



Join The International Women's Forum of Connecticut for an important panel discussion on  
**WOMEN IN THE WORLD**

We are living in a time when the roles of women around the world are changing – some slowly and some dramatically. The degrees of change may vary from country to country, but progress is real. To help us understand the state of women in the world today we have a distinguished panel of women actively engaged in making change happen. They will be addressing issues relating to women in the developing world, women business leaders and the development of women in the political, economic and financial arenas across the globe.

**DATE: MARCH 8, 2018 – RESCHEDULED TO MAY 17, 2018**

**TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**6:00 PM: Networking (Refreshments and light fare will be served)**

**6:30 PM: Panel Discussion**

**Cost: \$25**

**Proceeds to benefit Save the Children**

## LOCATION

**Save the Children**

**501 Kings Hwy E, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, FAIRFIELD, CT 06825**

## Moderator

**Kay Maxwell**, Executive Director, World Affairs Forum

## Panelists

1. **Carolyn Miles**, President and CEO, Save the Children
2. **Sarita Nayyar**, Chief Operating Officer USA, World Economic Forum
3. **Marie Meliksetian**, CEO, Reliance Solution Services, LLC

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### Moderator:



[Kay Maxwell](#) is Executive Director at the World Affairs Forum. She has held this position since 2007. Previously, Kay was the President of the League of Women Voters of the US from 2002-2006 and of the CT League from 1989-1993. Kay has also served as Chair of the Planned Parenthood of Southern New England Board from 2009-2011 and is currently a member of the Board of Inspirica.

Kay was a recipient of the first “Citizen of the Year” award from the Connecticut Secretary of the State in 1993 and the “Woman Who Makes a Difference” award from the International Women’s Forum in 2003. Kay also served as the VP for Program Administration and Corporate Development at the International Executive Service Corps, an international economic development organization.

Kay has been a participant in the Department of State’s International Speakers and CitizenConnect Programs in a number of countries around the world, including Mongolia, South Korea, the Philippines and Rwanda.

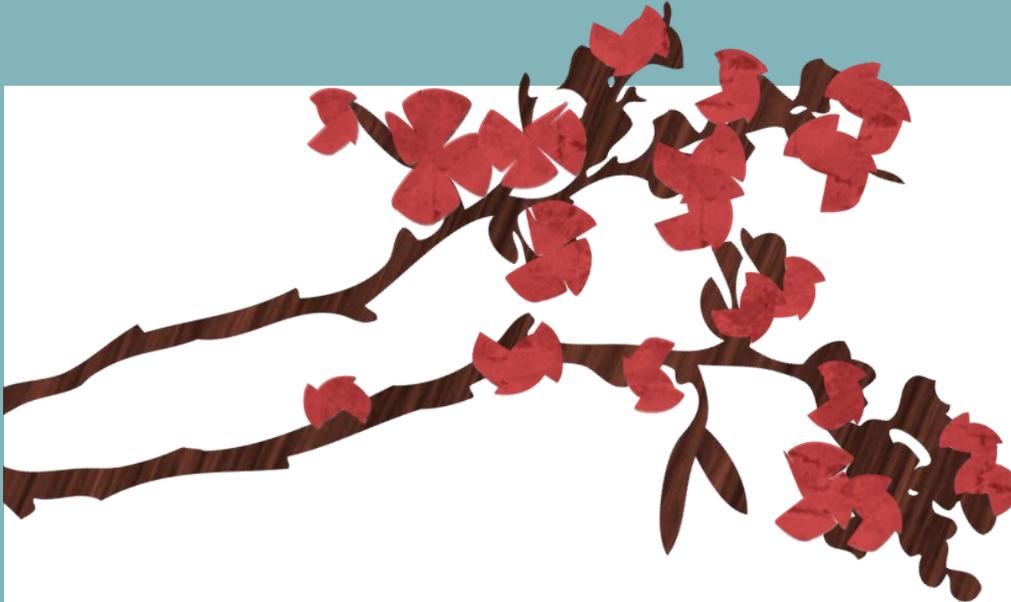
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[Carolyn Miles](#) is President and Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children, an organization that gives children in the United States and around the world a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. The global Save the Children movement currently serves over 185 million children in the US and in more than 120 countries. As a global organization, Save the Children has committed to driving down the numbers of preventable deaths of children under 5, ensuring every child gets a high-quality basic education and protecting all children from harm.

