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A global human rights activist and advocate, Ketty holds in-depth expertise and lived experience in forced displacement, human rights defenders at risk, civic space in conflict and political transitions, and the global intersections of gender, race, and human rights. Prior to seeking asylum in Canada in 2015, she braved police violence as the lead organizer of women's peaceful protests for democratic change in her country, Burundi.

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Ketty studied International Relations, is a former journalist, and published poet. She lives in Ottawa with her two teenage daughters.