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# The Impact of Transportation on Women's Lives

## THE MISSING LINK IN THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

This Roundtable discussion will address the diverse transportation challenges facing women and girls, including sexual harassment on public transit, unsafe roads to school and work, displacement, urbanism, and other emerging issues for women and sustainable mobility.

**58th Commission on the Status of Women Side Event (CSW58)**

**Thursday, March 13, 2014, 4:45-6PM**  
**Conference Room C, UN Headquarters, New York**

All attendees must possess a UN Pass. For more information, please contact [undpingo@un.org](mailto:undpingo@un.org)

RSVP: <http://bit.ly/1fovUaf>

### **Moderator:**

**Hawa Diallo**, Public Information Officer, NGO Relations & Advocacy Section, Department of Public Information (DPI), United Nations

### **Speakers:**

**Heather Rothenberg, PhD**, Sam Schwartz Engineering, TRB Committee on Women's Issues in Transportation. *Uncommon Partners for a Common Cause: Research, Practice and Policy to Address Women's Issues in Transportation*

**Beverly G. Ward, PhD**, BGW Associates, LLC. *Stranded... and a Long Way From Home: Women, Transportation, and Displacement*

**Sheila Mitra-Sarkar, PhD**, San Diego State University. *How do women in India cope with the Asphalt Ceiling in the Twenty First Century?*

**Susan Zielinski, PhD**, University of Michigan. *Women and Sustainable Transportation in an Urbanizing World: Challenges, Promising Signs, and Emerging Opportunities*

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Moderator



#### Hawa Diallo

Ms. Diallo began her United Nations career in 1987 with the Department of Public Information in New York, where she worked in various public information capacities. From 1992 to 1994, she served in two United Nations Peacekeeping Operations in Cambodia and Somalia, respectively.

Upon her return to New York, Ms. Diallo joined the Office of the Deputy Secretary-General until moving to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Nairobi, as an Associate Human Settlements Officer and later worked as a Partners and Youth Officer until moving to the Agency's New York Liaison Office in 2010. In June 2010, Ms. Diallo was appointed Public Information Officer in the NGO Relations Section of the Department of Public Information. Ms. Diallo comes to the Department of Public Information with extensive United Nations experience in public information outreach and fostering civil society partnerships, with a particular emphasis on youth and women's organizations. Ms. Diallo is a national of the United States of America.

### Speakers



#### Heather Rothenberg, PhD

*Uncommon Partners for a Common Cause: Research, Practice and Policy to Address Women's Issues in Transportation*

Dr. Heather Rothenberg is a Senior Transportation Engineer with Sam Schwartz Engineering, doing work in the areas of safety, traffic operations, and sustainable transportation. Prior to this, she worked for the US Department of Transportation and at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Rothenberg serves as the Co-Chair of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Women's Issues in Transportation at the National Academies of Science and is a key organizer of the 5th International Conference on Women's Issues in Transportation to be held in Paris in April 2014.

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#### Beverly G. Ward, PhD

*Stranded...and a Long Way From Home: Women, Transportation, and Displacement*

Dr. Beverly G. Ward is the principal and owner of BGW Associates, LLC, a consultancy that researches and evaluates policies, systems, and practices relating to housing and mobility and access. In particular, Dr.

Ward analyzes the social impacts of these policies and those related to extreme events on an aging population, persons with disabilities, women, and low-income and minority communities. She is a member of and research coordinator for the Transportation Research Board Committee on Environmental Justice in Transportation.



#### Sheila Mitra-Sarkar, PhD

*How do women in India cope with the Asphalt Ceiling in the Twenty First Century?*

Dr. Sheila Mitra-Sarkar has her doctoral degree from University of Pennsylvania. She specialized in transportation planning. She was the founder director of California Institute of Transportation Safety at San Diego State University. Since 2009, she has been involved in research in gender inequalities and sustainable planning as a researcher with the Institute of Public Urban Affairs at SDSU and as a consultant for several agencies, foundations and organizations based in California. Her current research on "asphalt ceiling" stems from work done as a Fulbright Senior Specialist in Delhi, India.



#### Susan Zielinski, PhD

*Women and Sustainable Transportation in an Urbanizing World: Challenges, Promising Signs, and Emerging Opportunities*

Dr. Susan Zielinski is Managing Director of SMART (Sustainable Mobility & Accessibility Research & Transformation) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (see <http://um-smart.org/blog> and [www.mobiprize.com](http://www.mobiprize.com)) where she works collaboratively in cities around the world to advance and enable implementation of sustainable, equitable urban transportation systems. Just before joining SMART in 2006, she was awarded a Harvard Loeb Fellowship to focus on sustainable transportation innovation. Before that, as a professional urban planner, she spent many years at the City of Toronto developing and leading innovative policies and initiatives related to sustainable transportation, New Mobility industry development and enterprise, and livable cities.