



Women Human Rights Defenders
International Coalition



Protect women human rights defenders: From resolution to solutions

Monday, 10 March 2014, 1:15 – 2:30 pm
Room 7, North Lawn Building, United Nations, New York

The first ever resolution on the protection of Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) was passed by the UN General Assembly in December 2013. This event will provide background on the resolution and its significance in terms of the need to implement protection mechanisms and other measures to create an enabling environment for WHRDs.

Introduction and Welcome - Hans Brattskar, Deputy Foreign Minister, Norway

Moderator - Charlotte Bunch, Founder, Center for Women's Global Leadership at Rutgers University and Board Member, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

Panellists

- **John Hendra**, Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Programme Bureau, UN Women
- **Sussan Tahmabesi**, Co-founder and MENA/Asia Regional Director, International Civil Society Action Network (ICAN) and Iranian Woman Human Rights Defender
- **Cristina Hardaga Fernández**, JASS (Just Associates), Regional Office for Mexico and Central America

The event will also provide space for conversation about the connection between the priority theme of the 2014 CSW and the role WHRDs can play in the post-2015 development agenda. In this regard, the resolution recognizes the role of WHRDs in the promotion and protection of all human rights, democracy, the rule of law and development. It is crucial to give WHRDs a voice both in shaping the future development agenda, and to recognize that they are actors of change in supporting its implementation. WHRDs can play an important role in ensuring that development efforts leave no one behind by highlighting gaps and challenges, in particular as they relate to the most vulnerable and marginalized in society.

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If you do not have a UN or CSW pass and would like to attend please RSVP to imag@mfa.no,
by 1:00pm 6 March

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

