

ADVANCING WOMEN'S ESCR: ALTERNATIVE VISIONS OF DEVELOPMENT, LAND AND PROPERTY RIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY MEETING

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

Montevideo, Uruguay, 26-28 August 2015

The Steering Committee of this meeting is integrated by: Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND); Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD); Global Initiative for ESCR; FIAN International; Heisoo Shin – Member of UN CESCR Committee ; JASS Associates; Legal Resource Centre- South Africa; National Fisheries Solidarity Organization (NAFSO)- Sri-Lanka; Ogiek Peoples' Development Program- Kenya.

This agenda is built on a preliminary analysis of member surveys on current HLP-related work, strategic discussions during the first two regional workshops on OP-CEDAW/OP-ICESCR, and in other spaces throughout the past year, as well as based on the experiences of the WG members during the course of their work. In general, this has led to looking at HLP issues through two primary lenses, which might ultimately inform collective advocacy:

1. the maintenance of inequality and patriarchy in access to land, inheritance, control of resources, etc. via gender norms, customary law, and gender-based violence, often at the community or family level; and
2. the gendered impacts of natural resource extraction, development-induced displacement, land grabbing, and related economic policies.

Cross-cutting these two themes is the ongoing development and implementation of human rights standards and mechanisms, which can be important tools in working towards substantive equality and the full realization of women's human rights.

DAY 1

Wednesday 26 August	
9:00-9:15	Registration
9:15-10:15	SESSION 1: Introductions and workshop overview Objective: Introduction to the workshop and participants; setting objectives and expectations.
10:15-11:00	SESSION 2: ESCR-Net work on housing, land and property Objective: To provide a brief outline of the historical development of HLP-related work at ESCR-Net across the WGs; to explain the present HLP focus of the WESCR WG; to present preliminary findings of the mapping project; to outline the basis for the focus themes of the; to discuss next steps for this WESCR WG project.
11:00-11:30	Coffee break

11:30-13:00	<p>SESSION 3: Building common analysis: challenges and opportunities in realising women's human rights to housing, land and property</p> <p>Objective: To identify commonalities across current challenges and opportunities identified by participants, as experienced in connection with their work to ensure the enjoyment of women's rights to HLP, and the trends at the international and regional levels that affect such work.</p>
12:00-14:00	LUNCH
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION 4: Focused Strategy Discussion I: Collective efforts to address the maintenance of inequality and patriarchy in access to land, inheritance, control of resources, etc. via gender norms, customary law, and gender-based violence, often at the community or family level</p> <p>Objective: to focus strategic discussion on collective efforts to (1) amplify existing work challenging societal constructs that impact women's access to HLP resources, and/or (2) address identified gaps or opportunities in this area.</p>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	SESSION5: Focused Strategy Discussion I (cont)
19:00	Welcome dinner

DAY 2

Thursday 27 August	
9:00-10:30	<p>SESSION 6: Focused strategy discussion II: the gendered impacts of natural resource extraction, development-induced displacement, land grabbing, and related economic policies</p> <p>Objective: to focus strategic discussion on collective efforts to (1) amplify existing work challenging global stakeholders/large-scale projects/adverse economic policies that impact women's access to HLP resources, and/or (2) address identified gaps or opportunities in this area</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:00	SESSION 7: Focused strategy discussion II: the gendered impacts of natural resource extraction, development-induced displacement, land grabbing, and related economic policies (cont)
12:00-13:00	LUNCH
13:00- 14:00	(OPTIONAL SESSION) Lunch overview of the Committees, GCs, Parallel Reporting, and OPs for those who would like refresher
14:00-15:30	<p>SESSION 8: UN Framework: developments and opportunities</p> <p>Objective: to discuss ongoing development and implementation of human rights standards and mechanisms; to discuss approaches and trends of the CEDAW and CESC Committees; How to use the Committees' framework for our advocacy work?</p>
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-16:50	SESSION 9: International legal and policy spaces: developments and opportunities
17:00-18.30	OPEN EVENT

DAY 3

Friday 28 August	
9:00-9:30	Session 10: ESCR-Net approach to collective work, benefits and challenges
9:30-10:30	Session 11: Engaging in strategic collective work on women's rights related to HLP Objective: To revisit, evaluate and prioritize opportunities for collective action/impact; To discuss concrete areas where a collective project/approach could add value to current work
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-12:00	Session 12: Engaging in strategic collective work on women rights to HLP (cont)
12:00-13:30	LUNCH
13:30-15:00	Session 13: Engaging in strategic collective work on women rights to HLP : initial proposals for collective actions
15:00-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-17:00	Session 14: Conclusion and next steps

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