United Nations – Personal Stories of Women’s Journeys To Leadership

Panel:
1. Congresswoman Michele Bachmann
2. Second Secretary Virginia Bayonne
3. Representative Molly White
4. Donna Jollay
5. Audrea Decker

Background Information:

Taken from the Commission on the Status of Women’s Website 2018:
Priority theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls. Review theme: Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women, from the 47th session of the CSW.

Purpose of side-event: Women in government across the globe have long struggled for equality, and while tremendous progress has been made in recent decades for women around the world, there still remain unique cultural and societal obstacles to women’s empowerment in government. This event will feature influential women and their personal journeys to governmental positions of leadership.

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

Time: 10:00 to 11:15AM

Event Runtime: 1 hour and 15 minutes

Possible Event Questions:

Congresswoman Bachmann Welcomes Attendees

1. Each Panel Representative Shares a brief description of the organization or country she represents.

Congresswoman Bachmann answers first to set the tone.

2. What were some of the key obstacles you encountered on your journey to leadership?

3. What are the core beliefs that have empowered and sustained you to take the sometimes difficult journey of being a woman in leadership?
4. What are the lessons you have learned in leadership that you wish to impart to other women?

5. What are some of the crucial challenges you see women facing in your sphere of leadership today?

**Extra questions if needed:**

6. Were there women who mentored you on your journey to leadership?

7. A central theme of CSW for 2018 is communication technology – What influence do you believe social media is having on the advancement of women in leadership?