

58th Session of the Commission for Social Development

VIVAT@20

VIVAT International celebrates her 20-year long journey, renewing her commitment to life, dignity and human rights, with a Side Event in collaboration with the NGO Committee on Migration.

Migration & Homelessness: Hope from the Margins

Date: 18 February 2020
Time: 10:30AM - 12:30PM
Venue: Second Floor, Church Center

Speakers:

Maria Theresia Hornemann, SSpS, President VIVAT International
Ms. Hanta Fida Cyrilla Klein, UN Permanent Mission of Madagascar
Susan Lachapelle LSA Family Health Services, VIVAT International
Jean Quinn, UNANIMA International
Dr. Azza Karam, Religions for Peace International, UNFPA

Moderator: Daniel Leblanc, UN NGO Representative, OMI, VIVAT International



**Refreshments/Light Lunch will be served.
We hope to see you.**

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Concept Note:

Migration and homelessness are deeply interconnected. Homelessness is a complex global problem and it is experienced acutely by migrants driven out of their homes due to poverty, rural distress and neglect of agrarian economies, development-induced displacements, climate change impacts, violence and conflicts. It has stripped millions of people especially the poverty-stricken of their dignified living and basic security. Migrant homelessness has become highly visible in many countries across the developed world in recent years. The United Nations' vision of leaving no one behind; and the forthcoming session of the UN Commission on the Social Development (CSocD58) addressing homelessness in the context of affordable housing and social protection systems has provided the impetus to the grassroots initiatives.

VIVAT International, with its commitment to poverty eradication, sustainable development, women empowerment and culture of peace has its strength at the grassroots initiatives. At the completion of 20 years as an organization VIVAT will share experiences of people's resilience and hope.

The proposed side event, 'Migration and Homelessness: Hope from The Margins' will focus on the issues of migrants and homelessness and highlight the stories of hope and resilience as they live through the reality and make way for a better life. Within the countries rural-urban migration pushes people to the squatters and slums as they keep searching for a better standard of living in the cities. Affordable Housing, health services, education, jobs are major needs that will require collaboration between governments and civil society. Two faces of our cities and urban centers glaringly manifest the shocking reality of inequalities among the populations and their living conditions. The side event will look at rural and urban dimensions as well as national and international scenario through the lens of poverty eradication (SDG1), reducing inequalities (SDG10), and gender equality (SDG 5).

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