Organizer:
US Federation for Middle East Peace (USFMEP) and Co-organizer United Federation for Peace & Development (UFPD)

Brief Description of the Event
Global media discourse provides an accessible, lively introduction into how globalization is changing the language and communication practices of the need. Young girls and women face increasingly marginalized media portrayals worldwide, where they are often given conflicting images and information that affect body image and self identity that has ramifications in the socio-cultural and political spheres.

Side Event
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The Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995, addressed these issues, and two decades later, it is time to consider the changes that have occurred, and those that haven’t.