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**The Permanent Observer Mission of the OIC to the United Nations, the US Federation for Middle East Peace, Islamic Relief Worldwide and The Lutheran World Foundation invites you to:**

**Engaging faith communities to implement SDGS - Achieving Gender Justice and Eliminating Violence against Women and Girls**  
**March 16, 2016, 11:30 to 12:45 p.m., Conference Room A**

The successful delivery of SDGs depends on building partnerships, trust and coordination of multi-stakeholders from various backgrounds. It requires an efficient engagement of non-traditional stakeholders such as faith actors and faith based organisations (FBOs) that are the immediate service-providers and first point of contact for many people. Faith is an integral part of the social fabric and by many it is considered as the major driver of change in local communities. Therefore, the role of FBOs and faith actors cannot be overlooked in the processes of SDGs implementation. They need to be seen as integral partners in the protection and promotion of the human rights, in particular in the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. Please join us for a conversation on how different faith communities are implementing the SDGs while achieving gender justice and eliminating violence against women and girls. The panel will feature:

**Moderator: Ms. Salwa Kader, President, US Federation for Middle East Peace**

**Jesca Mnari, World YWCA** she is from Tanzania and a young woman leader. She will be sharing how she as a young person is challenging gender inequality by using her faith and how she is contributing to the SDG implementation.

**Pastor Cibebe Kuss, Lutheran World Foundation** is from Brazil. She will be bringing her experience and reflection on impacting policy-making process, which is crucial requirement for the implementation of SDGs.

**Ms. Sharifa Abdulaziz, Islamic Relief Worldwide** is a Gender Advisor for IRW from London. She will be share best practices, challenges and gaps. And the need for capacity building of community to ensure they have both the power, knowledge, confidence and skills to be part of the decision making process.

**Mr. Amir Dossal, Global Partnerships Forum**, a not-for-profit knowledge platform to provide changemakers with tools to build innovative partnerships to address economic and social challenges, which he established in 2010.

**Dr. Azza Karam, UNFPA Senior Advisor at UNFPA** Dr. Karam coordinates the UN's first Global Interfaith Network on Population and Development and an Inter-Agency Task Force on FBO.