Official High-level side-event at the UN CSW64 in New York

Venue: United Nations Hq, Conference Room 12.
Date: March 16th, 2020. Time: 16:45 – 18:00

Proposed title:
Faith in Gender Justice: Religious Actors Push Back Against the Push Back

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Event blurb:
We are living in changing global, regional, and national environments. Countries face increasing polarization, the rise of populist nationalism, and contestation, both within and between societies. Women’s rights are under renewed attack, the push back is “deep, pervasive and relentless” (Antonio Guterres, Remarks at the opening of the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women). This event will bring together faith actors on the front line, who are pushing back against the push back. Speakers will share faith-based innovative approaches, which defend human rights. In dialogue with one another, bringing together different religious and cultural perspectives, speakers will debate the role of religious actors in the Beijing Platform for Action. This event will serve as a clarion call to Member States and all stakeholders to increase ambition, and scale up action to achieve gender equality, equity and justice.

Speakers will include: Bishop Sarah Mullally (Anglican Communion), Rev. Bafana Khumalo (Sonke Gender Justice / Side by Side), Christina Tobias-Nahi (Islamic Relief), Erik Lysén (Act Church of Sweden) and Laura Chacón (CREAS).

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