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Advancing the Implementation of CEDAW General Recommendation No. 39 on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls

Co-Organized by Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) and International Indigenous Womens Forum (FIMI)

Brief background:

UN mechanism and their implication at national level holds great importance to realize the rights of Indigenous Women. On October 26, 2022, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women adopted the CEDAW General Recommendation (GR) No. 39 on the Rights of Indigenous Women and Girls after the years of continuous effort by Indigenous leaders from around the globe. This document is crucial in actualizing the rights of Indigenous Women and Women with Disabilities. The member state of the convention are legally bounded to implement the newly adopted GR 39. However, many Indigenous Women are still unaware of CEDAW and its processes especially about the newly adopted GR and its implications at the local level. Furthermore, there has been minimal action from state to disseminate the information at the community and local level.

Rationale:

In order to enable an in-depth understanding of UN mechanisms and instruments, such as UNDRIP, the workshop will focus on the collective idea of rights and the universality of women's rights, specifically indigenous women's rights and intersectionality. The workshop will not only enable the participants to build linkages between the movement-building process and international instruments on women's empowerment and gender equality but also help them raise indigenous women's issues strategically and effectively at the regional and global levels. Further, this will support the indigenous women's organizations in creating an action plan for larger movement-building initiatives.

Objective:

This workshop is aiming to enhance the understanding of Indigenous women regarding different UN mechanism and CEDAW General Recommendation 39. The workshop will provide further information regarding how UN mechanism and GR 39 can be utilized at the local and national level to claim the rights of Indigenous Women.

Event day:

16th February, 2024, 1:00PM-4:00PM
Hotel Hardik, Kathmandu



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