

## **Dual Pandemic: cost and solutions from the marginalised women and girls**

Friday 19 March, 2021  
10.30 am to 12.30 noon EST

This interactive panel will share information from indigenous women and girls, and others who have experienced discrimination and sexual violence, from around the world. The aim is to illustrate how the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) pandemic has been exacerbated by Covid-19, and predates it.

Whilst we recognise the violence and the survivors, the event also focuses on the learned lessons? The event aims to highlight best practices and invite meaningful, respectful and positive conversation on the theme.

There are examples of best practice around the world and whilst highlighting the current challenges, this event also seeks to identify solutions.

Canada's decision to establish an independent Commission in 2016 to investigate Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls crisis, was one of the best actions towards addressing violence women girls. This was Canada's best moment moving towards truth and reconciliation based of the truth shared by families and the survivors. As a result, Canada learned valuable lessons and found the path to progress and positive outcome. Today Canada is in position to share its lessons with the world and offer solutions towards the elimination of violence and against women and girls, particularly, marginalised women and girls such as racism and discrimination based on the recommendations of the Commission. Yet, the progress of implementing the recommendation is slow. The occurrence of Covid-19 added more challenges and complexities to finding a permanent solution to eliminate VAWG. So where do we go from here? What are the best solutions and practices to speed up the eliminations of one of the world's pre-existing virus, VAG?

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Moderator: Baroness Verma

Speakers: Gladys Acosta -Chair CEDAW, Baljit Bangor- Director IMKAAN, Pippa Wilson Autzen NAWO YWA, Ally Marie Diamond, founder Wahine Toa Rising, New Zealand, Caroline Ouaffo Wafang, Gender Advisor UNHRC, Roberta L. Jamieson- Gender Advisor Indigenous Women- Lawyers OC and past Commissioner of the Indian Commission of Ontario, Ontario's first female Ombudsman. Heather Bear-Vice Chief Federations of Sovereign Indigenous Nations

