

APLW / INLW

NGO CSW66 Parallel Event on **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00PM EST**

**EVENT #2 \_ 12972** (120 min):

**Challenges of Gender Equality in Leadership and Economic Power**

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

- ◆ Practical Issues of Gender Equality
- ◆ Fair game rules on the career path
- ◆ Better family support backup system
- ◆ Equal opportunities for important government positions
- ◆ During pandemic & Post pandemic period - women's role to improve the world

**Parallel Event Description:**

Join us as we celebrate path-breaking women in leadership and discuss the real challenges that remain for gender equality and economic power. While some places are seeing greater participation of women in leadership roles, significant barriers prevent more women from entering the same ranks. Many women experience “double workload” pre- and post-pandemic. What rules need to change to prevent this? How can the “standard career path” narrative be changed for greater fairness? What can organizations do to create better “family support” and provide opportunities for decision-making positions and economic power to more women?

★ **LINK:** <https://meet.google.com/ebc-quja-sfk>

🕒 台北時間: 3/19(六) AM 09:00-11:00 (UTC+8)

🕒 美東時間: 3/18(五) PM 09:00-11:00 (EST)

🕒 美中時間: 3/18(五) PM 08:00-10:00 (CST)

## OPENING REMARKS

### **Jayanthi Devi Balaguru**

*Chairperson, International Network of Liberal Women, INLW*



Jayanthi Devi Balaguru is currently serving as President, International Network of Liberal Women (INLW) and Chair of the Council of Asian Liberal and Democrats (CALD) Women's Caucus. She is a lawyer, and an active member of Parti Gerakan Rakyat in Malaysia.

Previously, she has served as an elected member of the Central Committee Member of the party, Wanita Gerakan Chairman and Chairman of the Central Environment Bureau.

## **MODERATOR**



**Josephine Wu Vuylsteke**

*Board Member, Asia Pacific Liberal Women Association, APLW*

**Present:**

- Asia-Pacific Liberal Women Association, Board

Member

- North American Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA), Hawaii Chapter, Consultant and Past President

**Experience:**

- Chief of Staff for Legislator Bi-khim Hsiao
- Radio Free Asia (RFA), Taipei Bureau Chief
- Public Television, Program Producer & Administrator
- Broadcasting Fund, Project Manager & Senior Editor

**Education:**

- MA in Political Science, National Taiwan University
- BA in Broadcasting, Shih Hsin University

## Panelists



### **Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum**

*President, East-West Center  
U.S. Army Major General (Retired)*

Suzanne Puanani Vares-Lum took office as President of the East-West Center in January 2022. She is the first woman, Native Hawaiian, and Hawai‘i resident to be chosen for this role.

Vares-Lum brings executive leadership and planning experience spanning the past several decades, culminating in five years serving with and advising the most senior officials at US Indo-Pacific Command, where she cultivated and maintained key relationships with nations throughout the Indo-Pacific region.

As a retired Major General with 34 years of service, Vares-Lum has held key roles addressing priority national security challenges in the region. After retirement, she formed Vares-Lum Indo-Pacific Consulting, LLC to provide consulting and advising on regional issues. She is a seasoned keynote speaker and advocate on Indo-Pacific issues; leadership and mentorship; and Women, Peace, and Security. She led collaborative initiatives in the Pacific, including Hawai‘i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands.

She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1989 and her Master of Education in Teaching in 1996 from the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa. As a graduate of the US Army War College, she earned a Master of Strategic Studies degree in 2011. In 2019, she became a National Security Fellow of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. She is also an alumna of the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.



**Mphatso Jumbe**

*Executive Director, MoVe*

Mphatso Jumbe is the Founder and Executive Director of the Malawian NGO MoVe (Young Women Movement for Justice and Development) and owner of the Mafe Dairy Farm.

She is a passionate women's rights advocate and a grassroots mobiliser and entrepreneur with a strong commitment to politics.



**Siripa Nan Intavichein**  
*Chairperson, CALD Youth  
Democrat Party (DP)*

Siripa Intavichein currently serves as Assistant to former Thai Prime Minister and Democrat Party Leader, Chuan Leekpai. She is also the Business Development Director for Sirinakorn Co., in Thailand. She was also elected as a global shaper at the Bangkok Hub of the Global Shapers Community. Siripa received her Bachelor's degree from the Mahidol University with concentration in Entertainment Media and holds a Master's degree in Global Management of Finance and Politics from the

Regent's University in United Kingdom and Governance from Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, respectively.



**Chia-Tien Hsu**

**Present Position:**

Democratic Progressive Party, Director of Department of Women's Affairs

**Education:**

National Taiwan University, Master of Department of Political Science

National Taiwan University, Bachelor of Department of Social Work

**Political Experience:**

Executive Yuan, Senior Executive Officer of Premier Office

Kaohsiung City Government, Confidential Secretary of Mayor Office

**NGO Experience:**

National Alliance of Taiwan Women's Associations, Secretary General

Taiwan Women's Film Association, Board Member



## **Shiu-an Ru Wang**

*Environmental activist and Open Government National Action Plan Taskforce member*

Originally from Hsinchu, Taiwan, Shiu-an Ru Wang initiated a proposal in 2017 called "Phasing out the use of disposable tableware", which caught the attention of the government at the age of 17.

Now, she is a junior in the department of Interior Design. As a runway model as well as through serving in the Taiwan government's Open Government National Action Plan Taskforce, she wants use her diverse skills and experiences to inspire the world to strike a balance between nature and humanity.