"HIDDEN HOMELESSNESS: FROM TRAUMA TO EMPOWERMENT"

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Commission on the Status of Women

As the 65 Session of the Commission on the Status of Women seeks ways to achieve women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, this event explores the issue of "Hidden Homelessness," women living in insecure housing often because of situations of violence, and suggests what must be done to move from the trauma to empowerment to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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Moderator: Jean Quinn, DW executive director of UNANIMA International, an NGO at the U.N. which is a coalition of 22 groups of women religious and co-chair of the NGO Working Group to End Homelessness.

SPEAKERS

Elsa Maria DaSilva, Founder of Red Dot Foundation (India) and President of Red Dot Foundation Global (USA). Its platform Safecity, crowdsources personal experiences of sexual violence and abuse in public spaces. Since Safecity started in Dec 2012, it has become the largest crowd map on the issue in India and abroad.

Sarah Gallardo, Founder of Sarah Speaks Up, Veterans for Victims and author of Hiding in Plain Sight, the story of her journey through domestic violence, hidden homelessness, and its devastating emotional, physical, mental and spiritual effects on her.

Marion Kendall, MSW, Executive Director of LifeWay Network Inc. LifeWay provides safe housing for physical and emotional healing for survivors of human trafficking. Marion is an inspirational leader, and has extensive experience in working with vulnerable populations.

Hanta Fida Cyrille Klein, a Senior Expert in Diplomacy and international Relations at the Service of the Republic of Madagascar is presently the Head of the Political Pole of the Center for Analytical and Strategic Studies of the Foreign Ministry and a Senior Advisor of the Cabinet of the President of the Senate of Madagascar. From 2009 to 2020 she was Counselor in charge of the 3rd committee at the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the UN. In that role, she facilitated the adoption of the first resolution on homelessness by the 58th Session of the Commission on Social Development. She is also engaged in human rights, especially women's rights and is a Professor of international relations in the school of diplomacy in Madagascar.

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