

# WHRDS TALK BACK

environmental  
defenders on  
protecting civic space

An NGO CSW EVENT  
by Our Voices Our Futures  
consortium

15 MARCH 2022

8.00 - 9.30 EDT

13.00 - 14.30 CET

17.30 - 19.00 IST

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In English with Spanish, Hindi,  
Arabic and Sign Language  
interpretation and  
English closed captioning

## SPEAKERS



### Monica Basbous

Architect, researcher and educator, based in Beirut since 2013. Founding member of Qorras, a group producing and disseminating queer feminist knowledge in Arabic.



### Lara Jesani

Advocate, Bombay High Court, practicing law for over a decade. Takes up cases of human rights violations, including environmental, development and in defense of human rights defenders.



### Ruth Nyambura

Kenyan feminist and organizer whose research interests are primarily on the agrarian political economy/ecology in Africa and other parts of the Global South. Founder and convenes the African Ecofeminist Collective.



### Marianela Mejía Solorzano

Women human rights defender, Coordinador of LGBTIQ Groups of the Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña. Previously, faced legal charges and was criminalized due to her defense of the Garifuna ancestral lands in Trujillo, Colón, Honduras.



### Karen Burbach

Head of the Taskforce Women's Rights & Gender Equality, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. *Will offer responses to the WHRDs interventions.*