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**63<sup>rd</sup> Session of CSocD, February 2025; Virtual Side Event**  
**Date: 13/February/ 2025; Time: 10 am – 11:15 am (EST, New York Time)**

## Creating A World Where Everyone Thrives Through Education & Health

### *Speakers' List / Meet the Speakers / Agenda*

**1. Dr. Rita Luthra, MD**

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**Our Brief History:**

[http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our\\_Brief\\_History.pdf](http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/documents/Our_Brief_History.pdf)

*Welcome, Introduction, Moderator and WHEC Statement*

**2. Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP**

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*Investing in Mental Health to Reduce School Violence*

## Tools for Peace

L.A.C.E.R. Afterschool Programs or “clubs” at 4 Public Schools in Los Angeles, California (USA). Will be presented by Dr. Colleen Kraft, from Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA), on the margins of 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of Commission for Social Development (CSocD63). On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

<https://www.toolsforpeace.org/school-based-programs>

### 3. Dr. Vanathi Gopalakrishnan, PhD

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*Innovation in Experiential Learning for Global Youth and Women via CLIMB  
(CLIMB: Computational Learning Inference and Modeling of Biotechnology)*

Introduction available @

<https://www.pitt.edu/pittwire/features-articles/2024/12/09/vihar-womens-health-ai-research>

### 4. A.S. Ahmad Upoma (Ms. Anika Ahmad)

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*Role of Education in combating gender based violence*

### 5. Dr. Ganesh Mani, Ph.D.

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*Role of artificial intelligence (AI) in achieving education for all:*

*A Realistic Overview*

**6. Dr. Edith Luhanga, Ph.D.**

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*Role of AI in improving online health information content for low-income countries*

**7. Tools for Teaching Group**

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- Ms. Marguerite F. Franklin, e-mail: [smilemarg@icloud.com](mailto:smilemarg@icloud.com)

*Tools for Teaching Services for our educational community for the Springfield Public Schools*

**AGENDA**

<b>10 am to 10:15 am</b>	<b>Dr. Rita Luthra</b> , Introduction and WHEC Statement
<b>10:16 am to 10:30 am</b>	<b>Dr. Colleen Kraft</b> , Mental Health and School Violence <b>Tools for Peace Initiative</b>
<b>10:31 am to 10:40 am</b>	<b>Dr. Gopalakrishnan</b> , Global Health Learning Project (India)
<b>10:41 am to 10:50 am</b>	<b>Ms. Anika Ahmad</b> , Education System and Gender Based Violence
<b>10:51 am to 11:05 am</b>	<b>Dr. Ganesh Mani</b> , Role of AI in Education Sector + <b>Dr. Edith Luhanga</b> , AI and Health Info. In Low-income Countries
<b>11:06 am to 11:15 am</b>	<b>Tools for Teaching Group</b> , Projects at Springfield Public Schools



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**ZOOM Link Information →**

## **Zoom Link to Join the Side Event:**

Title: **Creating A World Where Everyone Thrives through Education and Health.**

CSocD63, Virtual Side Event organized by Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) on 13 February 2025; from 10 am to 11.15 am (EST, New York time)

Also available @ <http://www.womenshealthsection.com/content/whec/csocd.php3>

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