

You are cordially invited to the

**Launch of the Global Report on the
Situation of Women Human Rights Defenders**

Thursday, 8 March, 12h00 – 14h00

Palais des Nations: Room XXIV

The Women Human Rights Defenders International Coalition is pleased to announce the launch of its ***Global Report on the Situation of Women Human Rights Defenders***.

Through the prism of over 40 case studies from around the world, the report analyses the particular experiences of women human rights defenders, surfacing the connections between the context in which they live and work, their identities, and the violations they experience. We will outline the report's analysis and key findings, and present the experiences of women human rights defenders working on key thematic issues in the Philippines and South Africa.

What are your experiences of documenting the context in which women human rights defenders live and work? What are the connections you make between identity, context and the violations you experience? How can the Human Rights Council better protect women defenders and promote their work?

Speakers:

- Sunila Abeysekera, the Executive Director of INFORM, Sri Lanka.
- Fikile Vilakazi, Programs Director for the Coalition of African Lesbians.
- Christina Ellazar Palabay, Tanggol Bayi, Philippines, and focal point for Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development.

A sandwich lunch will be provided for participants of the event.

The members of the WHRD IC: Amnesty International, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Association for Women's Rights in Development, Baobab for Women's Human Rights, Center for Reproductive Rights, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Coalition of African Lesbians, Front Line International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Human Rights First, Information Monitor, International Federation for Human Rights, International Service for Human Rights, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, Isis International, ISIS-Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange, The Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights, MADRE, Peace Brigades International, Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights, Women Living Under Muslim Laws, Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, Women's Rehabilitation Center, World Organization against Torture.