



#DalitWomenFight against Caste-Based Violence

UN HRC 38 SIDE-EVENT

21st June 2018, 12-13.30

Room XXVII, Palais de Nations, Geneva

This side event will explore and discuss aggravated caste-based violence faced by women and girls in India, often with little recourse to justice. Dalit women activists will present witness accounts of the state of affairs in India and a panel of experts will respond to the testimonies. The event aims to:

- Provide participants with insight into the state of caste-based violence against Dalit women in India
- Find recommendations for policy and implementation within the UN and beyond
- Forge new alliances and partnerships and agree on international level strategies to help fight caste-based violence and impunity in India

For more information go to www.idsn.org and track #dalitwomenfight on Twitter

Programme

Screening of a campaign video on caste-based violence in India and release of the report '*Voices against Caste Impunity: Narratives of Dalit Women from India*'

Presentation by:

Ms. Asha Kowtal, General Secretary of the All India Dalit Mahila Adhikar Manch (AIDMAM)

Dalit women from India share testimonies of aggravated caste-based violence and impunity in India

A panel of experts respond to the testimonies and offer recommendations on ways to take the fight for justice forward in the UN system and beyond. The expert panel includes:

Ms. Rita Isack-Ndiaye, Member of the UN CERD Committee

Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women

Ms. Vrinda Grover, Senior Advocate Supreme Court of India (via Skype)

Moderator: Mr. John Fisher, Geneva Advocacy Director, Human Rights Watch

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