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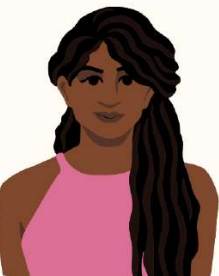
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NEWS FROM AFRICA



KILIMANJARO DECLARATION 2022 CONDEMNS SLAVERY AND DISCRIMINATION BASED ON WORK AND DESCENT (DWD)

Communications and Social Movements Officer, Abdurahmane Wone, TrustAfrica under the chairmanship of TrustAfrica's Executive Director, Dr. Ebrima Sall, moderated an information session on Slavery and Discrimination Based on Work and Descent on August 30, 2022 in Arusha.

This information session was part of the General Assembly of the Africans Rising. Following this brilliant session, the Assembly, in its Kilimanjaro Declaration, strongly condemned Slavery and Discrimination Based on Work and Descent (DWD). TrustAfrica's objective was, through this regional meeting, to better draw public attention to Discrimination Based on Work and Descent (DWD) and its harmful effects on Africa and Africans. It will be recalled that, in 2019, TrustAfrica had contributed to the establishment of a vast Network that fights against Slavery and Discrimination Based on Work and Descent.



TRUSTAFRICA HOLDS A DIALOGUE FOR FARMERS IN IVORY COAST

On Tuesday, 20 September 2022, TrustAfrica organized a dialogue on the issue of deforestation and youth labour. The purpose of the workshop, which was held in Ivory Coast, was to draw attention to the dangers of deforestation and child labour in Africa. The workshop also aimed to improve participants' knowledge of the new Forestry Law under Article 27 on Ownership of Forest Resources, including trees. About 20 farmers in the cocoa and oil palm sector participated in the Workshop.



TRUSTAFRICA AND WINGS, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PARTNERS SEEK TO STRENGTHEN THE WEST AFRICAN PHILANTHROPY SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM

After a two-days workshop at Le Niambour Hotel, Dakar, TrustAfrica and WINGS, in partnership with African Philanthropy Forum (APF), the African Philanthropy Network (APN), Center for African Philanthropy and Social Investment (CAPSI) at Wits Business School, Global Fund for Community Foundation (GFCF), and African Venture Philanthropy Alliance (AVPA), have resolved to strengthen the philanthropy support ecosystem in West Africa.

The workshop, which was held from 28 to 29 September 2022, on the theme: "Strengthening the West African Philanthropy Support Ecosystem" drew participants from more than 30 organisations and eight different countries. One of the outcomes of this convening was the decision to set up a network of organizations for more effective philanthropy in West Africa, as part of wider efforts to address the endemic lack of access to essential resources, which curtails development in the sub-region.

NEWS FROM ASIA

NEPAL

DEMAND FOR MEANINGFUL REPRESENTATION OF DALIT AND MARGINALIZED WOMEN



Kathmandu - Women leaders and stakeholders have demanded meaningful representation of women from Dalit and marginal communities in state bodies. Leaders and stakeholders participating in the discussion on 'Participation of Dalit and Marginalized Women in Nepal' held in Kathmandu on Tuesday said that there can be no meaningful representation of women from Dalit and Marginalized communities unless the state resolves it politically.

[Read more here:](#)



Women from 5 districts (Kanchanpur, Dadeldhura, Doti, Achham & Bajura) share their stories and experiences via this video. Participation and Voice for Excluded Women in Nepal (PAVE) project successfully concluded. The women from these 5 districts have actively participated in the Local Governance process. It is seen that there have been the increment in participation of women from marginalized communities in political parties as well.



Dialogue with Law Enforcement Agencies, Formation of district Advisory Committee, and Community Session in Dolpa district.

Samata Foundation recently concluded a series of Dialogues with Law Enforcement Agencies in Salyan, Rukum West, Jajarkot and Dolpa districts of Karnali Province. During the engagement, Samata Foundation also formed Advisory Committee in Dolpa district and conducted the Advisory Committee Meeting in Rukum West. Representatives from LEAs including Office of the Chief District Officer, Office of the District Government Attorney, District Police, and Elected Representatives participated in the dialogues along with the Press and Dalit Rights Activists. Community sessions were also held in each of the four districts, led by the Dalit Human Rights Defenders (DHRDs) of respective districts.



Teacher used to call her Khatiya after ruining the surname. Those who never answered Sona's Namaskar. Sona had received a scholarship. Teacher used to say, 'This is not a Dalit, this is a poor scholarship.' How similar is the wall of racial discrimination? The experience of gold says. Read through the struggles of Sona Khatik.

INDIA



As the climate change effects intensify, Dalits and Adivasis with their women, children, aged and PwDs adopt precarious coping strategies in droughts in Marathwada, Maharashtra. The study captures their trust with recurring droughts and caste/descent-induced vulnerabilities.

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A Study on the Impact of Droughts
catalysed by Climate Change on the
Dalits and the Adivasis of Marathwada
region of Maharashtra

National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights – NCDHR

CASTE DISCRIMINATION IS A PREVALENT PROBLEM IN #INDIA—EVEN IN SCHOOLS AMONG CHILDREN. RECENT INCIDENTS SHOWCASE THE DISCRIMINATION AND BRUTAL MURDERS OF DALIT CHILDREN BY SCHOOL TEACHERS.



