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Access to Menstrual Health as a Public Service- The Lived Experiences of Women and Girls

Menstrual health is emerging as a key component of the global human rights and sustainable development agendas. Over the last five years, efforts to address menstrual health have made great strides in UN resolutions, in the media, and most importantly, by women and girls themselves. In line with the priority and review themes of this year's session, the CSW provides the opportunity to consider menstrual health in the context of access to public services, sustainable infrastructure as well as women's empowerment.

This allows for expanding the menstrual health discussions beyond the purview of access to menstrual hygiene management (MHM) in private spaces to consider their menstrual health needs in public spaces. Doing so in meaningful way requires looking at the many menstruating women and girls who belong to marginalized groups, and their lived experiences with menstruation both in and outside the home.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Contribute to the global policy debate and ensure that the importance of menstrual hygiene and health as a public service is properly reflected in the agreed conclusions of CSW 63.
- Increased attention is given to menstrual health and its relevance for the rights to education, work, health and participation in public life without discrimination, among others, in global discussions and international forums as a cross cutting issue.

PROGRAMME

Welcome and opening remarks by the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in New York

Keynote Remarks by Ms. Maria Bassols, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations in New York

Video

PRESENTATIONS BY PANEL

Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance – At the heart of a national movement for WASH in India

Amariante Mohedano, Director of Social Services, West Side Campaign Against Hunger – Menstrual Health: supporting homeless women in NYC communities

Olivia Boum MHM Trainer, Director of Kmerpad Cameroon – Menstrual Hygiene Management outside of the homes, lived experiences of women and girls in Cameroon

Danielle Engel, Technical Specialist: Adolescent and Youth, UNFPA – Menstrual Health as a public service, role and pertinence of the African Coalition on MHM

Q/A and moderated discussion by Sue Coates, Executive Director a.i of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council

Closing remarks