



# Caste and Gender-Based Forced and Bonded Labour

**UN HRC29 SIDE-EVENT 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 17.00-18.30**

Room XXV, Palais des Nations, Geneva

This side event will explore and discuss caste-based forced and bonded labour practices, in particular faced by women and girls from caste affected communities through “a window to the reality on the ground” presented by speakers from South Asia, UN agencies and experts for a common exploration.

- The event will provide participants with insight into how the UN, ILO and civil society have approached the issues
- Speakers will address recommendations from the UN human rights mechanisms
- The debate will provide an opportunity to identify and discuss perspectives for strengthened UN action

More information will be available on [idsn.org/side-event](http://idsn.org/side-event) & on [idsn.org/key-issues/caste-based-slavery](http://idsn.org/key-issues/caste-based-slavery).

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## Speakers

**Ms. Urmila Bhoola**, Special Rapporteur on Contemporary forms of Slavery (video)

**Mr. Coen Kompier**, Senior Specialist in international labour standards, ILO

**Mr. Ashif Shaikh**, Convenor and Founder of Jan Sahas, India

**Mr. Zulfiqar Shah**, Pakistan Dalit Solidarity Network (PDSN)

**Ms. Manjula Pradeep**, Director, Navsarjan Trust, Women in Governance-India

**Ms. Meena Varma**, Director, Dalit Solidarity Network-United Kingdom

**Mr. John Fisher**, Geneva Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch

**Moderator: Ms. Laura Dolci-Kanaan**, Secretary of the Humanitarian Funds (for Victims of Torture and Victims of Slavery), OHCHR

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