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Dalit student dies after being beaten by teacher in U.P., Opposition mounts pressure on government



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Dalit boy beaten by teacher for drinking water from pot in Rajasthan, dies

A nine-year-old Dalit boy died on Saturday after he was allegedly beaten up by a teacher for drinking water from a pot in a private school in the Jalore district.

NEWS FROM EUROPE



Roma Care



European Commission releases the European Care Package – What’s in it for Europe’s Roma?

On 7 September 2021, the European Commission put forward the much-awaited European Care Strategy, aimed at ensuring quality, affordable, and accessible care services across the European Union, as well as at improving the situation for both care receivers and the people caring for them, professionally or informally.

The Strategy consists mainly of a Communication as well as two proposals for Council Recommendations, one on childcare (revising the Barcelona targets) and one on long-term care. It further includes a Staff Working Document, summarising the input received during the consultations carried out in preparation of the package.

ERGO Network has closely engaged with the preparation of the Strategy during 2022, with a view to raise awareness on the specific concerns of both Roma care givers and Roma care receivers. Among other advocacy efforts, we contributed to the call for evidence issued by the European Commission in April this year and have fed these messages also through other key lobbying opportunities. We have reviewed the proposed European Care Strategy in light of this input.

- [Read here our full analysis of the European Care Package!](#)



JOINT STATEMENT - 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

EU Anti-Racism Action Plan Anniversary: racialised communities in Europe continue to suffer while Member States fail to deliver

The EU Anti-Racism Action Plan has shown very little progress over the last two years due to a lack of commitment from the EU Commission towards tackling racism.

On September 16 2020, European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen delivered a speech with the pledge of effectively addressing racism in Europe. Through the EU Anti-Racism Action Plan (EU ARAP), the European Commission signaled its intention to seriously combat racism through a series of proposed measures. However, the negligible amount of progress made over the last two years reveals a lack of commitment and transparency leaving racialised communities far from the anti-racist Union von der Leyen promised.

Among the EU ARAP's most ambitious objectives is the implementation of national action plans against racism (NAPAR) in all Member States. Unfortunately, the information shared by the Commission on the NAPAR implementation process has been scarce, while national development processes have not always been very transparent nor inclusive. As a result, civil society organisations have not been able to actively engage with the drafting process or support the implementation at the national level, yet have noted gaps between local, national, and EU entities including missing instructions and lack of communication across government levels (local, regional, etc.). Although these issues are problematic, it is the far-right ideologies spreading throughout the continent that are a larger threat to the NAPARs.

Recently, the French government renewed its attacks against a civil society organisation advocating against anti-Muslim hatred, citing a divergence in conceptions of diversity as its justification. In Sweden, 214 Swedish Democrat candidates who stood in the last election could be linked to right-wing extremism. In Italy, a politician with the far-right League sparked outrage after implying that the party would rid the streets of Roma people if it wins general elections later this month.

"There are many countries across the EU bloc with issues of institutional racism. Whether we speak about France, Sweden, or Italy, far-right ideology is rising and racism is being normalised to a whole new level. The EU Institutions must recognise this threat and act, or any initiative for racial equality will be dead in the water," said ENAR Director (Policy, Advocacy, and Network Development), Ojeaku Nwabuzo.

The trend of rising far-right threats in Europe is only increasing, leaving racialised communities vulnerable to violence. In August, Alike Ogorchukwu, a black man, was beaten to death by a white Italian man in broad daylight. Despite the circumstances of the vicious attack, the police have refused to consider a racial motive to the crime. Meanwhile, the conflict in Ukraine has revealed another facet of European institutional racism in the double standards applied towards fleeing refugees.

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NEWS FROM LATIN AMERICA



Residents of the quilombola community São Pedro, in Eldorado (SP), are celebrating the definitive registration of the territory. After more than 20 years of waiting, last Friday (23) the association received the title at the registry office. “This is our place,” said community leader Valni de França Dias as he held up the document. Aurico Dias, who is a family farmer, community leader and one of the founders of the association that fought for the document, said the title represents achievement after years of struggle. “I realize it's a resistance, right? It is a freedom from our land, from our conquest. It was several years in the struggle and now we are having our conquest”, he said.

In 2001, the community secured the title to the land, and since then, it has been waiting for the definitive document attesting to the possession of the territory where the community was formed about 190 years ago. Also in September of this year, the association applied for the land title after a notification from the Land Institute Foundation of the State of São Paulo (ITESP), which operates in the land regularization processes. Days later, with the title in her hands, the community leader and founder of the association, Elvira Morato, said that the documentation will benefit those who have fought and lived in space and especially the next generations, as the children of the community will feel safer. to live in the territory.

“It will help our community, it is the future of our children in the community. We can't do much, but we're giving them that confidence. May they continue the fight. They are growing and we know that it passes from generation to generation and we need security so that they can live on the land without having to leave their places to live in the big cities”, said Elvira, who is also a family farmer.

