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Feminist Approaches to Justice:

Reintegration and Representation of Justice System-Impacted Rural Women

Saturday, 11th March 2023

10:30am – 12:30pm EDT

Church Center of the United Nations, 11th floor, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY

This panel centers on the CSW67 Review Theme: Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls. Rural communities, characterized by limited socioeconomic opportunities, stigma, spatial isolation, the absence of public transportation, limited access to technology, and a lack of health and human services, present unique obstacles to those who are impacted by the criminal legal system. The problem of reintegration following prison has been constructed as an urban, inner-city, male problem. This panel will examine the challenges posed in rural women's involvement in the criminal legal system, including their pathways home from prisons and jails. It will also explore issues with rural women's invisibility.

Chair

Introduction of Sponsoring Organizations and Panel

Dr. Dawn Beichner-Thomas, UN Representative World Society of Victimology; Professor, Illinois State University (GERMANY and USA)

Panelists

Rural Women Returning Home from U.S. Prisons and Jails

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Colombian Women Crafting Justice in the Digital Age: Reflections on Peace, Health and Rights

Ms. Beatriz Ciordia, Communications Consultant, United Nations (USA)

Dr. Arnaud Kurze, Associate Professor of Justice Studies, Montclair State University (USA)

A Feminist Analysis on the Reintegration of Women Offenders in Africa

Ms. Doreen Namyalo-Kyazze, Director- Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), Penal Reform International (UGANDA)

Rural Women, Social Movements, and their Representation in the Indian Media

Dr. Sheetal Ranjan, Professor, Montclair State University (USA)

Dr. Maya Chadda, Member, Council on Foreign Relations; Professor Emeritus, William Paterson University (USA)

Dr. Anita Patankar, Director, Symbiosis Centre for International Education; Professor, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts (INDIA)

Panel Focus: SDGs 5, 10, 11 & 16. CSW67 **Review theme:** Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session)

