

# MEDIA SOLIDARITY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS TRAPPED IN OPPRESSION PANEL DISCUSSION

## PANELLIST PROFILES

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY, 2023 (IAWRT-UG)

#### MODERATOR

**Nankwanga Eunice Kasirye** is a seasoned broadcast journalist from Uganda with over 15 years of



media practice, both at operational and strategic levels. She has a niche to amplify the voice of a woman within and through the media. Known for her bold stand in championing women spaces within the media through content and policing. She is a media and Human Resources trainer, coach and strategist.

She has championed communication and Public Relations for national projects such as the (IRCU)Uganda National Dialogue country consultations.

Eunice heads the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT) Uganda chapter. IAWRT is a global network of women in Media and

Communication with representation in 54 countries around the world. She sits on two other local boards for organisations with a niche to defend human rights and peaceful coexistence.

#### OPENING REMARKS



**Dr. Michelle Ferrier**, is the current president of the international Association of women in Radio & Television (IAWRT, Global), executive director of the Media Innovation Collaboratory, an incubator for media and technology communication solutions, founder of TrollBusters, an educational service for journalists experiencing digital harms.

Dr. Michelle is an internationally-recognized, award-winning technologist, journalist, scholar, researcher, author and speaker around technology and digital/online spaces. Her pioneering research mapping media deserts and monitoring and modeling digital harms has won her grant support from organizations like the Knight Foundation, Democracy Fund, and others.

#### KEY NOTE SPEAKER

**Sheila Dallas-Katzman** Sheila is the President of the **International Association of Women in Radio and**



**Television (IAWRT/USA)**; and chairs the **NYC for CEDAW Act Coalition (NYC4CEDAW Act)**, working closely with the NYC Legislators and the Commission for Gender Equity, to bring New York City into compliance with **CEDAW** (United Nations Convention, for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women). As IAWRT USA president, she leads the chapter in the organizing of parallel events and side events at the United Nations, and bringing awareness to IAWRT at the international level. She is the co-founder of **Ten Lanterns**

**Transformative Theatre**, which uses *Theatre of the Oppressed* and *Sociodrama*, and *Psychodrama*, as tools for social change.

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### LIFE EXPERIENCE IN THE FACE OF OPPRESSION

**LADY ANN SALEEM** Lady Ann Salem is a journalist and documentary filmmaker. She served as executive director of Tudla Productions, a group that produced newsreels and social documentaries. She is one of the founders of online publication Manila Today and served as its editor since 2014. She is also IAWRT's Communication officer since 2019. She was arrested on December 10, 2020 on planted evidence and police trumped-up charges, and was released after almost three months in jail when the court threw out the cases against her. After her release, She headed the establishment of IAWRT Philippines' Digital Safe House in 2021. The government continued to appeal the cases against her and these cases were dismissed by the Philippines' Court of Appeals in September 2023.



### EVACUATION & RELOCATION OF AFGHANISTAN IAWRT MEMBERS



**NUPUR BASU** is an Indian journalist who has worked in the last four decades in both print and television journalism. A former Senior Editor with New Delhi Television (NDTV) for over a decade, Nupur has directed award winning documentaries like Dry Days in Dobbagunta, Michael Jackson Comes to Manikganj, Lost Generations, No Country for Young Girls and IAWRT produced - Velvet Revolution. She has filmed and reported stories in India, Sri Lanka , Pakistan , Bangladesh , Nepal, Afghanistan, United Kingdom, Switzerland Uganda and South Africa.

Nupur was a visiting faculty at the J School in Berkeley, California in 2010. She has served on various national and international Boards and is a keen observer of politics, gender and media. She is presently the Chair of the IAWRT Afghanistan Committee and former Managing Trustee of IAWRT, India.

### IRAQ EXPERIENCE —CONTEXT EXPERIENCE



**Awaz Saleem Abdalla** is a Broadcaster, program presenter, and member of IAWRT for 18 years.

I address all social issues, especially what young women and girls are exposed to, such as electronic blackmail, violence, and harassment, and this will be my topic that I will present.

