

Parallel Event to the 62nd Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women  
CSW62

## EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A TOOL TO EMPOWER RURAL WOMEN & GIRLS



### CONCEPT NOTE

It is widespread news that education can impact all aspects of one's life. In particular, it can positively affect the lives of the most vulnerable persons such as rural women and girls, improving their health (including sexual and reproductive health); their economic opportunities; and their ability to participate in public spaces and in new communication and technologies.

In addition to the traditional curricula system, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) emphasizes the need to mainstream education for sustainable development, including gender equality and human rights, at all levels in the educational systems (SDG 4.7). In fact, by practice we believe that this is an essential step to expedite the construction of fairer societies, one where rural women and girls can have equal opportunities to thrive.

Promoting a holistic approach to education - one that engages rural children and adolescents, as well as their families and communities for sustainable development - is a powerful tool to build a more conscious generation of young rural women and men. Thus, this event will highlight best practices of civil society organizations and individuals which are promoting gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls through holistic educational initiatives.

In a lively and interactive format, participants will discuss how education for sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of non-violence, and global citizenship (SDG 4.7) can contribute to achieving peace and empowerment for all, and to improve dignity, respect and the overall living conditions for rural women and girls.

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**When:** March XX, 2018 (TBC)

**Where:** TBC (Near United Nations Headquarters)

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