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