To commemorate International Down Syndrome Awareness Day (3-21) during CSW63 experts will discuss the inherent dignity and worth of women, girls and all those with Down syndrome, their contributions to society in all spheres of life, and the concrete cultural, legal, and policy changes necessary for them to receive social protection, access public services and reach their full potential.

**SPEAKERS TO INCLUDE:**

“Making a Case for Down Syndrome”
Karen Gaffney, President, Karen Gaffney Foundation

“Investing in Tomorrow for Persons with Down Syndrome”
Michelle Sie Whitten, President & CEO, Global Down Syndrome Foundation

“I Won’t Let My Daughter with Down Syndrome Be Defined by A “List”
Deanna Smith, Author *Motherhood Unexpected*

“A little bit of hope can go a long way – bringing hope and support to couples receiving pre-natal diagnosis of Down Syndrome”
Rick Smith, Founder and President, *Hope Story*

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**March 21, 2019**

**3:00 PM – 4:15 PM**

**United Nations Headquarters**

**Conference Room – 2**

Everyone wishing to attend must **RSVP** by March 15 to holyseemission.org/rsvp21March2019