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### **National Council of Negro Women to Host GLOBAL GIRLS Town Hall Meeting**

Washington, DC – The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) will host its first GLOBAL GIRLS Town Hall Meeting on August 9, 2008 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Led by Dr. Dorothy I. Height, Chair and President Emerita (NCNW) and hosted by NCNW's Bethune Program Development Center (BPDC), this event will feature Comedian, Motivational Speaker and Actress, Meshelle Shields (The Indie-Mom of Comedy). The GLOBAL GIRLS Town Hall Meeting will be held at the NCNW Headquarters, which is located at 633 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

The GLOBAL GIRLS Town Hall Meeting will bring together girls, ages 13-18, from different cultures for an afternoon of fun and empowerment. Participants will address their challenges, exchange ideas, mobilize their voices for change, and dialogue with adult women about what girls REALLY need to succeed. Young girls will hear first-hand from Dr. Dorothy I. Height as she shares her personal experiences and reinforces her message of strength and hope for the next generation of female leaders.

According to Janice Ferebee, BPDC Director, "girls [of color] in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are faced with challenges which threaten their future including lack of self-worth, teen pregnancy, media exploitation, and lack of leadership and mentoring." Despite these challenges, girls [of color] not only can, but do prosper, compete and lead with the support of women who believe and invest in them. NCNW continues to provide national and local initiatives aimed at strengthening the ties between girls and women and offers opportunities for leadership and personal development through the 50 NCNW Youth and Collegiate sections.

Attendance for this event is on a first-come, first-serve basis. To RSVP for this event before August 4, 2008 or for more information about the GLOBAL GIRLS Town Hall Meeting, contact Janice Ferebee at [jferebee@ncnw.org](mailto:jferebee@ncnw.org) or call 202-737-0120, X123 or visit [www.ncnw.org](http://www.ncnw.org).