

Open Society Project

KIGALI DEBATE on Good Governance and Social Protection:

Regional Integration and an Inclusive Gender Approach

Thursday, 07th of March 2019, 11.30am – 1.30pm / Venue: IRDP office, KG 679 St Gisozi

until 11.30 am	Arrival / Registration of all participants + Soft drink
11.30 am	Introduction remarks by Dr. Eric NS. Ndushabandi, Director of IRDP and Jean-Claude Muhire, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Representative from the Rwandan Government (tbc)
<u>Presentation of</u>	Regional Integration and an Inclusive Gender Approach Schadrack Dusabe National Programme Specialist & Head of Programmes UN Women Rwanda
<u>Comments by:</u>	Marry Barikungeri, Women's Network
12.30 pm	Open Discussion with the audience and Light Lunch
01.30 pm	End of the Kigali Debate and Networking
Moderation:	Dr Jean Bosco Habyarimana Center Centre for conflict management / University of Rwanda

Background:




In times of the current global challenges, regional cooperation is becoming increasingly important. When states and governments agree on stronger cooperation, it benefits not only them but also the citizens of the respective countries: common answers are than identified and can serve to increase social protection and contribute to good governance. As the world is celebrating international Women Day, the Institute of Research and Dialogue for Peace (IRDP) in Partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) is organising a public debate on Regional integration and an inclusive gender approach. The focus of the two-hours "Kigali Debate" will be on gender aspects in a regional integration perspective. This inclusive approach is mandatory in order to guarantee the equal participation of women and men in all aspects of regional cooperation.

During the debate questions such as "*Where does East and Central Africa stand when it comes to gender equality?*" or "*Which protocols and international framework agreements will provide the future roadmap for implementing inclusive policies?*" will be raised. One focus will be on employment and labour of women: "*How can EAC improve conditions in the informal sector?*" The speakers are invited to answer, if there is any advocacy framework for women's economies at regional level? And further, how the members states are enabling a conducive environment for women leadership? Is there a regional approach for more Social Security Access when it comes to gender inclusiveness?

These and other related aspects will be discussed with the audience during a lunchtime snack.

Your organisation and further interested participants are cordially invited.

Speakers:

 <p>Schadrack Dusabe is a dedicated development professional with 15 years of experience working with Government, academia and International Organizations.</p> <p>He joined UN Women in 2015 from UNDP where he managed the Human Development and MDG project as part of the Strategy and Policy Unit. In that capacity Schadrack coordinated the Post-2015 Consultations and the subsequent SDGs piloting phases and spoke at various international fora debating those subjects. As Head of Programmes Schadrack coordinates the planning and programming framework of UN Women Rwanda. Schadrack holds a Master degree of Arts in Development Studies from The Hague based International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam in Netherlands and a bachelor's degree in public administration from National University of Rwanda.</p>	<p>Schadrack DUSABE</p> <p>National Programme Specialist & Head of Programmes UN Women Rwanda</p>
 <p>Marry Barikungeri is a Gender, Peace and Conflict resolution advocate with over 2 decades of experience in championing women and girls rights. She is the founder of Rwanda Women's Network; a non-governmental organisation (NGO) dedicated to the promotion and improvement of the socio-economic welfare of women in Rwanda with an estimated reach of 150 000 people annually.</p> <p>She is currently the Chairperson of the African Network of Women Shelters (ANWS), an affiliate of the Global Network of Women Shelters (GNWS) in which she serves as the representative of ANWS, board member of the Huairou Commission and a member of the UN Women VAW – Peace and Security Reference Team. At national level, Mary is the Chairperson for the Joint Action Development Forum (JADF) at district level.</p>	<p>Marry Barikungeri</p> <p>Women's Network</p>
 <p>Jean-Bosco HABYARIMANA is a Researcher affiliated to the Center for Conflict Management of the University of Rwanda. He has a PhD in Peace and Development Research, obtained from the University of Gothenburg, School of Global Studies, in Sweden.</p> <p>He completed his MA in Peace Education at the United Nations mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica.</p> <p>Dr. Habyarimana's academic interests include, but not limited to, electoral violence prevention, brokers and brokerage in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, democracy and democratization, civic and peace education, curriculum development in peace and conflict studies, entrepreneurship for the social sector, etc. In his research, he focuses on the role of intellectuals in transforming communities for and in which they operate, putting specific focus on practices of violence prevention.</p>	<p>Dr Jean Bosco Habyarimana</p> <p>Moderation</p>

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Logistic notes:

The idea of the “Kigali Debates” is to create a space for scientific, interesting and evidence-based dialogue for sustainable peace and development in Rwanda. IRDP and FES Rwanda are planning to organise the “Kigali Debates” regularly (in general every last Thursday of the month). Interested participants from governmental a non-governmental organisation, national and international institutions are invited to join the debates, to learn and share experiences and to be part of the open society project. During the discussion, a light lunch will be served.

Every debate will not be longer than **90 - 120 minutes**, therefore participants are asked to be on time. A small transport allowance can be provided. Please, **confirm** your participation by email:

info@fes-rwanda.org or info@irdp.rw.

Internet links:

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UN Women :	http://www.unwomen.org/en
UN Women in Rwanda	http://www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/step-it-up/commitments/rwanda
Rwandan Ministry of Gender and Family promotion	https://migeprof.gov.rw/index.php?id=3
Gender Monitoring Office	http://www.gmo.gov.rw/index.php?id=188
Gender Impact of Regional Integration in the East African Community	https://www.cigionline.org/articles/gender-impact-regional-integration-east-african-community
East African Community Regional Integration: Trade and Gender Implications	https://unctad.org/en/pages/PublicationWebflyer.aspx?publicationid=210 6

Previous topics of the “Open Society Project”

01 / 2019	“100 years of Tripartite Dialogue – New perspective for Social Protection and the future of labour” (with the participation of the ILO / MIFOTRA) https://www.newtimes.co.rw/news/what-future-work-rwanda
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(not later than Wednesday, 06th of March)

Yes, I will participate

Name:

Family name:

**Institution or
Organisation:**

Email:

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At least 50% of the places are reserved for women, please note this in the nomination process.