The side event will be within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5 and 17. It will highlight NGO efforts to translate the SDGs into local contexts and the lessons learned from engagement with grassroots communities. It will share best practices, collaboration, people's participation and challenges faced. We will also be presenting “Critical Hope for the SDGs,” a practical tool for trainers and communities to engage with the SDGs from a critical, human rights-based, participatory perspective that puts people and planet at the center of development.

SPEAKERS:

Ambassador David Donoghue, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

Dorothy Fernandes, International Presentation Association, India

Sr. Donatus Mbithe Lili, Congregation of Our Lady of the Good Shepherd

Margaret O'Dwyer, Company of the Daughters of Charity

Elsa Muttathu, International Presentation Association

Moderator: Cecilia O'Dwyer, Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Loreto Generalate

Light refreshments will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Due to space limitations, please RSVP to srmargret@hotmail.com by 12:00 noon of July 7, 2017.