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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

PATHWAYS TO EMPOWERING IMMIGRANT WOMEN AND GIRLS

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The priority theme of the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women is "Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls."

This panel will assess the extensive debate and advocacy surrounding the profound impact that recent developments in U.S. immigration policy will have on immigrant women and girls. U.S. Executive Orders and rulings which:

- place undocumented victims or witnesses of crimes at higher risk of deportation;
- make it procedurally improbable for individuals to pursue asylum claims;
- tighten asylum thresholds generally and
- in effect, eliminate legal recourse for many persons whose asylum claim is premised upon domestic or gang related violence.

Facilitating a framework that affords equal access to justice and other social service protections to the most vulnerable and marginalized among us requires multi-disciplinary collaboration that is both timely and astute. To this end, advocates on the ground, members of civil society, and representatives from intergovernmental organizations will address the appropriate response and detail their respective missions.

Panel:

Beth A.T. Krause, Esq., Supervising Attorney, Immigration Law Unit, The Legal Aid Society: Moderator
Jennifer Levy, First Deputy Attorney General, Office of the NYS Attorney General
William C. Silverman, Partner, Proskauer Rose, LLP
Carmen Maria Rey, Assistant Professor Clinical Law, Brooklyn Law School Safe Harbor Clinic
Denise Meade, Advanced Academic Resource Specialist/STEM Coordinator
Rachel Brock, Founder, Sciences Po Refugee Help Women, Paris
Erica Webb, Humanity in Action Senior Fellow

Instituto Cervantes, 211 East 49th Street, New York
(Between 1st and 2nd Avenue, closer to 2nd Avenue)

Date: March 19, 2019

Check-In: 9:30 AM; Panel: 10 AM- Noon; Reception/refreshments: 12-1 PM

RSVP by March 8th to Fay Parris at: parrisfay@gmail.com (seating limited)

