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CASE STUDY DESCRIPTIONS

Resource Rights: The organized communities of San José El Golfo and San Rafael Ayampuc (Frente Norte del Area Metropolitana) in Guatemala have opposed the unilateral approval for the gold mining venture of Kappes, Cassidy and Associates (a US-based company) and are requesting their right to consultation through nonviolent measures. Human rights activists have endured violence and threats, including attempts on their lives. Different types of protection measures and international support have been developed to respond to the security risks and ensure their safety to continue working.

- Speaker: Claudia Samayoa, Founder, Guatemalan Human Rights Defenders Protection Unit (Guatemala)
- Facilitator: David Mattingly, Director of Programs, Fund for Global Human Rights

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Discriminatory attitudes of the public, the government, the police and religious leaders have combined to create an environment in which LGBTI people on the coast of Kenya are denied access to their basic rights. Persons Marginalized and Aggrieved (PEMA) in Kenya was founded in 2008 in response to the death, a year earlier, of a gay man who had been shunned and stigmatized by members of his family due to his sexual orientation. Since the group's inception, they have faced threats in response to their work, including office break-ins, threatening phone calls, assault and murder. Realizing that these threats were having a significant effect on staff and members, PEMA began engaging with ally organizations to support them in building security systems and networks and train staff and members.

- Speaker: Esther Adhiambo, Programs Coordinator, PEMA-Kenya (Kenya)
- Facilitator: Jesse Wrenn, Associate Director, Global Strategic Allies, American Jewish World Service

Shifting Political Contexts: Despite offering unprecedented opportunities for progress, political transitions can result in regression and bring new forms of violations. This is currently the case in Egypt. Human Rights Defenders are perceived as political adversaries and ideological enemies. Is there a way out of the systematic chain of threats they face in this transitional phase? Looking at the case of the New Women Foundation, Nawla Darwiche will reflect on strategies that have been and could be used by women's rights defenders and funders to counter such threats and create a long-term response to reinforce the human rights movement at this challenging yet crucial time.

- Speaker: Nawla Darwiche, Co-Founder and Board Member, New Woman Foundation (Egypt)
- Facilitator: Anne-Sophie Schaeffer, Program Director, Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

Conflict Settings: The Israeli- Palestinian conflict has been endured by generations. It is a conflict over land, recognition, rights and existence. This case study is from the eyes of a Palestinian queer activist, Rauda Morcos, living within the borders of Israel, working to resolve the conflict and navigating potential threats. This perspective will highlight the daily dilemma of where to belong and how to live this reality without losing your identities. The case study will analyze how Rauda navigates threats from her community with the backdrop of the broader Israeli/Palestinian conflict and occupation by reviewing a safety and security checklist. We will identify how to organize, choose your struggle and seek regional and international assistance via an urgent security grant.

- Speaker: Rauda Morcos, Co-Founder, Aswat (Palestine)
- Facilitator: Keely Tongate, Program Director, Urgent Action Fund