Quilombola communities throughout Brazil are suffering from bureaucratization in the processes of demarcation and titling of territories. On August 30, the Federal Government published Normative Instruction No. 128, which violates the rights of quilombola communities and makes it impossible to enforce the constitutional rights of quilombola communities to access their historic and ancestral territories. CONAQ issued a note of repudiation.

[Read full text here..](#)



Culture, education, health, land tenure regularization, public policies for youth and women, environment and Afro-Brazilian spirituality. These were the main topics addressed by 70 quilombolas from the Amazon gathered at the Quilombo do Sagrado Coração de Jesus do Lago de Serpa, an Amazonian quilombo certified by the Palmares Cultural Foundation, a federal agency dedicated to the promotion and preservation of cultural, historical, social and economic values arising from the black influence in the formation of Brazilian society. Located in the city of Itacoatiara, about 270 kilometers from Manaus, the quilombo brings together 140 families and hosted the First State Meeting of Quilombola Communities in the Amazon, which took place between the 16th and 19th of September. During the event, the leaders of 10 quilombos in Amazonas, eight of which are waiting for definitive titles, founded the State Coordination of CONAQ in Amazonas. CONAQ is the National Coordination of Articulation of Rural Black Communities Quilombolas, founded in 1996, with the objective of guaranteeing the rights of the remaining quilombo communities in Brazil.

“It is a historic moment for the quilombola struggle in the Amazon. People try to hide us, saying that there are no black people in the Amazon. But we are here, we have our history, our territories and our culture. We are here because of those who fought and resisted before us and today we fight for those who will come after us”, said the quilombola leader of the Andirá River (Barreirinha municipality), Maria Amélia dos Santos Castro, whose life was portrayed in a book published by project New Social Cartography of Quilombola Communities in Brazil, with support from the State University of Amazonas.

Kátia Penha, national coordinator of CONAQ, mediated the Meeting, supporting the quilombolas of Amazonas in the elaboration and approval of the internal regulations of the Coordination, as well as in the elaboration of its Political Letter. Both documents provide the initial guidelines for the struggle of the quilombola movement in Amazonas, which from the creation of the state CONAQ gains organization and articulation with 17 other Brazilian states where there are also coordinations, such as in Pará, Maranhão, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Espírito Santo, Bahia and others.

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CDWD RIGHTS IN UN DECLARATION ON MINORITY RIGHTS

Descent Based Discrimination and the

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS



UN Special
Rapporteur on
Minority Rights,
Dr. Fernand De
Verennes

22 Sept @ 13.15 EST

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Dr Agnès Callamard, Secretary General Amnesty International
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Jointly with the OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva), Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GFoD) and The Inclusivity Project (TIP) organised a Side Event during the General Assembly on the 22 Sept, 1.15pm to 2.45pm EST at the Church Center for UN, 777 UN Plaza, New York. This was held in-person consultation with Missions, experts and leaders from the communities.

Minorities, such as Dalit women and girls are particularly targeted because of their caste, their origins, and there is in fact systemic discrimination against them which continues.

~ UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Rights,
Dr. Fernand De Verennes

The more we do to safeguard the rights of minority groups the more we do to take the world's most pressing challenges in hand. For now is the time for decisive action. This is the moment to recommit to the ideals of the declaration on minority rights, and we look forward – the United States – to recommitting to protecting minority rights.

~ Permanent Mission to the UN, USA,
S. Douglas Bunch

We must join our efforts to tear down the walls of caste, color, religion, language, work, descent, by engaging international, regional, and national actors and by bringing governmental and non-government to combat the persistent challenge that has been a reality for centuries

~ Advisor on Minority Section, UN OHCHR,
Dr Michelle Buteau

The intergenerational and historical oppression and caste-based discrimination is something that does not often come to the forefront of our thinking when we think of minorities and yet it affects an enormous amount of people around the world and it also affects diaspora around the world. It is something that people carry with them across boundaries, across countries, across generations, it carries even from life into death.

~ Secretary General of Amnesty International



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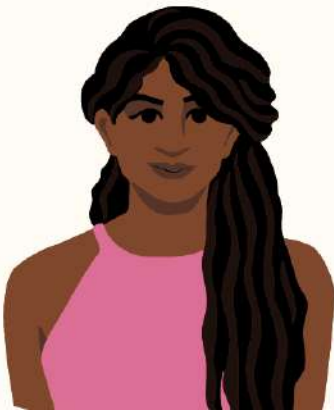
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GFoD has started the CDWD Rights Experts program in 2021 and is currently seeking applications for the next cohort of Rights Experts from Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent to support global advocacy and data collection processes at the national, regional and global level. Candidates will be recruited on the basis of requirements and qualifications listed below.

The position requires a high level of autonomy and responsiveness to engage in advocacy processes and a high interest and willingness to engage in national, regional and global advocacy processes. Elevating the national level advocacy of one particular community towards collective advocacy engagement for all Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (CDWD). The positions require approximately 30 hours per month for the duration of 12 months with a 3-month trial period with potential international travel.