



**Seminar 18-19 September 2013 organized by the Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights KIOS in cooperation with Amnesty International Finnish Section, the Finnish League for Human Rights and the Finnish NGO Platform Kepa**

## **Promoting Human Rights – *Human Rights Defenders as Actors of Social Change***

**Wednesday 18 September 2013** – Kuntatalo, Auditorium, Toinen linja 14

**Thursday 19 September 2013** – Workshops at Lintulahdenkatu 10 (KIOS office)

### **Wednesday 18 September 2013**

Kuntatalo, Auditorium, Toinen linja 14

8:15                    **Registration and Coffee**

#### ***Morning session***

9:00                    **Welcoming Words**  
Mr. Timo Lappalainen  
Chair of the Board of KIOS

9:10                    **Opening Speech**  
President Tarja Halonen

9:40                    **The role of the UN in the protection of human rights defenders and the special challenges of women HRDs**  
Ms. Hina Jilani , AGHS Legal Aid Cell, Pakistan

10:20                    **Challenges and results of the work of Human rights defenders in East Africa (TBC)**  
Mr. Hassan Shire, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP), Uganda

11:00                    **Discussion**

11:30                    **Lunch**

#### ***Afternoon session***

12:30                    **Human rights defenders promoting rights of persons with disabilities**  
Mr. Krishna Gautam, Living Centre for PWDs Kathmandu (CIL-Kathmandu), Nepal

- 13:00           **Defending the rights of LGBTI minorities**  
Ms. Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera, Freedom and Roam Uganda (FARUG),  
Uganda
- 13:30           **Protection of Human Rights Defenders**  
Ms. Mary Lawlor, Front Line Defenders
- 14:00           **Discussion**
- 14:30           **Coffee Break**
- 15:00–15:55   **Panel discussion:**  
What can be done to reduce risks of the work of human rights defenders?  
Chair Mr. Frank Johansson, Amnesty International Finnish Section  
Panelists:  
Mr. Qamar Naseem, Blue Veins  
Mr. Erik Lundberg, Unit for Human Rights Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
Ms. Hina Jilani, AGHS Legal Aid Cell  
Ms. Mary Lawlor, Frontline Defenders
- 15.55-16:00   **Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Ulla Anttila, Executive Director, KIOS
- 16:00-16:30   **Cocktail**

### **Thursday 19 September 2013**

Workshops at Lintulahdenkatu 10 (KIOS office)

- 8:15           **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00           **Opening of the Day**  
Dr. Ulla Anttila, KIOS
- 9:15           **Working groups**
- Working group 1: **Group has been cancelled**
- Working group 2: **Practical measures for enhancing the security of human rights defenders**
- Working group 3: **Strategies of human rights defenders for promoting human rights and social change**
- Working group 4: **Human rights defenders in Finnish foreign policy**
- 11:30–12:15   **Summarizing the Discussions of the Working Groups**
- 12:15–12:30   **Closing remarks**  
Dr. Ulla Anttila, KIOS

## Workshop sessions

### Working group 1

The group has been cancelled

### Working group 2

#### **Practical measures for enhancing the security of human rights defenders**

Chair: Päivi Mattila, the Finnish League for Human Rights

Mr. Charlie Lamson, Front Line Defenders

Mr. Qamar Naseem, Blue Veins (Women Welfare and Relief Services), Pakistan

Mr. Hassan Shire, East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project (EHAHRDP), Uganda

### Working group 3

#### **Strategies of human rights defenders for promoting human rights and social change**

Chair: Dr. Reetta Toivanen, the Finnish League for Human Rights

Ms. Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera, Freedom and Roam Uganda (FARUG), Uganda

Mr. Krishna Gautam, Living Centre for PWDs Kathmandu (CIL-Kathmandu), Nepal

### Working group 4

#### **Human rights defenders in Finnish foreign policy**

Chair: Dr. Ulla Anttila, the Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights

Dr. Petri Hautaniemi, Senior Officer, Unit for Non-Governmental Organizations, Ministry for Foreign Affairs Finland

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