

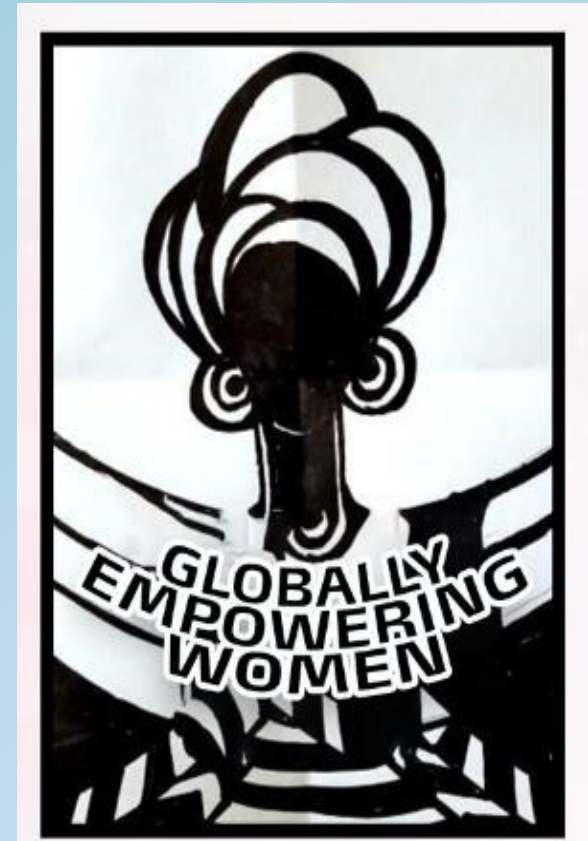
“The Memorial’s placement at United Nations Headquarters is a significant symbol of what the world body represents: the promotion and preservation of the dignity and worth of all human beings - principles that are central to its Charter.”-

United Nations Slavery Memorial

A Parallel Event: A Strategic Plan for
Gender Equality in Agribusiness in the Nations

Non-Governmental Organization
Commission on the Status of Women 63rd Session

Sponsored by New Future Foundation, Inc.



Artwork and design by International Artist Charlotte Ka

March 15th, 2019

4 W 43rd Street

Social Hall New York, New York 10036

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

About the NGO CSW



The NGO Committee on the Status of Women, NY (NGO CSW/NY), supports the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and UN Women. NGO CSW/NY is an untiring advocate with Member States for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls across the globe in support of the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and UN Women. NGO CSW/NY supports the implementation of the 1995 Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, UN Security Resolution 1325, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

NGO CSW/NY represents more than 100 member organizations and individuals concerned about the status of women and girls. Events at the UN headquarters in New York are monitored on a daily basis with daily participation.

Every year in New York, NGO CSW/NY organizes NGO Consultation Day in preparation for the session on the UN Commission on the Status of Women that takes place in February/March for two weeks. Activists gather from around the world to discuss issues pertaining to women and girls, to network, share strategies/best practices and to lobby governments to implement resolutions and treaties that they have signed. NGO Representatives are brought together to caucus, issue joint statements and provide wording for the Agreed Conclusions of the annual United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

NGO CSW/NY participants at CSW meetings conduct trainings and orientation for NGO representatives, and run an international listserv that continuously conveys emails and keeps women worldwide apprised of issues throughout the world on gender inequality issues.

- ◇ Monthly meetings featuring UN and government speakers
- ◇ Facilitation of NGO participation at CSW meetings
- ◇ Promotion of a gender perspective at the UN and other international meetings
- ◇ An annual “Woman of Distinction Award” to recognize a woman for her leadership in the struggle for gender equality and women’s empowerment

Art

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Brother Anthony Mitchell Jr. Coordinator of Cultural Enrichment
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Sister Rehema Nkisi, Founder of Zongo Dance Institute (Washington, DC)
Renne Tara, Fonder of African American Women in Cinema
Rev. Lionda Thompson, Former Mayor of Harisburg PA
Princess Pamela Toyin Ogunwusi (Nigeria)

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Order of Events

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Professor Angela Sayles

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Rev. Dr. Janis C. Brooks

Globally Empowering Women: The Impact of Chemicals, Toxicity, and their
Health in Agribusiness