Media outlets can use their platforms to shine a light on the various forms of oppression faced by

women and girls

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### **BOTSWANA CONTEXT —EXPERIENCE**



**Yvonne Mooka** is a multi-award winning Social Justice journalist from Botswana. She has been in the media for close to 15 years now. She worked for Botswana Guardian and The Midweek Sun newspapers from 2010 until 2020 when she decided to spread her wings. Through her company Yvonne Media International, (YMI), she works with different international media such as The New York Times, BBC Africa, Reporters Without Borders and Coalition of Women in Journalism. She is into Research and Investigative works and research. YMI also does media mobilization for local and international clients. Mooka also served as national mentor (Botswana) for Women in News from 2018-2020. She is a firm believer in Career Excellence. Her latest award was in 2019 when she won MISA Botswana Gender and Human Rights issues. She is famously known for her women empowerment works in Botswana and Africa. Her belief is that 'An empowered woman empowers nations.' She is also a renowned keynote speaker and a Pastor.

### **SUDAN CONTEXT -EXPERIENCE**



**Name: Omayma Elmardi** is Feminist and activist for women human rights and justice, program manager\_ National Sudanese Women Association, (NSWA), She holds MSc. Development Planning, Post\_ Graduate Diploma in Development Studies. She is the founder and member of many networks and coalitions, Sudanese Women for Sustainable Peace, Sudanese Initiative for Constitution Making, Anticorruption Forum, Coalition of Traditional Justice, Regional and international networks World March of Women, Chair of SIHA Board of Directors

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### KENYA CONTEXT- EXPERIENCE



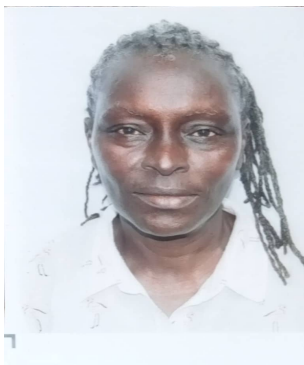
**NELLY MORAA** freelance broadcast journalist with cumulative experience of 27 years in communication. 19 of these years actively in the media industry specializing in reporting current affairs, politics and human rights. Worked with the state broadcaster Kenya Broadcasting Corporation KBC, rising from news reporter to chief Parliamentary Editor. Transitioned to a government relations role in county government but still practices Independently. Mentors and coaches upcoming journalists. She will highlight on the perspective of career women trapped in oppressive systems hindering career progression.

### CAMEROON CONTEXT EXPERIENCE



**Tchonko Becky BISSONG** - the Woman's Advocate! Tchonko Becky BISSONG is a senior journalist working with the Cameroon Radio Television Corporation - CRTV. She studied English Modern Letters and Linguistics at the University of Yaoundé 1 and holds a Diploma in Journalism as well as a Professional Masters in Communication for Health and Environment Issues, both from the Advanced school of Mass Communication–ASMAC Yaoundé. Throughout the 24 years of her career Becky is drawn to development journalism with special interest in the protection and promotion of the human rights of women and girls. Becky has produced and co-produced a number of radio magazine programmes including "Population and Development", "Woman to Woman" and "Calling the Women" and 'Gender Issues' on the National Station of the CRTV, to raise awareness on the rights to education and health of vulnerable and marginalized groups which include persons living with disabilities.

### SIERRA LEONE CONTEXT EXPERIENCE



**Claudia Anthony** is an International award-winning multimedia journalist, active in the field for twenty-five years on; as Correspondent with Deutsche Welle, Media Consultant at the Sierra Leone Broadcasting Corporation and a mentor. In 2022, Claudia established her country's chapter of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television. She established and commenced publication of the Tribune of the People newspaper and founded the Alliance for Female Journalists. She taught journalists from various continents, at the International Institute for Journalism Berlin Brandenburg, trained and mentored over 80 others in Sierra Leone and further, in 2021, mentored some from Congo, Kenya and Uganda; under a journalism mentorship programme, funded by the International Women's Media Foundation. She received the NOVIB-PEN Award in 2005 and the maiden edition of the Most Outstanding Media Professional by the Independent Media Commission of Sierra Leone in 2010. Claudia was also Programming Coordinator and Deputy Chief at the United Nations Radio in her country and currently heads the Disciplinary Committee of the Sierra Leone Association of Journalists. In 1999 alone, she earned the Hellman-Hammet Journalism Award from the US-based Human Rights Watch;