



## **63<sup>RD</sup> SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW63)**

Side Event

### **Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANWGE)**

**Theme:** “Ensuring Women and Girls’ Access to Quality and Affordable Social Protection Services: Innovative Approaches to achieving Empowerment and Equity”

Access to affordable, sustainable and quality public services and social protection to groups living in situations of vulnerability is one of the daunting challenges facing many countries, particularly women and girls. Far too often, adolescent girls and women face challenges in accessing affordable public services that would help ensure crucial aspects of their wellbeing and dignity, including education as well as sexual, reproductive and HIV health services. Gender inequality, combined with disability, ethnic and racial discrimination along with HIV infection, tend to exacerbate the exclusion of women and girls from social protection coverage – especially in poor and rural communities.

Drawing on recent research and cross-country experiences, this side event will generate innovative approaches to address women’s and girl’s unmet social protection needs.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**13 MARCH**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 12**  
**FROM 4.45PM TO 6 PM**

**R.S.V.P.: <https://goo.gl/HBVkz8>**

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Event organized under the leadership of ECA, with the following agencies contributing:  
UNICEF, UNAIDS, PAHO, UN Women, ILO, FAO and UNESCO