Dr. Ruomei LI

Sustainable Solutions and expected Outcomes Related to Global Gender Equality
and Science in Agribusiness

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About our Panel

Queen Mother

This Year of Return 2019 is the Golden Anniversary of humanitarian work accomplished by Queen Mother Dr. Delois Blakely. Her personal and professional journey is a culmination of unique life experiences. The most influential people in her life have been: President of the 24th Session of the United Nations General Assembly Dr. Angie Brooks, political pioneer Shirley Chisholm, Queen Mother Audley Moore, Sister Mary Laura of the Dominican Order, her great-aunt Della Tobias, President of Tanzania Julius Nyerere, Judge William H. Booth, her African Baba Cheikh Salih Mbacke, President of Zambia Kenneth Kaunda and her father James Blakely.



- ◆ 1958-1968: Roman Catholic Nun
- ◆ 1969-Present: Founder and CEO of New Future Foundation, Inc.; an NGO with ECOSOC Status at the United Nations ◆ 1982-1983: MIT Education Policy Fellow
- ◆ 1982: Masters of Education from Harvard University
- ◆ 1983: Masters of Education from Teachers College and Columbia University ◆ 1984-1985: Educator and Fulbright Scholar that took her into Africa, Tanzania and Nigeria ◆ 1990: Doctorate of Education from Teachers College ◆ Since 1995: Community Mayor of Harlem
- ◆ 40 years homesteading for low-income women and children
- ◆ Author of three books and numerous scholarly articles
- ◆ Goodwill Ambassador to Africa since the 1980s
- ◆ Champion for youth and young professionals, education, culture, recreation/sports and women worldwide
- ◆ Queen Mother of Hip Hop and recipient of special hip hop sneakers at the 40th anniversary of the Zulu Nations
- ◆ Queen Mother has dedicated her life receiving only \$1 per year for her service to the poor and the powerless
- ◆ Queen Mother has been engaged with the Diplomatic Corps and served under President Jimmy Carter
- ◆ During the Decade for People of African Descent Queen Mother's DNA was taken at the UN Ark of Return Memorial proving her 100% African ancestry

The Artist

Charlotte Ka



I am originally from a small village called Crestas Terrace in North Versailles, located twelve miles east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A beautiful village perched high on our Pennsylvania Hills. This was a northern town with Southern sensibilities. The original inhabitants were comprised of people who had come north to escape the burdens of the south to work in the steel mills and other factories. Both my father and grandfather worked in those mills. My mother was a beautician.

I left my small village for New York to study art at The Cooper Union for the advancement of Science and Art. I was in New York during the Black Revolution of the 60's and was inspired by that period of defiance "Black Power", and the adoption of the culture of the Motherland, Africa. I totally immersed myself in a new lifestyle that included my African American and African heritages.

The inspiration for my art making is the love of art, dance and music from the classical beauty of the art of Africa to the blues and funk. I am also deeply inspired and involved in the music of our survival the "Spirituals". Memories of these strong and mighty foundations allow for much creative exuberance, mystery, magic and fun.

My current artistic concentrations are paintings, mosaics and installations. The installations are inspired by historic events with the general theme of "the power of the spirit to overcome obstacles". The paintings and mosaics illuminate in abstract language "the beauty of spirit".

I have exhibited extensively: Kenkeleba/ Mocada /The Schomberg and others in New York City. The August Wilson Center, Pittsburgh Center of the Arts The Center of Contemporary Crafts in Pittsburgh. Exhibited and traveled internationally: Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal and the Ivory Coast as well as Cuba, Jamaica and Brazil.

Currently I reside in Pittsburgh Pa. and also maintain a studio in Brooklyn, NY. My partner Errol Reynolds and I have restored a building slated for demolition by the city of Pittsburgh. We added two stories and transformed it into a jewel of the historic Hill District of Pittsburgh. It is the MOKA, (Mecca of Kulture and Art); an art studio, gallery and residence.

I have received honors that include A NYFA award in Painting and The Advancing Black Arts Grant from The Heinz Endowments and The Pittsburgh Foundation. I have created a suite of abstract paintings for that award to honor Pittsburgh's renowned musician and composer Billy Strayhorn.

