



Gender-Responsive Social Protection for Adolescent Girls to Enable Aspirations and Reach the SDGs in the Arab Region

Side Event at the 63rd Session of the Commission of the Status of Women

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3:00 – 4:15 pm

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This side-event aims to resume the discussion on current models of welfare and protection systems in the Arab region with specific focus on adolescent girls. It will seek to shed light on protection systems in terms of the extent they respond to adolescent girls' practical needs – those emanating from their physical and biological vulnerabilities - and to strategic needs – those that associate to girls' limited autonomy, lack of voice and agency.

PARTNERS

- Qatar Permanent Mission at the UN
- UNICEF
- The Arab Institute for Women/Lebanese American University

SPEAKERS

- **H.E. Ambassador Alya Ahmed S. Al Thani**, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations
- **Mr. Omar Abdi**, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- **Dr. Sharifa Al – Emadi**, Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)
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- **Dr. Lina Abirafteh**, Executive Director of the Arab Institute for Women/Lebanese American University
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- **Dr. Shreyasi Jha**, Senior Gender Advisor (UNICEF)