

# International Rural Women's Day

## CFS 49 Partner Event

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 09:30 CEST

### Speakers' bios



**Karmen Ramirez Boscàn** is a Wayuu indigenous activist and human rights defender from La Guajira Colombia. Ms Boscàn founded the indigenous women's organization Fuerza de Mujeres Wayuu which was awarded the national Prize for the Defence of Human Rights in Colombia and focused on fighting the human rights abuses that indigenous communities have experienced at the hands of mega-mining companies. She is currently living in Switzerland, where she founded Lucify.ch an organization that focuses on empowering migrant women with media and journalistic backgrounds. In addition to Ms Boscan's own projects, her experience expands across the UN system, having consulted for the ILO, UNITAR and OHCHR. In 2007, she published "Desde el Desierto" a book that denounces the violent war in the Wayuu territory as well as various articles related to the effects of mining on biodiversity and the climate. In 2013, the Global Fund honoured Ms Boscan for her work with indigenous women around the world. She has recently been selected as a candidate to represent Colombians living abroad in the Colombian Congress for the Colombia Humana party.