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**Sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68)  
HAITI SIDE EVENT**

- Title:** Haiti au Féminin: A face of hope for all
- Theme:** Women's economic empowerment, the expected financing dividend  
Gender-sensitive humanitarian actions, peace and development
- Date and location :** March 15, 2024 / 1:15PM – 2:30PM  
Room 8 – UN HQ
- Organizers:** Ministry of Women’s Affairs with the support of UN Women  
**Partners:** Norway Cooperation, Banque de la République d’Haïti (BRH)

**Context:**

Haiti is facing difficult times, marked by socio-economic, political instability, and conflicts between armed groups. This is having a profound effect on the lives of communities in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area and provincial towns. Also, the massive migration of the affected population (over 200,000 following the clashes in November 2023) and the control by armed gangs of the country's main roads (around 80% of the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area) are having a considerable impact on economic activities. Devastating effects of natural disasters intensify humanitarian needs (5.2 million of the population at the end of 2023 compared with 4.9 million at the end of 2022), as well as the risks of violence and sexual exploitation of marginalized groups at various levels. However, this gloomy picture and the misfortunes that go with it do not prevent Haitian women from playing a major role in the rural economy, where they can be found as farmers, hired workers or entrepreneurs, while caring of the well-being of their families (children, and elderly parents) and communities. What's more, over time, they pass-on their traditional knowledge, which is essential to rural survival and resilience.

As crucial agents of change, supporting women’s initiatives has shown that gender-sensitive financing is the best strategy that Haiti should put in place and apply scrupulously to make fast progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

Based on the testimonies of Haitian women and public and private support institutions, this Side Event to CSW 68 will bring together high-level speakers from international organizations, government, the private sector, and civil society among others. They will discuss on ways of increasing networking and coordination technical and financial support to women and young girls for greater impact on the ground.



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### **Objectives:**

- ❖ Demonstrate the different face of Haiti through women who work hard while gangs are killing, raping, abducting;
- ❖ Demonstrate the role of Haitian women, through the Madan Sara, a reality ignored by the international community: supporting women who take care of their families, communities and the whole nation
- ❖ Promote the positive value of Haitian women by highlighting their economic, social and educational contributions, with the aim of transforming perceptions and countering negative stereotypes.
- ❖ Raise the profile and visibility of UN Women's key partners.
- ❖ Encourage and advocate gender-sensitive financing to achieve the SDGs.
- ❖ Advocate South-South cooperation for technical support to Haiti.
- ❖ Raise the profile of Haitian culture through painting.

### **Targeted participants:**

Representatives of the Haitian government, Donor community and private sector, civil society the United Nations (including the Security Council), CARICOM countries, ECLAC, UN member states (including friends of Haiti or countries represented by their embassies in Haiti), the private sector and civil society at regional and international level, etc.

### **Some key speakers:**

UN Women Regional Director - LAC  
Minister of the Status of Women and women's Rights  
UN Women Haiti Representative  
Norway Cooperation - Vice minister for development  
Haiti Central Bank board member

### **Agenda key content:**

- ❖ Gender-sensitive financing: strengthening food security and resilience for women in the face of a precarious security situation
- ❖ Feeling good and serving others/Challenges: Testimony
- ❖ BRH's experience: Guarantee Fund and Booster PME