

NGO informal meeting with CEDAW on 19 January 2010
Conference room XVI, 3-5 pm

Agenda

The Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) decided to hold an informal meeting with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) during its 45th session in Geneva. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ways of strengthening NGOs engagement with the Committee in the context of its work.

The Committee envisages developing a public statement on CEDAW's relationship with NGOs, similar to the Statement on its relationship with national human rights institutions (see E/CN.6/2008/CPR.1, Annex II)

Below is the draft agenda for the meeting scheduled for 19 January 2010:

- 1. How to strengthen the role of NGOs in the CEDAW reporting process**
- 2. Brief presentation of the current practice**
 - (a) CEDAW Committee: Role of NGO with respect the State party report including the alternative reports for the pre-session working group, in advance of consideration of State party report and lunch briefings.
 - (b) OHCHR: the role of the Secretariat.
 - (c) IWRAW-AP: facilitating access by national NGO representatives
- 3. Ways to clarify and strengthen the specific functions that NGOs can take on, including:**
 - (a) Role of NGO with respect the State party report (inputs and comments on the current practice)
 - (b) Alternative report for the pre-session working group and reporting process.
 - (c) Implementation of the Convention after the review (concluding observations, input to the newly established follow –up procedure, Views under the Optional Protocol)
 - (d) NGO attendance
- 4. Any other business**

Written inputs to the meeting and/or statements are welcome in advance.

For additional questions or guidance, feel free to contact the secretariat on cedaw@ohchr.org