

KOREA WOMEN, SOUTH & NORTH- PEACE, RECONCILIATION, RIGHTS & DEVELOPMENT

June 20, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 am

UN Palais des Nations.Room XV



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 hopes to provide a platform for relevant governments, UN bodies and civil society actors engaged on the peninsula to begin to anticipate the needs of, and plans for, a future of peace. 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. Peace plans must be made with those who care about it most. We advocate for the involvement of women of all ages, and want to hear from them about proposals for overcoming the challenges that such a political change would bring.

This Panel will offer multiple perspectives on peace for South and North Korea, based on expertise and experience.

PREPARING FOR PEACE: As an initiative of goodwill, a proposal will be launched that a "Peacebuilding/Partnership Meeting Place for Women be established in or near the DMZ. This refuge would be a site where regular sharing of North Korea and South Korea women could create innovative strategies for development - where the grassroots needs and the resources of local knowledge could be taken into consideration. Their recommendations could help build political and public will for sustainable peace on the Korean Peninsula.



CO-ORGANIZERS:

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SPEAKERS

Ms. Sarah Sekennes, Partnerships and Conflict Prevention, UNDP invited

Ms. Christine Ahn, Founder & International Coordinator of Women Cross DMZ - Video

Dr. Lan Young Moon, former Co-Chair, Korean Council for Reconciliation and Cooperation, WFWPI

Representative of Global Network of Women Peacebuilders

CHAIR

Ms. Carolyn Handschin, VP NGO CSW Geneva, WFWPI