



**Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session**

Realizing the rights of marginalized and disadvantaged women and girls

**Wednesday, 18 March 2015
10.00 am to 1.00 pm**

SPEAKER BIOS

Moderator: Ms. Alda Facio

Ms. Alda Facio is a member of the Working Group on Discrimination against women in law and practice. She assumed her function on 2 June 2014. After leaving her functions as a judge, she has spent the last 25 years advising governments on the implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. She was one of the founders of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court, CLADEM, *Fundacion Justicia y Genero* as well as advisor to other international organizations, including IWRAW-AP and JASS. She has written numerous articles and lectured extensively around the world on women's rights issues. Since 2003 she has directed the Women Human Rights Education Institute at the University of Toronto and is a permanent professor at the UN University for Peace, where she teaches Human Rights and Gender.

Panelists

Ms. Eun Mee Kim is Dean & Professor in the Graduate School of International Studies and Director of the Institute for Development and Human Security at Ewha Womans University. She was elected as the President of the Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (2011-12). She received the Service Merit Medal from the Republic of Korea for her contributions to the Fourth High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness. She received a research grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on "Advocacy for Korean Engagement in Global Health and Development" in 2013-16. Fields of interest are development cooperation, and East Asian development – state and *chaebol*. Publications include *The South Korean Development Experience: Beyond Aid; Adapt, Fragment, Transform: Corporate Restructuring and System Reform in South Korea*; and *Big Business, Strong State: Collusion and Conflict in South Korean Development*. Advocacy for Korean Engagement in Global Health and Development

Ms. Anasztazia Nagy is a Roma from Hungary working as program officer in the Roma Education Fund (REF) since 2007. She is coordinating and managing the Serbian, Montenegrin and Croatian grant portfolios, which aim to support the educational integration of Roma children in Central and Eastern Europe. She graduated at the Budapest Corvinus University – Faculty of Public administration in 2002

and holds a MA degree in public policy, Central European University, Budapest. Before joining the REF, Anasztazia was active in the field of human rights, women rights. She worked with the European Roma Rights Centre as research fellow where she analyzed the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights related to Roma in Hungary.

Ms Teresia Njoki Otieno is an accomplished advocate for HIV-positive women with experience in counseling, testing and community engagement. Teresia is a founder member of Personal Initiative for Positive Empowerment (PIPE) a community based organization in Kenya and the Global chair of the International Community of women Living HIV (ICW). She is living with HIV and in a discordant relationship. She has fought for the sexual and reproductive rights of women through involvement in the ICW International Steering Committee, the Technical Working Group and the National Steering Committee on elimination of mother to child transmission of HIV (eMTCT) in Kenya, and in international forums. Most recently, she worked in partnership with the African Gender and Media Initiative (GEM) to document experiences of women living with HIV on forced and coerced sterilization.

Ms. Sophie Larissa Vasquez Vargas is a Guatemalan, Sociologist from the University of San Carlos with a Master Degree in Regional Studies at the Dr. Luis Mora Research Institute, Mexico City, Mexico. She worked as a consultant for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Mexico, especially to train union women, women from political parties as the PRD, PRI and Alternative, as a researcher at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences FLACSO Guatemala, in the area of youth and later on gender issues, was responsible for creating the program of political education for young Agents of Change for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, worked with the European Union in the TINAMIT Project as a consultant for the component Advocacy with women in 11 departments of Guatemala. She is currently the coordinator of the Politics and Citizenship Participation in Guatemala for UN Women.