



Hong Kong Women's NGO Forum: Working with CEDAW

Saturday 7 May, 2011, 9:00 am – 6:15 pm
Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Building
The University of Hong Kong

The Hong Kong SAR Government is a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). As part of its compliance, it will be submitting, together with the Mainland Chinese government, a Hong Kong report to the UN CEDAW committee in due course. This occasion is an opportunity to bring together frontline NGOs and researchers to the University of Hong Kong which has encouraged for some time, a policy for knowledge exchange and community outreach. The discussions, planned along themed panels, will involve local activists and researchers deliberating on current issues. It is hoped that such an engagement will stimulate the writing of alternative reports in Hong Kong in order to improve the lives of many women who still face discrimination.

Please email diversity.hku@gmail.com to reserve a place.

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9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcoming Remarks : <i>Anna Wu, Non-official Member, Executive Council SAR</i> ● Opening Address: <i>Lam Woon-Kwong, Chair, The Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission</i>
10:00 - 11:00	<p>LABOUR PANEL: Formal/Informal Workers</p> <p>Chair: Cynthia Tellez, Mission for Migrant Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edwina Antonio, Bethune House ● Sringatin, Indonesia Migrant Workers Union ● Cheung Lai Ha, Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions ● Wu Mei Lin, Hong Kong Women Workers' Association <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Floor : IP Pui Yu, International Domestic Workers Network ; Rep, ATKI Association of Indonesian Migrant Workers</p>
11:00 - 12:00	<p>Older Women, Poverty and Ageing</p> <p>Chair: Rita Lam, Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denise Cheung, Homemakers' Alliance ● Fung Mui-har, St.James' Settlement- Retired Persons' Association
12:00 - 1:00	<p>Women Asylum Seekers</p> <p>Chair: Kelley Loper, Assistant Professor, Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, University of Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christine Lin, Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre ● Jonnet Bernal, Christian Action
1:00 - 2:00	Lunch

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2:00 - 3:00	<p>Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community</p> <p>Chair: Eleanor Cheung, <i>Queer Sisters</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie Chan, <i>Woman Coalition of HKSAR</i> • Mimi Wong, <i>Transgender Resource Centre</i> • Carole Petersen, <i>Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution and the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii</i> • Sam Winter, <i>University of Hong Kong</i>
3:00 - 4:00	<p>Violence Against Women</p> <p>Chair: Hung Suet Lin, <i>Assistant Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda SY Wong, <i>Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women</i> • Elaine Lam, <i>RainLily</i> • Queenie Tao, <i>Harmony House</i>
4:00 - 5:00	<p>Ethnic Minority Women</p> <p>Chair: Puja Kapai, <i>Assistant Professor, Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, University of Hong Kong</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferrick Chu, <i>Equal Opportunities Commission</i> • Fermi Wong, <i>UNISON</i> • Phoebe Wong/Sita Limbu, <i>Hong Kong Christian Service</i>
5:00 - 5:30	<p>Women with (dis)Abilities</p> <p>Chair: Liliane CK Chan, <i>Hong Kong College of Technology</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Ngai, <i>Association of Women with Disabilities in Hong Kong</i> • Margaret Wu, <i>Equal Opportunities Commission</i>
5:30 - 5:45	<p>Sex Workers/Sexuality</p> <p>Kendy Yim, <i>Action for Reach Out</i></p>
5:45 - 6:15	<p>Floor Discussion/Closing Remarks</p> <p>Chong Yiu Kwong, <i>Solicitor, Chair of HK Human Rights Monitor</i></p>

*Child supervision can be arranged by the Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres through the help of volunteers, but please let us know in advance. For enquiries please contact Evelyn Ng <womensrc@hku.hk>.