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Side event at the 22nd session of the UN Human Rights Council:

## “ENSURING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR DALITS - GOOD PRACTICES AND KEY CHALLENGES”

28 February 2013, 1-3 pm, Room XXVII



### Purpose

The side event aims to explore how to promote and ensure access to justice for Dalits in accordance with international human rights law and normative frameworks.

At the event the UN Independent Expert on minority issues, Ms. Rita Izsák, will share her perspectives on the need for institutional attention by national institutions to minorities, including Dalits, following up on her most recent report to the UN General Assembly ([A/67/293](#)).

An OHCHR representative and Dalit activists will share their experiences of good practices and key challenges to promote access to justice for Dalits, and the impact that international reviews like the Universal Periodic Review mechanism have had on the promotion of Dalit rights.

### Panellists:

- Ms. Rita Izsák, UN Independent Expert on minority issues
- Ms. Katia Chirizzi, Human Rights Officer - UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr. Zakir Hossain, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement
- Ms. Asha Kowtal, AIDMAM/ National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, India
- Mr. Bhakta Bishwakarma, NNDSWO Nepal
- Mr. Sono Khangharani, Pakistan Dalit Solidarity Network

*The side event is sponsored by the International Movement against all forms of Discrimination and Racism, Minority Rights Group International, Human Rights Watch, Franciscans International and World Council of Churches in association with the International Dalit Solidarity Network*

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED**