



Invitation

With the support of the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations in Geneva, the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in Geneva and the Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations in Geneva the International Development Law Organization, IDLO, invites you to an interactive discussion on

Women's Access to Justice

during the High Level Segment of the Human Rights Council
Thursday 28 February 2013
13:00-15:00

Rooms XXIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

Refreshments will be served outside the room from 13:00

With the participation of:

Ms Miriam Estrada, former Minister of Social Welfare, Ecuador

Ms Erika Feller, Assistant High Commissioner, Protection, UNHCR

Ms Hina Jilani, Advocate of the Supreme Court, Pakistan

Ms Irene Khan, Director-General of IDLO

Ms Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children

Ms Paula Schriefer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, USA

The law is an essential tool for advancing gender equality. Justice for women, however, is more complicated than just adopting laws. Field practitioners from eight countries included in IDLO's newly released report, [*Accessing Justice: Models, Strategies and Best Practices on Women's Empowerment*](#), together with key experts and invited guests, will share their experiences on:

- The role of international human rights instruments in supporting women's access to justice at the domestic level.
- The challenges and opportunities of engaging with informal justice systems to improve women's access to justice.
- Good practices and lessons learned from the field on women's access to justice.

The lunchtime interactive discussion will be followed by two panel discussions in Room XVII from 15:00 to 18:00.