

Addressing Inequalities faced by National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda

Panel Discussion/Side event at the Fifth Session of the Forum on Minority Issues
Sponsored by the *Addressing Inequalities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda*
Global Thematic Consultation

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Date: 28 November 2012

Time: 13:00 – 15:00

Location: Room XXII of the Palais des Nations

Overview:

As the 2015 target date for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) approaches, there are a growing number of preparations and debates on what a post-2015 development agenda and framework will look like. These are occurring both within and outside of the UN system. One of the themes that has been identified as issue of particular importance is ***how inequalities should be addressed in the next development agenda***.

In partnership with Civil Society, the United Nations is supporting and facilitating over 50 country and 11 global thematic consultations. UNICEF and UN Women are co-convening the global thematic consultation on *Addressing Inequalities*, with support from the Governments of Denmark and Ghana. A major piece of the Inequalities Consultation will be to gain an understanding of how the rights and needs of historically marginalized and excluded groups can be more effectively addressed in the next development agenda – this will be done through online discussion and debate as well as an examination of key evidence and research.

The purpose of this side event is:

- To start a discussion on how the rights of Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities should be addressed in Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- To announce the e-discussion on inequalities and minorities, which will begin in January 2013 on the *Addressing Inequalities* e-space: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/inequalities> and is a part of the official Inequalities Consultation Process.

A number of noted experts will be speaking on issues faced by minorities and will present experiences, ideas and views on how these issues can be addressed in the next development agenda. Panelists will also answer questions from the audience. We hope this will be an enriching precursor to the e-discussions and we hope you will attend.

As this event takes place during the lunch break, sandwiches and soft drinks will be served.

Featured Panelists:

- **Ms. Rita Izsák:** UN Independent Expert on minority issues
- **Mr. Mark Lattimer:** Executive Director of Minority Rights Group International
- **Dr. Elvira Dominguez Redondo:** Senior Lecturer in Law at Middlesex University, London (UK)
- **Ms. Lotta Sylwander:** UNICEF Representative, Viet Nam

Introductory Remarks on the Post-2015 Process:

- **Shannon O'Shea:** Programme Specialist Post-2015 Development Agenda, UNICEF Executive Office

Session Moderator:

- **Antti Korkeakivi:** Chief, Indigenous Peoples and Minorities Section; Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights