The Women’s International Forum

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Invites you to a 62nd Commission on Status of Women United Nations side-event

“Portrait of an Activist: Mónica Ramírez, President of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas”

Date: Friday, March 23, 2018  
Time: 1:15 p.m. -2:15 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room D, UNHQ  
RSVP is required (very limited space)

The Women’s International Forum we will be hosting a side event in the framework of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, taking place at the UNHQ from March 12th to 23rd 2018. The theme of this year’s meeting is: “Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from all regions of the world are attending this session.

WIF is contributing to the conversation by hosting Mónica Ramírez, the co-founder and President of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas. Her work has focused on ending gender-based violence in the workplace and achieving gender equity. Mónica has served farmworker, Latina and immigrant women as an attorney, organizer and advocate. She has a long history promoting women’s leadership and political power, including leading the LatinasRepresent project, which is aimed at increasing Latina representation in public leadership positions. Mónica is the founder of
several major projects, including Esperanza: The Immigrant Women’s Legal Initiative of the Southern Poverty Law Center and The Bandana Project, which uses art to raises awareness about sexual violence against farmworker women.

Mónica delivered the keynote address at the United Nation's 2018 International Women's Day celebration on rural women's activism. She also authored a letter on behalf of the members of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas to women working in the entertainment industry who disclosed sexual violence by powerful individuals in their industry. The letter, which was originally published in TIME magazine in November 2017, went viral and helped spark the creation of the TIME'S UP movement to help workers across sectors secure workplace safety and equity.

Mónica earned her Juris Doctor from Ohio State University, a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School and her Bachelor's in Arts from Loyola University Chicago.

More about Mónica Ramírez work:
https://www.worldwithoutexploitation.org/co-chairs/monica-ramirez
https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/meet-monica-ramirez-the-advocate-behind-the-countrys_us_59f8d781e4b0b7f0915f6277
https://www.elitedaily.com/p/who-is-monica-ramirez-laura-derns-golden-globes-date-is-advocate-for-women-7816153

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1. To obtain a pass, please reply to: womeninternationalforum@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at: 1-212-963-3112 with LAST NAME, NAME and phone number by Tuesday March 20 at 12 m.d, 2018. (UN ID holders do not require a ground pass but is required to RSVP)

   Due to changes in Ground pass procedures, we ask you to please notify WIF of cancellations

2. Ground Passes should be picked up from WIF Board members the day of the program on 46 Street, Visitor’s Entrance to the UN, from 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

3. Photo identification will be required to receive a Ground Pass and will be needed to enter the Security Checkpoint.

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