

Side event at the 16th session of the Human Rights Council:

Discrimination based on work and descent: *Implementing human right standards for all*

16 March, 3-5 pm, Room XXIII (23) at Palais des Nations

Organised by the International Movement against All Forms of Racism and Discrimination (IMADR)
in association with the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN)



Moderator: Ms. Gay McDougall, UN Independent Expert on minority issues

Panellists:

- Office representative, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- Mr. Paul Divakar, National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights, India
- Ms. Durga Sob, Feminist Dalit Organisation Nepal
- Ms. Meena Varma, Dalit Solidarity Network UK
- Mr. Zakir Hossain, Nagorik Uddyog, Bangladesh
- Ms. Megumi Komori, IMADR (Japan)
- Ms. Nimalka Fernando, IMADR (regional perspective)

Objective: The side event will focus on the implementation and realisation of human rights standards for *all*, in particular persons affected by discrimination based on work and descent estimated to affect 260 million persons globally. The panellists, including civil society representatives from five affected countries, will provide an insight into the successes, gaps and challenges in turning human right standards into practice and share their ideas on how existing frameworks and guidelines, such as the draft UN Principles and Guidelines for the effective elimination of discrimination based on work and descent published by the Human Rights Council in June 2009 (A/HRC/11/CRP.3), can help ensure effective and meaningful participation of affected persons in society.

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