

UN 53rd Salwa

It is my pleasure....., extend a warm welcome to....53rd CSW.....

The CSW continues to play a fundamental role in advancing issues of gender equality and the empowerment of women as an important global forum, joining experts on the dialogue and exchange of cultural and national experiences and platforms for action and policy implementation.

In context to the priority theme of “The Equal Sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care giving in the context of HIV? AIDS”, our key focal point today unites us to discuss the priority theme of “The role of the family in building social and Economic security for humanity”.

The importance of understanding the concept of shared responsibility within the family—the essentiality of basic and continued care-giving measures—including the important economic, medical, psychological and social infrastructure concerns in combating the devastating and multiplying impact of AIDS on the family.

The role of the family is pivotal – in ALL regards—and of course to gender equality unquestionably -- the family is the key –the family unites all humanity across cultural and national boundaries –

Which despite in its divisiveness of problematic definitions-- often set in the context of its disintegration within cultural and economic globalization—the family lies at the heart and in our hearts.

We are here to understand these diverse and integral cross-cultural perspectives on family, family values and their inextricable impact on raising our children—**both** sons and daughters.

The family as most fundamental institution across culture, race and religion to build and truly better society and continue our progress towards gender equality—our strength lies in listening and combining the same, consistent vision of equality-- yet engaging in an understanding, awareness and appreciation of each other-- our potency lies in the discernment and recognition of our diverse lenses and experiences-- politically, religiously, economically and socially— together we build in the strengths of our similarities--and in the process, provide a forum for exchanging national experiences, lessons learned and, with insight, **moving forward**, encourage, promote and advance good practices.

Echoing Ms. Hannan on our mission, we USFMEP look forward to strong outcomes that will ensure increased resources to accelerate implementation at a local, national and global levels, strengthening our attention to diverse and cross-cultural gender perspectives, as well as an enhanced participation of all women and men in best family practice efforts in building social and economic security for humanity.