Servas Representatives at UN womens' conference | March 2020

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This year we have accepted twenty Servas members from Servas International groups: Brazil, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Taiwan, China, Columbia, Canada, Sweden, Sierra Leone and the US to attend Commission on the Status of Women (CSW64) in March of 2020. These SI Representatives will meet to share ideas and propose directions to further the peace mission of Servas.

The Commission is open to all members of NGOs which are affiliated with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) – that includes Servas International (SI). All Servas members are eligible – up to a maximum of twenty individuals, including key persons; SI President, SI Peace Secretary, National and Peace Secretaries and NY Representatives.

Last March, six Servas members from the US, Australia, Iran, and Rwanda attended the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) at the United Nations in New York City. (Read article in the Spring, 2019 US Servas Newsletter at www.USServas.org.)

This year, the Commission will review goals set at the 1995 World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Attending the meetings is an opportunity to learn about issues and challenges affecting women world-wide, to advocate gender equality, and to network with members of other NGOS and promote Servas as a peace and justice organization.

All Servas members can read more about the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1995) or the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The year 2020 is therefore a pivotal year for the accelerated realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls everywhere. The conference will be televised live and you can follow and find scheduled sessions from the United Nations here: UN Live United Nations Web TV.

Lauren Gordon (NS Australia), Zahra (Iran) and Paige (SI Peace Secretary)

Zahra Karimi(S Peace Secretary Iran) and Raleigh Tomlinson(S Peace team and Youth-USA)

Paige (USA), Lauren (Australia) Zahra (Iran), Fidèle Rutayisire (NS Rwanda) and Earlene Cruz (SUN-NY)

Raleigh (USA), Zahra (Iran), Fidèle (Rwanda) , Paige (USA) and Lauren (Australia)

* Photos taken during the last Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63) conference in NYC in March 2019