



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
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PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
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Marissa del Rosario-Blackett
Counsellor

Marissa del Rosario-Blackett was appointed Counsellor of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations in 2020. As a member of the Order's Delegation to the UN, she focuses on migration and its multi-dimensional relevance to the attainment of the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Mrs. Blackett has over 30 years experience in various finance roles, with 22 years working on Wall Street. Her finance roles include treasury operations, corporate banking, venture capital fund management, and also asset management. She received a Masters degree in business from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School (1982), a Bachelor's degree (*A.B. magna cum laude*) from Maryknoll College (1976) and a certificate from the NYU Heyman Center for Philanthropy and Fundraising (2009).

Mrs. Blackett became a Dame of Magistral Grace of the Order of Malta in 2009. In 2011, she served as the Operations Chair for the Capital Campaign of the Malta Human Services Foundation, the fundraising and grant-making arm of the Order's American Association. Between 2013 and 2019, Mrs. Blackett served as a Board Member of The Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, another primary branch of the Order of Malta. Moreover, she was also a member of The Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation Investment Committee, Development Committee, and she was the Chairperson of its Parish and Education Outreach. In 2020, she received its Star of Bethlehem award.

Mrs. Blackett also sits on the Board of Directors of Malteser International Americas, the worldwide humanitarian relief organization of the Order of Malta. In 2020, she was awarded



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the Silver Medal of Merit. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she spearheaded Malteser International Americas's vaccination campaign for vulnerable, marginalized and migrant communities in the U.S. In 2021, she was recognised for her COVID-19 campaign by the Sovereign Order of Malta.

Mrs. Blackett has assumed other leadership roles in several finance and fundraising activities for various non-profit organizations in New York City. From 2007 to 2016, she served in different capacities for the Parish of St. Ignatius Loyola in Manhattan including Trustee, Finance Committee Chair and Chair for its first Capital Campaign. She currently serves in the Investment Committee (since 2014) and Finance Committee (since 2018) of the USA East Province of the Society of Jesus.

She is married to J. Richard Blackett and has four adult children and a granddaughter.