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Annual San Diego Delegation | 63rd Commission on the Status of Women U.N. Headquarters in NYC | March 11 – 22, 2019

San Diego, California, March 5 2019 – the United Nations Association of the United States of America, San Diego Chapter (UNA-USA San Diego) is leading its annual delegation of twenty-three (23) local community partners to this year's [63rd Commission meeting on the Status of Women \(CSW63\)](#) at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

As every year for the past decade, the organization is hosting an event during the CSW highlighting local efforts that transcend cultures, borders and ideologies. Hosted on **Thursday, 14 March 2019 at 12:30 PM EST**, the organization welcomes its colleagues from the United Nations Association New Zealand as cohost for the panel discussion ***Non-Binary Gender Identities and Social Security Systems: Challenges and Opportunities***.

Amid continuing discrimination worldwide against members of the LGBTQIA+ group, the event comes at a critical moment. The panel discussion's main objective is stressing the importance to legally recognize non-binary gender identities, as key to broad access to social security networks.

Moderated by UNA USA San Diego's Vice President, Stefania Marchina, the panelists include national and international subject matter experts, including Dr Laura McQuade, President & CEO, Planned Parenthood, New York City; Saunoamalli'i Dr Karanina Sumeo, The Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission; Aych McArdle, non-binary community advocate and LGBTQI+ human rights defender, New Zealand; and Kiara St James, Non-binary activist, Transgender Advocacy Task Force, New York City.

The event will promote the engagement of the whole UN system in this endeavor to call upon Member States for urgent and concrete action to achieve a life of dignity for all. Leaving no one behind is a must to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

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About UNA-USA San Diego

As a program of the UN Foundation, UNA-USA San Diego is the local Ambassador to and for the United Nations. With its prestigious consultative status to the United Nations, UNA-USA San Diego links the local community with the United Nations and vice versa. The organization's programs & events expand on the understanding of global issues through advocacy and mobilization for actions to support the principles and vital work of the United Nations. Fully volunteer-based, UNA-USA San Diego actively engages partners and stakeholders locally since 1946.