



Minority Rights Group International (MRG), IIDA Women's Development Organization and the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Somalia to the UN

are pleased to invite you to a Side Event

Preventing and addressing violence against minority women in Somalia



Wednesday, 26 November 2014

13:00 - 15:00

Palais des Nations, Room XXIII

Panelists:

- **Ms Maryan Aweis Jama**, MP and Chair of Human Rights, Gender and Humanitarian Committee of the Somali Parliament, former Ministry of Women Development and Family Affairs
- **King Ahmed Iman Warsame**, Traditional Leader of the Gabooye people
- **Hon. Bibi Khalif Mohamed**, Head of Women Caucus, MP and member of the Justice Committee of the Somali Parliament. Former member of the Constitution Review Commission
- **Ms Farhiyo Yusuf Hersi**, Deputy Minister of Gender, Puntland, Somalia

Respondents:

- **H.E. Mr. Yusuf Mohamed Ismail**, Ambassador of Somalia, Permanent Representative to the UN
- **Ms Claire Thomas**, Deputy Director, Minority Rights Group International (MRG)

Moderator: **Ms Deqa Yasin**, Operations Manager, IIDA Women's Development Organisation

While the 7th session of the Forum on Minority Issue aims at exploring concrete ways to prevent, combat and remedy violence and atrocity crimes targeting minority groups, this side event will be an opportunity to explore in detail how these needs have been addressed in the past in the context of Somalia, and how they should be addressed in the future. Local and national stakeholders, from civil society and from the state will share their experiences and their analysis on how violence against minority women in Somalia is being or could be addressed by the different stakeholders, on the challenges ahead and on the ways forward.

Light refreshments will be provided

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