



NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, NY

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NGOCSD Members and Colleagues are invited to participate in this press conference:

NGOCSD ADVISORY for April 13, 2015

Rep. Maloney, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development & Leaders from #BringBackOurGirls to mark 1-year anniversary of Boko Haram kidnapping of 270 Nigerian schoolgirls

Will announce that the Empire State Building will be lit in purple and red to commemorate the kidnapping's 1-year mark

NEW YORK—On April 13 at 11:00am U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), Mr. Henry MacDonald the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Suriname to the UN, Mr. Lawal Mohammed Hamidu, the Minister of Counter Terrorism of the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN, Assembly member Rebecca Seawright (76AD), human rights leaders and activists, groups of High School students, the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development Co-Chair Margo LaZaro with members of the NGOCSD, and the #BringBackOurGirls advocacy organization will gather at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza to commemorate the 1-year anniversary of the kidnapping of more than 270 girls from their school in Chibok, Nigeria by Boko Haram. Although, some of the girls managed to escape captivity, roughly 230 of them are still missing. Rep. Maloney will also announce that the Empire State building will be lit in purple and red on April 14th in recognition of the need to locate the girls and return them to their families. Unfortunately, at the time of this press conference, NGOCSD Co-Chair Yvonne O'Neal will not be in NY.

Rep. Maloney and advocates will call for a vigorous international effort to find the girls, along with a full investigation to determine if some of the girls may have been among those murdered last month by fleeing Boko Haram soldiers.

As a gesture of solidarity with the Chibok Girls, the High School students in attendance will tie 223 ribbons around trees and railings. One ribbon for each of the girls still missing.

Attendees are asked to wear Red (official color of #BringBackOurGirls) or Purple (official color of Stop Violence Against Women). #BringBackOurGirls will also hold a march on April 14th at 6pm from the United Nations Church Center (Chapel).

What: #BringBackOurGirls Press Conference

When: April 13, 2015 @11:00am Where: Dag Hammarskjold Plaza – East 47th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue

Who:

U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12)

H. E. Mr. Henry Leonard MacDonald, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Mission of Suriname to the UN
City Councilmember Ben Kallos (District 5)

Dr. Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome from #BringBackOurGirls

Margo LaZaro, Int'l Council of Women and Global Family, Co-Chair of NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright (76AD)

Mr. Lawal Mohammed Hamidu, Minister of Counter Terrorism of the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the UN

Consolee Nishimwe, Author and Survivor of the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

Ravi Karkara, Co-Chair of the World We Want 2015 Policy and Strategy Group

Vivian Adhiambo Onano, Advisor to UN Women Global Civil Society Advisory Group, African Leadership Academy

Bruce Knotts, Director, Unitarian Universalist UN Office, Chair of NGO Committee on Human Rights, NGOCSD
Executive Board Member

Benjamin Skinner, Co-Founder and Senior Vice President of Tau Investment Management

Ayana Gay, President of St. Joseph High School's Girls vs. Trafficking Club



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The following representatives will be in attendance:

Ms. Salwa Kader, President of the United States Federation for Middle East Peace, NGOCSD Executive Board Member
Isaac Reshad, Next Generation Energy Leaders Council, Sybaris Consulting Group, NGOCSD Adviser
Martha Kebalo, World Federation of Ukrainian Women, Treasurer of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
Modou Cham, World Information Transfer, Secretary of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development
Iryna Kurowyckyj, Int'l Council of Women, NGO Committee on Sustainable Development Executive Board Member
Dr. Joan Lurie Goldberg, International Council of Jewish Women, NGOCSD Executive Board Member
Laurence Singer, Esq., Global Family for Love and Peace, NGOCSD Executive Board Member
Lindsay Ashby, Int'l Council of Women Youth Representative, NGOCSD Member
Papa Dembele, Global Family Youth Representative, NGOCSD Member
Luz Maria Utrera, Founder and President of Fundacion Luz Maria
Gordon M. Tapper, Founder of Give Them a Hand Foundation, NGOCSD Adviser
St. Joseph High School, Brooklyn: Principal Sister Joan Gallagher (CSJ), Ms. Liz Christy, S. Pat Lucas (CSJ) & students
The Mary Louis Academy, Queens: Principal S. Kathleen McKinney (CSJ), Ms. Ally Guitierrez & students
St. Edmund High School, Brooklyn: Principal Mr. John Lorenzetti, Ms. Peggy McEvoy, Ms. Kate Jones, & students
St. Francis Prep, Queens: Principal Mr. Patrick McLaughlin & students
Carmen Dixon, Policy and Faith Organizer, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, Chair of the Task Force Against Human Trafficking for the Episcopal Diocese of New York
Rev. Que English, Chair of the NYC Faith-based Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence
Fr. John Thomas, President, St. Mary's Malankara (Indian) Orthodox Center
Representation from Sanctuary for Families