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Side event at the 23rd session of the UN Human Rights Council

“DALIT WOMEN: WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF MULTIPLE AND INTERSECTING FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE BASED ON GENDER AND CASTE”

4 June 2013, 14:30-16:30, Room VIII, 3rd floor



This event offers a unique opportunity to explore the cross-cutting and intersecting nature and forms of gender and caste-based discrimination and to discuss what the international community can do to effectively address this entrenched problem.

Programme:

- Welcome by moderator, Jyoti Sanghera, Chief, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues Section, OHCHR
- Opening statement on behalf of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Screening of short film on Dalit women
- Statement by Ambassador Hanns Heinrich Schumacher, German Mission to the UN
- Statement by Human Rights Watch

Key note speeches:

- Statement on behalf of Rashida Manjoo, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women
- Manjula Pradeep, Director, Navsarjan Trust, India

Reflections on challenges in eliminating violence and discrimination against Dalit women and women of similarly affected communities

- Asha Kowtal, General Secretary of AIDMAM/National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, India
- Durga Sob, President of the Feminist Dalit Organisation (FEDO), Nepal
- Mariem Salem, Member of National Parliament, Mauritania

The side event is sponsored by the International Movement against all forms of Discrimination and Racism, Human Rights Watch and Minority Rights Group International, co-sponsored by the Governments of Germany, Norway, Canada, Finland and Denmark and organised in association with the International Dalit Solidarity Network

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