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A historic resolution in Africa, participation in the Universal Periodic Review process, UN Forums on Business & Human Rights and Minority Issues, regional interventions - and more. Read on to know!

🌟 Historic win: ACHPR Adopts Resolution to Protect the Rights of CDWD in Africa



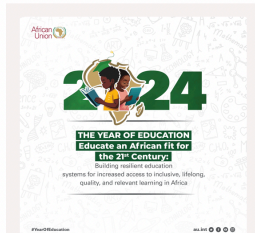
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ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

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12th November | In a historic move, The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) has adopted the Resolution on the protection and promotion of the rights of Communities Discriminated by Work and Descent (CDWD) in Africa - in the 81st ordinary session of the ACHPR in Banjul, the Gambia (17 October to 6 November 2024). Last year in October, the NGO Forum of ACHPR had adopted the resolution on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of the CDWD in Arusha, Tanzania ahead of the 77th ordinary session of the ACHPR.

The ACHPR is a quasi-judicial body established in 1986 by the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which is Africa's oldest human rights instrument. The ACHPR promotes and protects human rights across Africa region.

The resolution paves the way for recognition to the Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent in Africa; calls upon African nation states to take all measures to eliminate this form of discrimination; encourages the African Commission to realise a continental study on the situation of CDWD in the region, and more.

Link to the Resolution [here](#).

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Activists from Bororo & Baka Bageli leaders, celebrate the adoption of a landmark resolution. In videos: Hamadou Bilkissou, Medoume Benjamun Davy, and Mouhamadou Laminou.

The Mayor of Cavalcante, Vilmar Kalunga (Brazil) along with Vice Mayor and Quilombola leader Vercilene Kalunga congratulate GFoD & partners on passing of the historic resolution.



Queen Bisseng, GFoD's Africa coordinator on the historic resolution passed by the African Commission on Human and People's rights to protect and promote the rights of the

GFoD's Participation in the 48th Universal Periodic Review Pre-Sessions



Gambia's UPR Pre-Session: A Powerful Call for Change

GFoD in partnership with The Gambana International submitted a joint stakeholder report on the human rights situation of Discrimination based on Work and Descent in The Gambia. The Gambana International's Ali Camarra is also part of the RE program for 2024. The report was informed by the insights and evidence produced by GFoD's Senior Rights Experts, Alima Taal and Halimatou, and GFoD delegation's visit to communities in The Gambia in May this year. Based on the quality of the report, we were invited to be on the panel for 48th UPR pre-session - an opportunity to bring visibility and action towards the issues of CDWD in The Gambia.

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Ahead of Gambia's UPR Pre-Session, GFoD delegates Alima Taal, Bangally Camara, and Dinesh Jonnakuty had the privilege of meeting with members of the National Human Rights Commission of The Gambia (in picture) to discuss critical issues. The discussions were a step toward deepening collaboration and ensuring that the voices of communities discriminated on work and descent are heard at national and international levels.

We also met with Ms Fatoh Baldeh (MBE) - women in liberation and leadership - to talk about the strong intersectionality with FGM, GBV and women and girls from CDWD communities.





Alima Taal puts forth CDWD experiences and recommendations in the UPR 48 Pre-session

During the UPR Pre-Session, Alima Taal, on behalf of The Inclusivity Project and GfOD, delivered a compelling speech calling for urgent action to address caste and descent-based discrimination in The Gambia. Her statement highlighted the experiences of discriminated communities in the countries and emphasized the need for recognition, rights, and systemic change to tackle the severe challenges. The powerful words of Alima Taal in Geneva reaffirmed the importance of international solidarity and accountability in the fight for equality, justice, and human rights.

This moment marks another critical step in our continued advocacy for marginalized communities and our commitment to raising awareness about issues like caste-based discrimination, which remains a pervasive issue in many parts of the world.

During the pre-session week, the GfOD delegation met with 11 Permanent Mission to highlight the recommendations we were making to address DWD in The Gambia.

