



## VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

59<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission on Population and Development  
(CPD 59)

**Knowledge Generation and Dissemination**  
*Achieving Quality Education and Universal Health Coverage*

16 April 2026; 8:30 am to 9:45 am (EDT, New York time)

**Speakers List / Meet the Speakers / Agenda  
&  
Zoom Link for participants**

- **Dr. Rita Luthra, MD**  
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### **Our Brief History:**

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*Introduction, Moderator and WHEC Statement*

### **Keynote Speaker from University of Southern California (USA)**

- **Dr. Colleen A. Kraft, MD, MBA, FAAP**  
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*Toward a Healthy and Educated World: Focus on Educating Girls*

### **From India (UN, WHO and UNESCO Member State)**

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*Near-miss Obstetrics: Learning from Survivors*

*A precious introspection on our initiative in prenatal and antenatal care and an insight to fill the gaps*

### From Springfield, MA (USA)

- **Mr. David M. DiSabito Jr, MBA**

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*Could Agentic AI Help Close the Gap Between Knowledge Access and Real-World Action for Women's Health and Education?*

- **Ms. Emily Ciccolo, MPA**

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*Westfield State University's Impact on Regional Access through its Healthcare & Poverty Simulation*

### From Canada / India (UN, WHO and UNESCO Member States)

- **Dr. Bharat Maheshwari, Ph.D.**

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*Creating a live lab at the Kumbh mela (festival) in Nashik (India)*

*The project brings together Indian and international educational institution and creates a unique laboratory for studying multidisciplinary challenges presented by the massive temporary city which crops up to accommodate people visiting the Kumbh mela (festival) in India.*

## **AGENDA**

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**8:30 am to 8:45 am (15 minutes) Dr. Rita Luthra**, Introduction & WHEC Statement

**8:45 am to 9:05 am (20 minutes) Dr. Collen Kraft**, Girls education and attain health

**9:05 am to 9:15 am (10 minutes) Dr. Manisha Jhavar**, Necessity of Universal  
access to Safe-motherhood Care

**9:15 am to 9:25 am (10 minutes) Mr. David DiSabito**, Agentic AI and knowledge  
access and real-world action.

**9:25 am to 9: 35 am (10 minutes) Ms. Emily Ciccoly**, WSU's impact on  
Healthcare and Poverty elimination

**9:35 am to 9:45 am (10 minutes) Dr. Bharat Maheshwari**, a successful  
collaboration of Indian and international educational institution

**Q & A:** Please contact the Speakers directly, for Q & A. Their contact e-mail, and contact information is provided to you. Thank you.

### **Zoom Link for Participation**

Women's Health and Education Center (WHEC) invites you to participate in this Virtual Side Event, hosted by WHEC in the margins of 59<sup>th</sup> Commission on Population and Development (CPD), on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026; from 8:30 am to 9:45 am (EDT, New York time).

Please join few minutes early to settle-in. The Program will start promptly at 8:30m (EDT, New York time).

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