Mama Gail Clouden

Gail Clouden is a Co-Chair of New Future Foundation, Inc. She is respectfully known as MAMA GAIL. She is affectionately revered for Loving HUGS, her Activism and Gatherings to Remember and Honor African and African American Ancestors. She has been a member of Harlem Women International, New Future Foundation, Inc. for 9 years and Women Federation for World Peace, International for 3 years



She is founder of Mama Gail's CommUNITY EducATion NetWORK that is dedicated to helping families through WATER = Wellness, Advocacy, Travel, Education & Resources. Mama Gail is a wife (43 years), Mother of two daughters and Grandmother of three.

She has a vast combination of skills as a result of years of illness, volunteer work and Training; Including Political, Cultural, Travel, Natural Healing, Modeling, Acting and Broadcasting. She is a Reiki Master Healer/Teacher, Spiritual Counselor, Life Coach, Education Advocate and Community Activist.

As a teenager, Gail Steward (MAMA GAIL) was introduced to the entire WORLD.

In 11th grade at West Phila High School. She was recruited to go to work at the Bell Telephone Company. She became an "0" Telephone Operator that serviced local, long distance and Overseas calls. That is where she truly learned to Reach Out and Touch people around the world. While working at Bell Telephone Company she decided to open a Travel Agency. She has traveled throughout the US, throughout the WORLD and developed Tours for groups and individuals via Buses Cruises and Air Packages. She has escorted thousands of families, students on day tours, weekend and multi day Black College Tours throughout Southern States in America and as far as Jamaica, West Indies.

Mama Gail's belief in Lifelong Learning has fueled her dedication and commitment to helping Improve the Quality of Life in Homes, Schools and Communities for Philadelphia's mostly Under-served Population through EDUCATION.

She specializes in Parent-Guardian Engagement, Involvement, Inclusion and Empowerment. Her most recent work is creating a Parent WELCOME Center

PEACE Café' at Penrose School (Students k to 8th grades) in Philadelphia. It's a model that can be replicated worldwide in Schools and Communities as a ONE STOP Intergenerational Teaching, Learning and Training Resource Center.

Mama Gail's newest project is in Honor of Queen Mother Dr Delois Blakely, Ambassador of Good-will to Africa. CELEBRATING her 50 YEARS of service to the WORLD at the United Nations. Mama Gail's Youth Ambassadors for PEACE through TRAVEL will begin in March

2019 with a group of students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades at Penrose School in Philadelphia. Mama Gail's Youth Ambassadors for PEACE through TRAVEL begins in March 2019.

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Dr. Janis C. Brooks



Dr. Brooks has always been a forerunner in civil rights and policy. She received both graduate degrees on full fellowships. Her doctorate degree is from the University of Pittsburgh from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs with a concentration in Environmental Policy. Her Master's Degree is from the University of Maryland in Urban Studies in Management. Her undergraduate degree was obtained on a partial scholarship from Clarion University with a B.S. in Secondary Education. As a teenager, while attending Clarion,

she filed a grievance against the university and the university was ordered to desegregate.

Rev. Dr. Brooks is a member of: New Future Foundation (Harlem), the Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) New York United Nations, the United Nations National Council of Women of the United States, the Sierra Club, and the League of Women Voters.

Dr. Brooks has proven to be astute in developing policy and interpreting policy. She was the first person to survey individuals registered on the State of Pennsylvania's Hyper Sensitivity Pesticide Registry and make policy recommendations to the State. She also facilitated the first conference in the State of Pennsylvania at the University of Pittsburgh to "Address the Needs of the Chemically Sensitive Population." She founded "The Chemical Sensitivity Network" to serve as knowledge broker and to connect others who had the debilitating illness. Dr. Brooks was also responsible for interpreting the Federal Regulations for a large urban county. Departmental heads conferred with her before making policy decisions.

The rights of others have always been a motivating factor. As a child she was active in the youth branch of the NAACP and attended the March on Washington and heard Dr. Martin Luther King speak. The Commanding General for 3rd Army in Germany attributed her professional contributions to decreasing the highly volatile racial tensions in the military. She was the first Affirmative Action Officer for Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. Before others were addressing police brutality, Dr. Brooks saw the need to address and prevent the continuing assaults against her family and community members. In 1990 she founded a social justice nonprofit, Citizens to Abolish Domestic Apartheid, Inc. (CADAprograms), now rebranded as Children and Adults Developmental Agency Programs. CADAprograms, her crowning achievement, provides after school programming and summer camp activities to at risk students K-12. Each child is hugged, assisted with homework, provided cultural enrichment activities, served food lovingly prepared onsite attend and field trips. She also provides meals to senior citizens. She also founded and pastored the Church of Inclusion International Ministries, and has a multi-state intercessory prayer line.

