



## United Nations Activity Report

Sigma United Nations volunteer representatives Dania Al-Itani, Pennie Sessler Branden, and Valerie Clary-Muronda were able to attend the United Nations Secretary-General Townhall Meeting with Civil Society. This event provided civil society organizations an opportunity to engage with [Secretary-General António Guterres](#) and his senior leadership on topics pertaining to gender equality and the work of the United Nations.

The purpose of this event is to network and share knowledge to empower women on the topic issues, to engage with the Secretary-General to make issues known, and to hear his response in this forum.



INVITATION TO:

# **CSW63 Townhall Meeting of Civil Society and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres**

**Tuesday, 12 March 2019,  
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM**

Conference Room 4  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York, NY 10017

*Overflow room: Conference Room 1*

Moderated by UN Women Executive Director,  
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka

Report Submitted by Connie Sobon Sensor, Sigma United Nations Liaison

By participating in the meetings, Sigma expands its reputation and presence at prestigious UN events. Dania Al-Itani, Sigma United Nations Youth Representative, and Pennie Sessler Branden, Sigma United Nations Liaison, formulated a question related to nursing and were able to elicit a response from the Secretary-General. It was a proud moment. I heard so many people afterward who were grateful that nursing was brought into the conversation at the CSW, along with the impact and expertise that nurses are highly qualified to provide to inform issues and decision-making.

This was a huge advantage and continues to generate excitement among nurses throughout the world. Sigma and nursing got a lot of attention worldwide. Please make sure that this is shared widely, especially at our big events. See Dania here: <http://webtv.un.org/watch/un-secretary-general-townhall-meeting-with-civil-society-CSW63-side-event/6013182694001/?lan=original>. At about 59:00, Dania poses her question and at about 1:08 is the Secretary-General's response. Great job bringing the expertise of nurses into the conversation. Sigma proud!