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"Caste systems have been recognized as a characteristic of all the major ethnic groups in The Gambia, including the Mandinka, the Fula, the Wollof, the Sarahule, and the Serer tribes."

"The NRHC, Gambia has strongly condemned the discrimination of so-called slaves by so-called nobles, emphasizing that such practices are illegal and unlawful."

— Alima Taal at the Gambia 48th UPR Pre-session

The Inclusivity Project

EU-NGO informal exchange on UPR48

Bangally Camara represented The Gambana International and Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GfOD) in the traditional informal exchange between NGOs and EU Member States about the 48th session of the UPR (January 2025).

As part of the Gambia UPR pre-session, the GfOD delegation were invited to an EU-NGO exchange where Bangally Camara had the opportunity to make a statement before the EU delegation consisting of the 27 member states on the situation of the CDWD in the country.



Addressing the Struggles of the Roma Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina

GfOD also produced a factsheet to push for recommendations in relation to the key issues facing Roma community in the Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) for their upcoming review (48th session).

Key Issues Facing the Roma Community include Employment, Housing crisis, Education and Health inequalities, among others. See the factsheet by clicking the image.

Poverty, prejudice, and neglect continue to trap Roma communities in insecure, informal jobs, and

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hinder their progress. Through our #CDWD campaign, GFoD and Ergo Network are raising awareness and advocating for change. It's time to address these injustices and ensure basic rights and opportunities for the Roma.

Geneva, 2024: GFoD at the UN Forum on Business & Human Rights; and Forum on Minority Issues

