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Working with Youth to Combat Gender-based Violence

**Tuesday, 12 March 2019
1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Conference Room A, UNHQ**

Moderator and welcoming remarks:

- Ms. **Martina Štěpánková**, Government Commissioner for Human Rights of the Czech Republic

Speakers:

- Ms. **Tat'ána Gregor Brzobohatá**, activist, SDGs Ambassador, founder of the Beauty of Help Foundation, Miss World 2006
- Ms. **Kristýna Kabzanová**, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
- Ms. **Johanna Nejedlová**, co-founder of Czech NGO Konsent
- Ms. **Hanne Eriksen**, Norwegian NGO Alternativ til Vold
- TBC, UNICEF
- Ms. **Uwase Nadege Munyaburanga**, Kigali Hope, Rwanda
- Ms. **Florence Sibomana**, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts
- Ms. **Kateřina Kruliřov**, Nottingham Trent University

Gender-based violence takes different forms – physical, sexual, psychological or economic. Its root causes need to be understood in the context of gender norms, values, and beliefs which support unequal hierarchies of power between women and men. Patterns of violence and victimization may develop in early adolescence and soon become difficult to reverse. In order to achieve changes in behaviour, we need to prevent the underlying attitudes and gender stereotypes.

Therefore, primary prevention among youth has a crucial role in tackling gender-based violence. Schools and informal education centres play a critical role in gender socialization and forming attitudes towards oneself. Understanding the different kinds of gender-based violence that could be affecting young people is an important responsibility of parents, caregivers, school staff, youth leaders and other community members. Peer-to-peer programmes and educating modules of youth about rape culture and harassment have been initiated in many countries in order to change its root causes.

Other important elements of an integrated approach to gender-based violence prevention are perpetrators programmes. Working with perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence can contribute to cultural changes leading towards abolishing gender hierarchies and gendered violence.

**Side-event is organised by the Czech Republic.
All CSW63 delegates with valid passes are invited to attend.
Please RSVP to petra.mervart@gmail.com by 11 March.**