

Maison de la Paix: Implementing SDGs 5 and 16 – an (im)possible mission?

Wednesday 1 June 2016, 13:15-14:45

| Workshop description | |
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| Title | Working with International Women’s Human Rights Instruments |
| Focus and Key questions | <p>Participants will get an overview of most important human rights mechanisms relevant for gender equality and women’s rights such as the Convention on the Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). They will discuss how processes on international level can be used for policy dialogue with partner countries – especially with a view to the new Agenda 2030 and the strategic goal on gender in the new Message on the Swiss International Cooperation (2017-2020).</p> <p>OHCHR works on the following topics relevant for women’s human rights: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Sexual and gender-based violence, Femicides, Women, Peace and Security, Women Human Rights Defenders, Stereotypes and others. For more information visit the OHCHR Gender Unit Webpage: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Women/WRGS/Pages/WRGSIndex.aspx</p> |
| Topics | Participants will bring their topics of interest to the workshop. |
| Resource person(s) | Veronica Birga, OHCHR Gender Unit Jakob Schneider, CEDAW Secretariat (tbc) |
| Workshop procedure | <p>Presentation by OHCHR Gender Unit about their work and the international frameworks.</p> <p>Introduction to CEDAW and its mechanism.</p> <p>Discussion on how CEDAW can best be used by SDC for policy dialogue</p> <p>Participants share their experience and bring their specific questions on topics relevant in their working-context (early child marriage, FGM, violence against women, SGBV and others). This will help OHCHR to bring concrete country examples and guiding participants to their answers.</p> |
| Objectives | <p>Participants have an overview of most important human rights instruments and how they can be used for advocacy in their countries.</p> <p>Participants know where to search for information on their partner country.</p> |

Request to Participants: Please bring your questions and experience on working with human rights instruments.

Request to OHCHR and CEDAW: Provide input on concrete examples on how international cooperation can use HR mechanisms.