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Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz and other thought leaders discuss effective solutions for ending child marriage during Zonta's side event with the Mission of the Republic of Niger.

CSW63: Zonta brings stakeholders together for discussion around effective actions to end child marriage

“Child marriage is effectively a mass abuse of human rights. Our position is not only based on moral grounds; it is also based on legal and political grounds,” said Ambassador Mara Marinaki, the European External Action Service’s Principal Advisor on Gender and the implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, at a side event on child, early and forced marriage during the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women last month in New York.

Margaret Greene, President of GreeneWorks, moderated the side event, convened by Zonta International and the Mission of the Republic of Niger. It brought together governments, UN agencies and NGOs to discuss the necessary social systems, public services and infrastructure required to empower adolescent girls to say no to child, early and forced marriage, complete their education and realize their full potential.

[Read more about the panel discussion here.](#)



Rachel Steinberg, Senior Director Global Cause Partnerships, UNICEF USA, and Zonta International President Susanne von Bassewitz stand in front of a birthday card presented to Zonta from UNICEF USA during their Annual Summit.

Zonta president highlights Zonta's work on child marriage at UNICEF USA Annual Summit

The UNICEF USA Annual Summit in Washington, D.C. in March highlighted the importance of partnerships in improving the lives of children and achieving sustainable development goals worldwide. Corporations, foundations and individual supporters came together to share successes and galvanize support for continued efforts to reach the most vulnerable. Amongst UNICEF USA's many partners at the summit, Zonta International was recognized for its nearly 50 years of partnership.

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