

## **WILPF US 34<sup>th</sup> Triennial Congress - going virtual**

### **SISTERS, SEEDS and SOIL: Bold Voices & Choices for Ecofeminism**

**TIME NEEDED (highlight one): Q & A time is to be INCLUDED within time segments**

- 2 hr. roundtable;
- **1 hr 15 presentation with moderator and small panel;**
- 30 - 45 minute interviews

**TRAINING NEEDED?: ZOOM, MODERATING, VIDEO-MAKING WITH PHONE**

#### **Moderating practice**

**SISTERS, SEEDS and SOIL** lifts up the often-unheralded voices from diverse communities of women farmers, field workers, seed savers, and local and global women's and children's rights organization, while examining the rural-urban divide and economic and racial disparities. A rejuvenation of ecofeminism at the grassroots level includes exposing the egregious effects of the agricultural-industrial complex and giving space to disenfranchised farm workers and children; in particular women of color, who have endured untold hardships and must have, like seeds, the right conditions to thrive. We show how to transcend the schisms imposed by patriarchal economies and till the soil upon which true democracy stands.

#### **How does your topic relate to and advance the CSW64 theme?**

The tasks of raising public consciousness and transcending patriarchal economies would also break down barriers between policymakers and grassroots organizations, creating real cultural and systemic change. Much of this work lies in the hands of women - hands that carry the authentic voices of their families, their communities; overcoming the oppression that comes with systemic poverty and racism. The conversations about SDGs looking toward the 2030 agenda and CEDAW, decision-making at all levels, are primary in this session-by **putting theory into action**.

#### **What actions or outcomes do you expect from this event?**

The following pertain to both panelists and the audience:

- ✓ To organize community events, hold teach-ins, and increase social media usage to highlight the SDGs and 2030 agenda.
- ✓ To arrange time for panelists to speak with and listen to young people, perhaps focusing on middle and high school students, about their own UN CSW64 experience and answer questions about the threat of climate change.

**PANELISTS INCLUDE:**

**Onika Abraham** from Farm School NY/Black Farmers Fund;

**Christine Nobiss** from Seeding Sovereignty/Indigenous Iowa;

**Stefany Olivas** from University of New Mexico/Southwest Organizing Project/Center for Social Sustainable Systems

**Lois A. Herman** from UN FAO, Food and Agricultural Network/WUNRNetwork (Women's UN Report Network);

**Mary Hanson Harrison**, past president WILPF US Section moderator/convener