Miles joined the organization in 1998, was COO from 2004-2011, and became President and CEO in September 2011. Under her senior leadership, the organization has more than doubled the number of children it reaches with nutrition, health, education and other programs. Resources were just under \$700m in 2016. Miles' signature issues include hunger, learning outcomes, and ending preventable child deaths. Prior to Save the Children, she worked in the private sector in Hong Kong for American Express and as an entrepreneur. While in Asia, she confronted the deprivation of the region’s children, which motivated her to dedicate her life to their welfare.

Miles has served on numerous boards, including Blackbaud, InterAction, USGLC, MFAN, Academy of Education, Arts and Sciences, FSG and the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business, where she received her MBA. In 2015, Miles was named one of the 50 World's Greatest Leaders by *Fortune* magazine and inducted into the CT Women’s Hall of Fame.



**Sarita Nayyar** is the Chief Operating Officer USA of the World Economic Forum, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. She leads the Forum's relationships with Chairpersons and CEOs of global Organizations across multiple industry sectors such as Consumer Packaged Goods, Financial Institutions, Information and Communication Technologies, Media and Entertainment, Automotive, Travel & Tourism, Logistics and Aerospace. She works closely with leaders at the highest level in government, civil society and academia all over the world.

Sarita steers the Forum's initiatives on the Future of Consumption and the Future of Food Systems. **Future of Consumption** focuses on how unprecedented levels of technological disruption will drive enhanced models of consumption with sustainable benefits for business and society. **Future of Food Systems** seeks to develop a long-term strategy and ways of working across the public, private and social sectors to achieve global food security, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity.

Prior to the World Economic Forum, Sarita worked at Kraft Foods (now Mondelez) for 20 years as Executive Vice-President and General Manager and held various senior business and marketing, innovation and new product development roles. Sarita started her career at Tata Exports in India as Marketing Manager.

Sarita has both Public and non-profit Board experience. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University.

Sarita has a BA (Hons) in Economics, from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India; an MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India; and an MBA (Distinction), from the University of Michigan, USA.



**Marie Meliksetian** is Chief Executive Officer of Reliance Solution Services, LLC and a senior business executive with extensive experience in turning around and reengineering large global organizations as well as medium and small businesses. Her background includes Strategy development, revenue growth, operations and transitional management, Procurement, Outsourcing, Business Development, Mergers & Acquisitions, technology, data analytics and team leadership across industries and cultures.

Most recently, as Chief Executive Officer for US Xchanging Services (A DXC Company), Country General Manager and Managing Director for Xchanging, Plc., Marie led a successful strategy to turnaround a Procurement BPO financially troubled business, with client dissatisfaction and declining sales, to stability and growth. She developed and executed a strategic plan to grow the client base by 5x in one year.

Retired from IBM, she spent her years at IBM in a variety of senior global positions and across various industries. Her roles ranged from Strategy to Operations, Business Process Outsourcing, Technology, Analytics and Procurement. In addition to her global management roles, Marie gained in-country life, culture and work experiences across Europe, Middle East, Asia and Australia.

Marie has both Public and non-profit board experience. She currently serves on the Board of The Executive Forum, International Women Forum of CT and Lexington Association. Marie earned various awards and recognitions throughout her career both at a business and leadership level. She speaks fluent French, Arabic and Armenian. Marie is a graduate of Syracuse University with an MBA in Marketing and Organizational Management.