

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

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

Workshop description	
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
Workshop procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Brief introduction of the objectives of the Session (Veronica- 2 min)2. Brief overall introduction on women’s human rights: what are women’s human rights/where are they enshrined (Veronica 5 min)3. Zooming into the content of CEDAW- (Jakob – 10 minutes)4. The HR mechanisms to protect women’s rights CEDAW (Jakob 10 minutes) Special Procedures (Veronica, 10 minutes) UPR (Jakob- 10 minutes)5. Sum-up of how these mechanisms and their work can be used by participants and where information can be found (Veronica 5 min)6. OHCHR’s work on women’s rights- priorities, materials and field presences (Veronica- 5/10 min)7. Experiences from the field, Q&A (30 min)
Objectives	Participants have an overview of most important human rights instruments and how they can be used for advocacy in their countries. Participants know where to search for information on their partner country.