

Traditions as a barrier to rural women's access to justice in Central Asia and Caucasus

Tuesday, 28 February 2012, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Downstairs room at The Salvation Army, 221 East 52nd Street, New York NY 10022

Join us to explore strategies to improve rural women's ability to exercise their rights and access justice.

The panel will be facilitated by KARAT Coalition, who coordinated a regional initiative implemented in Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Poland, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, aimed at developing recommendations for the improvement of women's access to justice in the context of the CEDAW Committee's decision to elaborate on the General Recommendation on this theme.

Together with the panelists, we will discuss various barriers deeply rooted in customs and traditions that restrain women from using laws and other remedies to claim their rights.

The panelists will draw on their experiences with the regional initiative, focused on different types of women's rights violations that have critical impact on the situation and the economic position of women, namely: forced marriages, access to abortion, domestic violence and trafficking in women. The problems will not only be analyzed, but ideas for addressing them will also be shared.

The event will provide space for sharing ideas and exploring ways of empowering rural women to use the laws and justice system institutions to protect themselves from discrimination and human rights violations.

During the event English/Russian translation will be provided.

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