Through her efforts with community members, she prevented land grabbers from taking historic African American land in Crestas Terrace, Pennsylvania through "Eminent Domain." Her nonprofit, CADAprograms earned the right to revitalize the community.

She has worked in the church, government, academia, consulting, and the nonprofit sectors, creating change in every area. Dr. Brooks is the first African American female to run for Congress in Southwestern, Pennsylvania. She was recognized as a "Black History Maker in Pennsylvania."

Angela Sayles

Angela Sayles, a native of Cleveland, Ohio earned her BBA in Finance from Cleveland State University, MBA in International Business from the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business and Economics and a Post-graduate Certificate in Applied Research from Bristol Business School in the School of Operations and Information Management, United Kingdom.



Angela has extensive work experience in various business roles in Fortune 100 MNCs as a Funds Accountant, Financial Accountant, Information Analyst, Senior HR Business Analyst, Senior Payroll System Analyst, and Lead Global HRIS Administrator. She has also served as Vocational Program Director for a non-profit educational institution. She worked 25 years for corporations until she decided to make the transition to full time entrepreneur.

Angela has also served as Faculty Instructor for 15 years teaching the courses Business Accounting, Personal Finance and International Issues in Business part time to Associates, Bachelor and Master candidates at Indiana Wesleyan University - Cleveland Campus.

Angela is the current owner of AMS Holdings LLC, AMS Enterprise Systems LLC, AMS Unlimited LLC (Atlanta) and former owner of One Stop Appliance LLC. She does small business consulting as principal of AMS Unlimited Business Management and has the goal of expanding into international markets by leveraging her international contacts.

Angela is also the Founder and Executive Director of the Institution of Financial Unity, a non-profit organization working to improve the overall financial position of the global black community by supporting the movement of black people FROM consumers, spenders and laborers TO producers, investors and owners. She currently serves as the Treasurer for the Little Africa Food Cooperative and WMYM Alumni Association and is working full time on institution building. Angela also works as the Business Consultant for the Teaching Artist Institute, SHEROES Sisterhood and she is Director of Operations for Black Wall Street USA Economic Development Council. She also broadcasts weekly on the Unity Movement radio show.

Angela desires to complete her doctoral research and continue to raise awareness about globalization among her peers and urban youth. Angela is an international traveler and has had the opportunity to visit Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Ghana, West Africa, Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad, Mexico, Cuba and the Philippines. You can find her on LinkedIn or on Facebook as AMS Unlimited.

Dr. Ruomei LI



Dr Ruomei LI, the Executive Council member of WFEO (World Federation of Engineering Organizations) , the Board member of NFF (New Future Foundation Inc.), Council member of CWAST (China Women's Association for Science and Technology), Regional representative of WIP (Women in Power), IEEE PES.

Dr. Li received her Ph.D. from University of Bath, UK, in 2000; ME from CEPRI in 1989; and BE from Hefei University of Technology, China in 1982. Dr. Li was a visiting scholar at UMIST, UK, during 1994 to 1995.

Dr. Li has been worked in the fields of power system operation, planning, analysis, simulation and power electronics technology for more than 30 years. Currently she is an invited research fellow of the Energy Internet Research Institute, Tsinghua University. She has served as the Secretary General of CSEE (Chinese Society for Electrical Engineering) between 2004 and 2013. From 2000 to 2004, she worked as the Chief Engineer of S&T Dept at CEPRI (China Electric Power Research Institute). She was a power system operation and planning research engineer at CEPRI from 1989 to 1994. From 1982 to 1986, she worked for power system operation in the Power Dispatch Center, Anhui, China.

Dr. Li started organizing women engineers annual event in China for CSEE from 2012.

She initiated CIGRE's "Women in Engineering" forum since 2014. From 2018, she became the WIP chair of IEEE PES in China.

Ruomei LI has won number of awards, including the first level award of China National Science & Technology Progress Award in 2008, Honorary Member of CIGRE in 2014.