



Protection in practice for women human rights defenders

Monday, 9 March 2015 1:15- 2:45 pm
Conference Room 7, United Nations, New York

The first ever UN resolution on the protection of women human rights defenders (WHRDs) was passed by the UN General Assembly in December 2013. Since the adoption of the resolution, there have been many initiatives, including at national and regional level, to ensure its practical implementation in support of WHRDs. This event will provide an opportunity to reflect on these initiatives, discuss challenges to, and good practice regarding protection mechanisms and other measures to create an enabling environment for defenders all around the world. We invite member states, the UN and civil society to attend the event and particularly those who are or work with and for women human rights defenders.

Introduction and welcome - Hans Brattskar, State Secretary, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator- Ivan Šimonović, Assistant Secretary General, OHCHR

Panellists

- **Cristina Hardaga Fernández**, Strategic and Political Coordinator, JASS Mesoamerica
- **Mary Akrami**, Chair of Board of Directors, Afghan Women's Network
- **Reine Alapini-Gansou**, African Commissioner and Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa
- **Mozn Hassan**, Director, Nazra for Feminist Studies

Q&A and discussion

Closing remarks – Mr Mohamed Khaled Khiari, Tunisian Permanent Representative

A light lunch will be served outside the room at 1 pm.

RSVPs required. Please do so to aiunny@amnesty.org by 6 March. The event is open to anyone with a UN badge and NGOs registered for CSW.

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