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**Politics, Power, & Promoting Women:
Strengthening Institutions to Improve Outcomes**

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12:30pm to 2:00pm Eastern Time (New York)

Please register in advance to join our Zoom Webinar:

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Join us to learn about engaging women in governmental institutions to initiate and support policy decisions affecting their environmental, economic, social, and cultural lives and livelihood. Our international panel will discuss strengthening institutions by promoting gender equity in

parliamentary bodies at a global level, encouraging women to run for elected office at a national level, and passing the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) at the state and local level.

Our Panel of Expert Speakers:

Erin Loos Cutraro, Founder and CEO of She Should Run

Nuhad Yazbik Dumit, Tenured Professor and Associate Dean at School of Nursing, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Alex Matere, Executive Director of Youth Bridge Kenya

Paola Rebeca Moreno Sandoval, Operations Coordinator for the political platform [Aúna México](#) and is a co-founder of [The Feminist Circle collective](#)

Ashley Raveche, Deputy Area Director of Social Policy for League of Women Voters of the United States California (LWVUS) & Past President of San Francisco LWVUS

Speaker Bios:



Erin Loos Cutraro is the founder and CEO of She Should Run, the trailblazing nonpartisan nonprofit on a mission to revolutionize the landscape of women in American political leadership by shattering barriers and redefining possibilities for women in elected leadership. Since its inception, She Should Run has become a beacon of empowerment, offering powerful first steps in civic leadership to hundreds of thousands of women from all walks of life whose formidable leadership potential would go otherwise untapped in conventional political recruitment. Before joining She Should Run, Erin designed and implemented strategic programs for companies, campaigns, and organizations that traverse the public policy, nonprofit, and financial business arenas. As the political director of the Women's Campaign Fund, Erin advised female candidates at the national, state, and local levels. Before that, she served at an educational nonprofit and in state government in the Office of Missouri's Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, whom she helped elect statewide as part of Carnahan's campaign team in 2004. Erin began her career as a public school teacher and has a life-long dedication to improving the lives of others through learning. She earned an M.A. in Communication from St. Louis University and B.A. in Education from the University of Missouri. Erin's two daughters motivate her to champion the systematic and cultural change needed to see gender equality for women and girls in our lifetime.



Nuhad Yazbik Dumit is a tenured professor and Associate Dean at the School of Nursing, American University of Beirut [AUB]. She is the founding director of the Scholar Activists for Impact and Learning [SAIL] for Change cluster at AUB and represent the civil society organizations in the Consultative Group for the 3RF [reform, Recovery, Reconstruction] in partnership with UN and EU Lebanon, the world Bank Group, and the government. She served as the President of the Order of Nurses in Lebanon [June 2015- June 2018] and proposed legislations and policies addressing the nursing workforce with some enacted. She is the recipient of several honors and awards locally and internationally. She ran twice for parliament in 2018 and 2022 as an independent antiestablishment candidate, her campaign was mainly managed by youth groups from several universities. Her research is focused on nursing workforce issues and she serves as a consultant locally and regionally to higher education projects and

professional practice developments. Professor Nuhad Dumit has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Masters in Education Policy and Foundation, from the American University of Beirut, and PhD in Nursing from the University of Colorado.



Alex Matere serves as the Executive Director of Youth Bridge Kenya (YBK) driven by a mission to provide a platform to nurture youth through informed, innovative and value driven approaches for personal, community, national and global development. YBK is focused on inclusive policy development, advocacy, mentorship and leadership development. He chaired the Youth for Building Bridges 2018-21 (Y4BBI) a constellation of youth and women luminaries that focused on generating and pursuing inclusive, consolidated and comprehensive constitutional amendments towards the protection and furtherance of the aspirations of all Kenyans for an inclusive and progressive society. Alex holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Administration from Kenyatta University and Public Management from the University of Chile and a degree in Political Science from the University of Nairobi. Alex was the 2022 Jubilee Party (the then ruling political party) Youth nominee to the Kenya National Assembly. Continentally, he serves as the Chair of Governance and Leadership Committee of the Africa Youth and Governance Convergence based in Accra, Ghana whose resolutions shape AU policies. In 2010 he served as the Chair of Comrades for Yes, a lobby group by University students for the adoption of the Kenyan Constitution 2010, which ensures inclusive and progressive inclusion of special interest groups including women, youth and PWDs, entrenched devolution of government and resources among other governance transformations. In 2021, he was appointed to join the Board of Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) where he doubled up as Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board. Alex is an alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), a premier professional exchange program for current and emerging foreign leaders by the US State Department.



Rebeca Moreno serves as the Operations Coordinator for the political platform Aúna México and is a co-founder of The Feminist Circle collective. She holds a degree in International Relations from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and a Master's in Gender and Development from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. Furthermore, Rebeca has pursued advanced studies in Human Rights from the American University Washington School of Law and Public International Law from the Hague Academy of International Law. Throughout her career, Rebeca has collaborated with various civil society organizations in Mexico, including Católicas por el Derecho a Decidir, Ruta Cívica A.C., and The Synergos Institute, where she served as a project manager and fundraiser. Notably, she spearheaded the formation of multi-stakeholder partnerships and successfully executed advocacy campaigns such as @Ciudadanía19s and CDMXsinCorrupción. In the public sector, she served as a legislative advisor on matters of equality and vulnerable groups for the LXIII Legislature of the Federal Congress in Mexico. Prior to this, she held positions as an advisor and research assistant at the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City. Rebeca's professional journey underscores her dedication to advancing social justice, gender equality, and human rights. You can follow her on IG at @RebecaMorenoS.



Ashley Raveche serves as the Deputy Area Director of Social Policy for the League of Women Voters of California and is Past President of the San Francisco League. For her leadership and community activism, SF Mayor and the Human Rights Commission awarded her League the HERO Award. Ashley was a LWVUS delegate to the UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow (COP26), where she collaborated on a side event: Disability-Inclusive Climate Action. Ashley is also a member of the UNA-San Francisco Ratify Movement Steering Committee, participating in several CSW66 events to promote the ratification of CEDAW in the US. UNA-SF recently honored Ashley with the Emerging Public Leader for the United Nations Agenda 2030 Award for her advocacy in human rights and racial justice.

Facilitator:



Connie Sobon Sensor is a former Assistant Professor at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, USA. She is the chief NGO representative to the United Nations for the League of Women Voters of the United States (www.lwv.org) & past-President of the Northeast Chapter of the Transcultural Nursing Society. She serves as an elected Director on the Board of the Global NGO Executive Committee(www.gnec.ngo). Dr. Sensor earned a PhD from Seton Hall University, a Masters in Nursing Management from Kean University, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from New Jersey City University. She has presented locally, nationally and internationally about the UN Sustainable Development Goals, Leadership in Global Health, and her research about health-related beliefs, practices and experiences of migrant populations.

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