

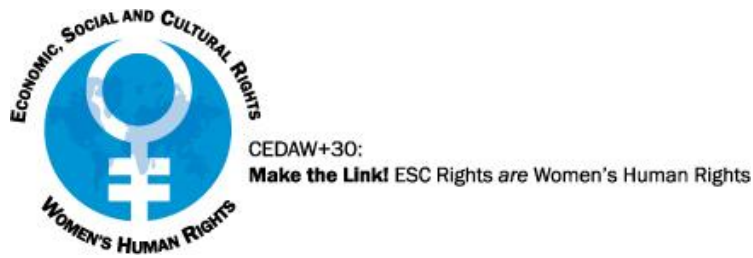


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# CEDAW's Role in Realizing Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

*Room 819-821 (8th floor of the Palais des Nations)  
1:00-2:30pm*

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The CEDAW Committee is a critical ally and strategic mechanism for supporting an integrated and interdependent analysis of women's human rights. The recognition the CEDAW Committee gives to the critical role of ESCR in women's lives and the Committee's commitment to achieving women's substantive equality through State party review and decisions under the Optional Protocol, has a major impact on women's ability to claim substantive equality and the implementation of ESC rights for women domestically. This lunch briefing will provide Committee members with an opportunity to explore: (1) the meaning of substantive equality in relation to women's ESCR, (2) how the Committee has addressed women's ESCR concerns over the last decade, (3) ways in which the Committee can continue to support the implementation of women's ESCR domestically and (4) potential opportunities to move forward.

## **AGENDA**

### **Introduction**

*Rebecca Brown, Coordinator of ESCR-Net's Women and ESCR Working Group*

### **The CEDAW Committee 1997 to 2010: Patterns and Trends**

*Alison Aggarwal, Consultant, IWRAP Asia Pacific*

**What does substantive equality mean for women's economic, social and cultural rights under CEDAW?** *Leilani Farha, Executive Director, Centre for Equality Rights in Accommodation*

### **Possibilities Moving Forward**

Group Discussion with Committee members on some potential opportunities for this work

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