



## Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing®

### UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITY REPORT

The [Commission on the Status of Women](#) Consultation Day was conducted to share knowledge about issues related to women's economic empowerment.

This event was conducted 12 March 2017 at Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY.

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The main part of this event took place in a theatre venue, and there were cultural and artistic interpretations of the theme that were included in the event: United Nations Singers; Rupi Kaur, poet; and LeeOlive Tucker, Harlem Diva. I think this gave expression, voice, and unity of spirit to the participants, regardless of their nationality or economic status, or the many linguistic challenges for communication. Speakers included Dr. Mabel Bianco, the Woman of Distinction Awardee, and a panel presentation on Women's Rights and Gender Equity in the Changing World of Work. I was especially impressed by Julianna Richter, Chief Operating Officer of Edelman and the GWEN model (Global Women Economic Network) of including women in all levels of decision-making. She spoke about something called "an amplification strategy" to give women credit for their innovative ideas. The first woman makes a statement; later, a second woman quotes the first woman and repeats what she said, and it continues in this way to amplify the voice of women. There were smaller group breakout sessions to discuss specific areas of interest, and I attended the one on tackling gender violence at home and in the workplace led by experts Mabel Bianco, Foundation for Studies and Research on Women, NGOCSW Latin America and the Caribbean; Raphael Crow, Senior Gender Specialist, ILO, Geneva; and Dilshad Dayani, World Women Global Council. The main area of focus that was highlighted was identifying victims of human trafficking and what nurses can do to help. One strategy that came out was that when there is a major event, such as the Super Bowl, human trafficking with forced sex workers is more prevalent. One group left bars of soap in the ladies' rooms with a phone number to call for help, with some positive results. There are many other strategies that need to be publicized widely to address this issue.