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#LET'S TALK ABOUT CASTE!

Why the UN needs to be explicit about caste discrimination when addressing global human rights abuses

UN HRC 57 SIDE-EVENT

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Room XXV, Palais de Nations, Geneva

Panellists at the event will make a case for why the serious and widespread human rights violations stemming from exclusion based on caste will not be adequately addressed if we fail to explicitly name caste discrimination as a root cause.

Human rights defenders from across South Asia call on UN delegations, officials and the broader UN system, to make fighting caste discrimination a priority, when addressing human rights, including where caste intersects with gender, climate justice, access to justice, decent work, slavery, and the wider development goal of #LeaveNo-oneBehind.

Programme

The event features an in-person interactive panel discussion aimed to engage UN member state delegates and mission staff, civil society organisations and UN agencies.

Moderator: Meena Varma, Executive Director, International Dalit Solidarity Network

Opening Keynote Remarks:

Prof. Nicolas Levrat, UN Special Rapporteur on minority issues

Panellists:

Bhagwani Bai Rathore, Pakistan Dalit Solidary Network (PDSN)

Tamanna Singh Baraik, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM)

Renu Sijapati, Feminist Dalit Organization of Nepal (FEDO)

Abirami Jotheeswaran, All India Dalit Women Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM-NCDHR)

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Participating organisations:

Pakistan Dalit Solidary Network, Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement (BDERM), Feminist Dalit Organization of Nepal (FEDO Nepal), All India Dalit Women Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM-NCDHR)