



USING CEDAW TO ADVOCATE WOMEN'S RIGHTS: A WORKSHOP ON CEDAW SHADOW REPORT WRITING

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The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will examine the periodic report of the Hong Kong SAR Government between October 20 to and November 7, 2014. This is an important opportunity that NGOs could use to advocate the promotion of women's human rights in Hong Kong through submitting a shadow report and attending the hearing. We are honoured to have Ms. Pramila Patten, Deputy Chairperson of the CEDAW Committee, as the key-note speaker of our event, "USING CEDAW TO ADVOCATE WOMEN'S RIGHTS: A WORKSHOP ON CEDAW SHADOW REPORT WRITING."

You and your colleagues are cordially invited to attend and contribute to the drafting of such a shadow report. Please register here: <http://goo.gl/hg3rP7>

DATE: 26 & 27 October 2013
TIME : 09.00-18.00
VENUE: Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, University of Hong Kong

Welcome Address: Guest of Honor, Dr Christine Loh Kung-wai, JP, OBE

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Pramila Patten (Deputy Chairperson, of CEDAW Committee)

Other Speakers:

Ms. Puja Kapai (Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong

Kong),

Ms. Rina Bovrisse (Former employee, Prada, Japan)

4 Main concerns:

1. Poverty
2. Violence against women
3. Political and public life / Political representation
4. Foreign domestic helpers (FDH), ethnic minority women, new arrival women

Target audience:

NGO workers and women's rights advocates who are currently leading efforts to promote gender equality and the human rights of women and are active in advocacy work directed at securing the Government's commitment to change. More importantly, we are targeting organizations which use and engage CEDAW as a vehicle through which to instrumentalize change, and to enhance the protection of human rights and their implementation in the domestic context.

The participants of this Writing Workshop will learn how to:

1. characterize incidents of inequality and discriminatory policies and provisions in the context of the CEDAW framework and its basic procedures;
2. specify the relevant Articles and basic principles of the CEDAW that have been violated or are at risk of being violated;
3. operationalize the process of change through framing the nature of such breaches in the broader context of the rights of women and the commitments governments have made under CEDAW;
4. make appropriate recommendations for amendment or introduction of relevant laws and accompanying policies to enhance the equal protection of the rights of women;
5. make appropriate recommendations for institutionalizing screening mechanisms to precede policy and law-making in the domestic context through tools such as gender mainstreaming and intersectionality analysis;

6. make appropriate recommendations for regular monitoring of the effectiveness of recently introduced measures; and
7. lobby the CEDAW Committee on issues of urgent concern.

Organizers:

| The Center for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong

| The Hong Kong Women's Coalition on Equal Opportunities

| The Women's Studies Research Centre (WSRC), University of Hong Kong



Registration

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**This workshop is conducted in English, with Chinese interpretation.