

42nd Human Rights Council Side Event

(Follow-up to 38th, 39th & 41st HRC Side Events)

KOREA WOMEN, SOUTH & NORTH-

PEACE, FAMILY STRENGTHS, RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, September 19, 2019 ; 10:00 - 11:00 am

Room IV (next to Delegates Lounge) – UN, Geneva



Peacebuilding & Partnership

Meeting Place for Women be established in or near the DMZ.

PANEL CONCEPT STATEMENT: In the spirit of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, and with hopes of new opportunities for peace and cooperation between North and South Korea, this HRC Side Event will provide a platform for relevant governments, UN bodies and civil society actors engaged on the peninsula to anticipate the needs of/ plans for, a future peace.

UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR TO THE DPRK, Tomas Ojea Quintana explained to participants at the previous side event, “When I hear that women from the south and their networks globally have been reaching out to women in the north, investing in reconciliation, dialogue, cultural and humanitarian projects that have built bridges of trust, I feel encourage about the future of the Korean Peninsula”. Peace plans must be made with those who care about it most.

PREPARING FOR PEACE: A proposal had been launched in 2018 by the partners to create a “Peace-Zone” - a meeting place for Women in or near the DMZ. This refuge would be a site where regular sharing between North Korea and South Korea women could generate innovative strategies for peace and human development - where grassroots needs and resources of local knowledge could be taken into consideration. In the words of the Special Rapporteur, “**Count on me to advocate for this "Peacebuilding/Partnership Meeting Place for Women", an original and concrete initiative, which may help erase division and forge a**



SPEAKERS

Rajat Khosla, World Health Organization /OHCHR, Women’s Health and HR’s
Thania Paffenholtz, Inclusive Peace & Transition Institute, Director
Velena Todorov, Committee on the Rights of the Child (tbc)

DISCUSSANTS

WFWPI, Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation
Heiner Handschin, Universal Peace Federation 5th UN Headquarters” for Asia
Women Across the DMZ by Christine Ahn- Lois A. Herman, WUNRN
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