

## Venera Kusari

### Bio



Venera Kusari has more than 10 years of experience working as a researcher, trainer, and manager of international projects in peacebuilding and human rights within international organizations and academia. In all her work on human rights, gender equality and empowerment has been central. She frequently trains on topics such as Women and Negotiations and Women's Role in Conflict Resolution, collaborating with a range of organizations. She holds a graduate degree in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Columbia University, and an undergraduate degree in Political Science from City University of New York. She currently serves as Executive Director at the American University of Yangon.

She is an experienced facilitator-trainer and has led numerous workshops with stakeholders on topics including as 'Conflict Resolution and Cooperation in the Workplace, Women and Negotiations'.

She holds a graduate degree in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution from Columbia University, where she was also awarded the Fellowship in Communication Theory (in conjunction with the CMM Institute - Coordinated Management of Meaning).

Venera has lived and worked internationally in the US, Norway, Colombia, former Yugoslavia, and Myanmar. She is committed and passionate about influencing positive change through her work in personal and social development. She believes that social change starts by creating spaces that promote constructive communication and equality-based practices within organized units such as workplaces, families, communities, and political institutions.