

# Ensuring Equal Cultural Rights for Women and Girls

## Discussion over the report presented by the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights

### What's next?

Friday, 2 November 2012  
Conference room E, North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters  
1:15 to 2:45 pm

Event sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

#### Panellists (7 minutes presentations):

- ◆ Ms. **Lakshmi Puri**, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women programmes  
*Opening remarks*
- ◆ Ms. **Farida Shaheed**, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights  
*Introduction*
- ◆ Ms. **Radhika Balakrishnan**, Executive Director of the Center for Global Leadership and Professor of Women's and Gender Studies; Head of the Women's Center, Rutgers University  
*Undertaking further research on practices that can catalyse transformative equality*
- ◆ Ms. **Nafissatou J. Diop**, UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on FGM/C Coordinator, United Nations Population Fund.  
*Case study of a successful intervention to end FGM*
- ◆ Dr. **Marsha Freeman**, Director, International Women's Rights Action Watch, University of Minnesota Human Rights Center; Adjunct Professor, University of Minnesota Law School  
*Addressing the issue before the UN human rights machinery*

Moderator: Ms. **Charlotte Bunch**, Founding Director and Senior scholar at the Center for Women's Global Leadership and Distinguished Professor in Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University

The Panel will be followed by **questions and answers**.

The report of the Special Rapporteur on the enjoyment of cultural rights by women on an equal basis with men (A/67/287) is available in all United Nations languages at:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/SP/Pages/GA67session.aspx>

For more information about the work of the Special Rapporteur, please see:  
<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/CulturalRights/Pages/SRCulturalRightsIndex.aspx>