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New Village Development – To counter Involuntary Migration and the Smuggling of Migrants

30. Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice-CCPCJ
Side Event – virtual, 17. May, 2021, from 14:10 -15:00 (CET-Vienna)

Welcome: Dr. Maria Riehl, Director WFP UN Office -Vienna

Opening remarks:

HE. Robinson Njeru GITHAU, Ambassador of the Embassy of the Republic of Kenya to Austria.

HE. Ms. DEENA JOY D. AMATONG, Chargé d'Affaires of the Philippine Embassy

Project HOPE: Permaculture Peace Garden -

Merly Christina Barlaan, President, WFPW Philippines

VISION: A communal and educational community park and food forest,
developed and cared collaboratively with love by the young people and families.



“Light the Villages”: Green Solar Energy for the African Villages
Susan KONE, President WFPW Kenya

Environmental Issue: Electrification of the rural households is still a challenge to many countries in Sub Saharan Africa. The problem of not enough water due to lack of enough rain creates a deficit in the production of Electricity in most African Countries, that being one of the factors. The Solution is Green Energy Solar Energy which can be used in homes and even in schools for the benefit of the families and children who still depend on Kerosene and firewood

"New Village development to support SDG Nr. 1 (no poverty), 4, 11, 12, 13, 15 (life on land)" Mag. Franz

NAHRADA: member of the Earth Society Foundation, founded in 1970 in UN NY under SG Sithu U Thant

"For 30 years, Mr. Nahrada has dealt with the issue of migration from rural areas to cities. The most common cause is a lack of educational opportunities. Using today's technology, the university can offer classes in any village. The current pandemic also shows the new possibilities of using technology for training from home. **But the main yet unrecognized factor is a deep structural change towards the immense life-supporting potential of educated localities - fostered by global co-operation.**

Closing Remarks: Mrs. Carolyn Handschin- Moser, Director of the WFWPI Office for United Nations Relations globally

Moderator: Ms. Kyung In van De Ven

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Organizers: Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI)

Co- Organizer: Earth Society Foundation- Austria

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Speakers Biography:



Merly Christina BARLAAN: International Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Deputy Director, Offices for UN Relations, Women’s Federation for World Peace Internationala.

Mrs. Barlaan is a peace advocate with a special focus on women, youth, family and community development. She has played an active role in the United Nations NGO community for the past twentyfour years. As a wife, mother to 5 children and a peace advocate, Mrs. Barlaan travels extensively between USA and the Asia Pacific region serving as a lecturer, mentor, and coach. She promotes peace leadership education, strengthening families, empowering women, and raising the youth to become global leaders of heart and character. She implements many of her projects in cooperation with the civil society sector, educational institutions, government units and faith-based organizations as partners. During her seven-year service in the Philippines, she developed five landmark program/projects to support the stakeholders in addressing the country’s moral, economic and social problems. She is the author of the following programs: Mothers’ Hearts Network (MHN), 10,000 Heroes League, Service for Philippines: Culture of Heart Encounter, Mister and Miss Pure Love, HTM Community Development Framework, and Project HOPE: Permaculture Peace Garden



Mrs Susan Kone

Mrs Susan Kone is a Kenyan –born Lady with a background of Social Work and Community development.

She is the Chairperson of the Women`s Federation for World Peace -Kenya Chapter, She is also the WFWP-International Vice President for Africa and coordinator of the International Association for First Ladies for Peace in Africa.

Currently she is working on a Green Solar Energy for the African Villages pilot project in rural Kenya.

She has a passion in Women Empowerment projects and is an advocate of Women rights and gender equality.



Mag. phil. Franz Nahrada, Sociologist and Writer Vienna and Bad Radkersburg, Austria, GIVE Research Lab

Is a vigorous advocate of rural areas as integral human habitat in its own rights, strictly opposing the "inevitable total urbanisation by 2050" narrative. His academic studies in sociology, philosophy and political science led to research on the genesis and failure of academic institutions to provide practical knowledge and understand and foster the conscious creation of social reality beyond predictions and forecasts that often tend to fail.

Which also means that instead of pursuing an academic career, he went on "learning journeys" and created an ever growing network of co-thinkers and inspiring people which he called the "Global Villages Network". He gathered practical experiences in software development at Apple Computer and in tourism as hotel manager of his ancestor’s family hotel in Floridsdorf, Vienna. He also became a passionate facilitator of meetings and succeeded with the Vienna Global Village conferences (1993 - 2000) and the Cultural Heritage in the Global Village (CULTH) conferences (1998 and 2002) and others. Later he started to work directly with rural areas and to use the power of information technology to create "Village Innovation Talks" and eventually the "Village- University" or "Dorf Uni", a virtual educational networks that connects local communities with each other for direct knowledge exchange and with universities for co-operation on "reality labs". For several years he served as president of ECOVAST (European Council

of villages and small towns) in Austria and also as the convener of the Equinox Earth Day (Earth Society Foundation) at UN Vienna.



Dr. Maria Riehl, PhD Director of WFP UN-Office –Vienna

born and raised in Kosice/ East Slovakia. In the spring 1968, she visited Vienna, Austria for the first time to study German and work. On the 21st of August, 1968, the military intervention of the former Warsaw troops in Tschechoslovakia changed her life completely. Dr. Riehl continued her medical studies at the University of Vienna thanks to the generous support of the Austrian government and Caritas. For Over 37 yrs she has been working as a general physician. Dr. Riehl is married and mother to 5 adult children, and grandmother. 1992, Dr. Riehl is initiator and founder of WFP – Austria



Mrs. Carolyn Handschin-Moser, Director of the WFWPI Office for United Nations Relations globally, Coordinator for Europe & Middle East, International Association of First Ladies for Peace,

Carolyn is currently the President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations in Geneva. She is Vice-President of Women’s Federation for World Peace, International, and has led their advocacy team at the United Nations in Geneva for 26 years. She guides the leadership and advocacy training of young women and men in the WFWPI-UN Internship Program in Geneva (2005-now) and remains active as Co-founder and program director of the “GIIA Model UN Interreligious Youth Council” Program (2009- now).



Mrs. Kyung In van de Ven Oliveira is born and raised in Amsterdam the Netherlands, and has been a youth representative of the WFP Europe since 2011, and of the Dutch WFP Chapter since 2014. She has recently joined the UN Intl. WFP team in Vienna and is currently working as a legal guardian and child’s advocate of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers at the national guardian institution in the Netherlands.
