



The UN Declaration on HRDs at 20: Legitimizing the work of Women Human Rights Defenders

The UN Declaration on Human Rights Defenders is a landmark in human rights history, recognising that our freedoms depend on those who struggle for their protection.

The Declaration has played an important role in expressly stating the right to defend human rights, and outlines the duties of States in this regard. As it forms the basis of key protection mechanisms, such as national and regional guidelines for the protection of human rights defenders, it has thus legitimated the work of human rights defenders.

Twenty years on, women human rights defenders are marking this anniversary year to reflect on the significance of the Declaration to their work, movements and identities. Join us for this dynamic conversation on making WHRDs visible in the implementation of the Declaration!

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13:15-14:30

Panelists:

Conference Room 11

Opening remarks by Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway

Evdokia Romanova, Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights

Weaam Youssef, Gulf Centre for Human Rights

Alma Sinumlag, Cordillera Women's Education Action Research Center

Lopa Banerjee, UN Women Civil Society Division

Closing remarks by Ms Neziha Labidi, Minister of Women, the Family and Childhood, Tunisia