

The **Women's International Forum** under the sponsorship of the
Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations

Invites you to join a panel discussion **commemorating International Women's Day**

“Mothers as Change-Makers in Public Life and the Workplace”

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018

Time: 1:15 p.m. -2:15 p.m.

Venue: Conference room 2, UNHQ

Panelists:

Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General of the UN and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs,

Phyllis Johnson, Member of the Board of National Coffee Association of America, founder of BD Imports, writer and activist;

Carolyn Miles, President and CEO, Save the Children, entrepreneur and activist;

Chrysula Winegar, Senior Director, UN Foundation, parenting activist;

Leith Greenslade, founder of JustActions / Motherhood and Public Power Index, social innovator;

Hannah Seligson, writer, NY Times contributing journalist, author of « New Girl on the Job ».

The panel will also serve as the flagship event of World's Biggest Mama Meetup 2018, a global campaign of Mindr and United Nations Foundation's Global Moms Challenge, whom we are honored to have as guests in this session.

Societies worldwide are diminished by the absence of voices and inputs of young mothers; They are often unnecessarily excluded from public and professional life through a series of prejudices and practical obstacles. The aim of this globally connected flagship event is to promote and demonstrate the inclusion of mothers into public life and into the workplace: This is why we are proud to welcome, for the very first time, mothers with their young children among our audience and panelists in the UN.

The panel, composed of top female professionals across sectors, will examine how societies and workplaces can support, in impactful and practical ways, mothers who wish to work, and professional women who wish to parent.

The panel will be moderated by Latica Tomašić Kickert, WIF Vice-President and Sarah Lux-Lee, Mindr founder and CEO. Opening remarks by Sofia Herrera Cubillo, WIF President, and Ambassador Jan Kickert, Permanent Representative of Austria to the UN.

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2. Ground Passes should be picked up from WIF Board members **the day of the program** on **46 Street, Visitor's Entrance to the UN**, from **12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
3. **Photo identification will be required to receive a Ground Pass and will be needed to enter the Security Checkpoint.**

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