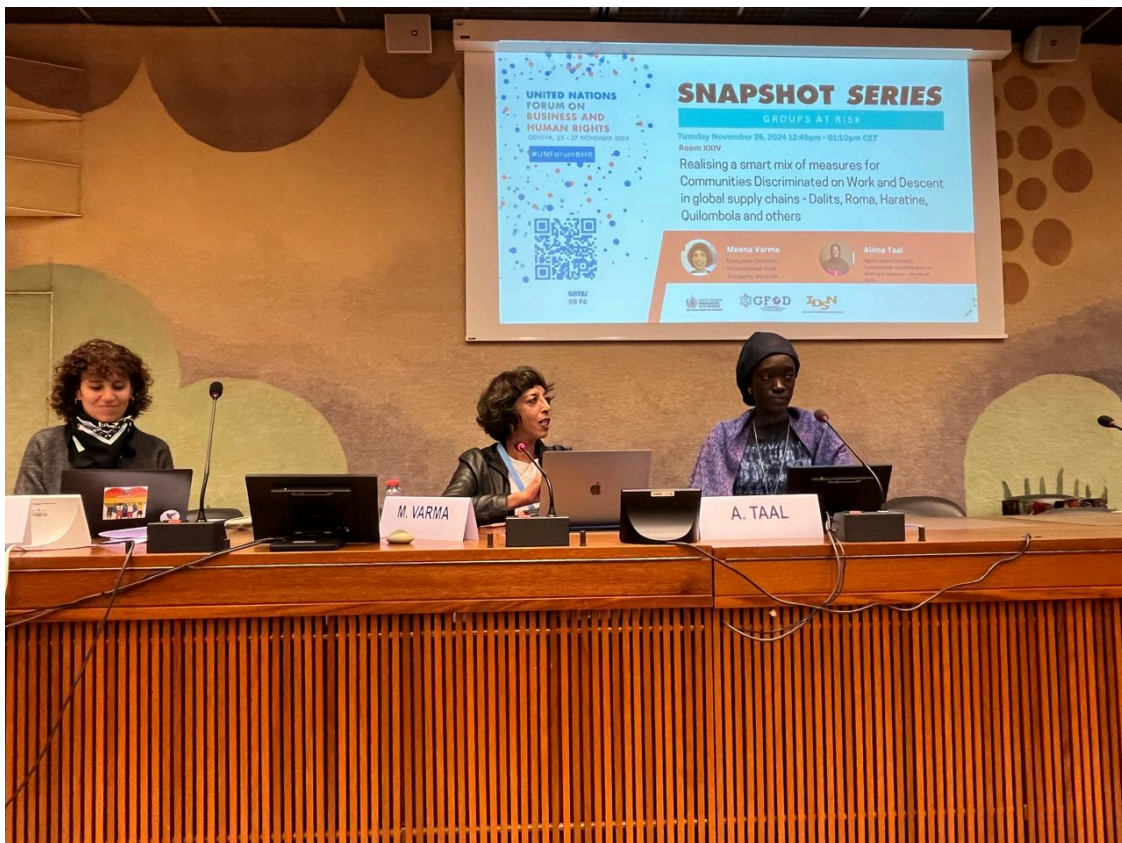
UN Forum on Business & Human Rights

The 13th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights, held from November 25 to 27, 2024, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, centered on the theme: "Realizing the 'Smart Mix of Measures' to Protect Human Rights in the Context of Business Activities." During this forum, GFoD co-organized two major side-events; held significant meetings with various stakeholders, organized social media campaign on Business & Human Rights with respect to #CDWD, and more.

Representing CDWD in UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights' Snapshot Series

26/11/2024 | GFoD, along with International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN) was a co-organizer with UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights for the Snapshot Series session on groups at risk: Realising a smart mix of measures for Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent in global supply chains - Dalits, Roma, Haratine, Quilombola and others. The speakers for this event were Meena Varma, Executive Director, IDSN; and Alima Taal, GFoD Sr. Rights Expert. Alima highlighted the unique situation of CDWD across continents in Global Supply Chains that stems from descent and work based discrimination.

Zooming in on the situation of Dalits, Meena highlighted the caste based discrimination faced by the community in supply chains and explored ways to address these issues. The presentations were followed by a round of Q&A. **The event served as a significant milestone in having CDWD recognized as a 'group at risk' in business activity at the United Nations - since this is a timely and urgent issue that needs to be addressed by all stakeholders involved.**





Side event on Realizing a Smart Mix of Measures for CDWD in the Context of Business Activity

On the final day 27 of November of the UNForumBHR, GFoD concluded its impactful side event focused on Realizing a Smart Mix of Measures for the Communities Discriminated on Work & Descent (CDWD) in the context of Business Activity. It was an enlightening discussion on business and human rights, with key insights on how to leave no one behind in global supply chains and business practices. Moderator Beena Pallical, Chair of the Asia Dalit Rights Forum, set the stage by addressing the challenges faced by CDWD communities in supply chains. She highlighted how mixed measures—policy, legislation, and corporate responsibility—can help address these issues effectively.

GFoD's Simona Torotcoi spoke about the Roma community and the unique challenges faced by CDWD communities in Europe and beyond. She emphasized the impact of the current labor market and called on states, businesses, and civil society organizations (CSOs) to take collective action for inclusion and equity. Nimalka Fernando shed light on businesses in Asia that have thrived on cheap labor and unsustainable business practices. She raised crucial questions: What have these companies done to address workers' access to housing, health, and education? Salil Tripathi highlighted the situation of Dalits in the context of BHR, noting that caste discrimination is not limited to India. He discussed the global spread of caste-based discrimination and how businesses can and must take steps to eliminate this injustice from their operations. UN Special Rapporteur on Right to Development reflected on the challenges facing us in addressing discrimination based on work and descent in business activities; and suggested practical measures to address - especially stressing on looking beyond a western and global north lens to treat this phenomenon. The side-event brought attention to the issues of CDWD with respect to Business and Human Rights parallelly to the UN BHR Forum and brought together various stakeholders for dialogue.



Gfod delegation, in conversation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR.
Picture by Anthony Headley; see the gallery photos [here](#).

Solidarity Extended by the UN High Commissioner Volker Turk towards CDWD Rights

On 27 November, the GFoD delegation met with the UN High Commissioner Volker Turk. The Commissioner was impressed with the way GFoD was acting in solidarity, bringing together voices from across the globe to form a global movement to highlight the issues of discrimination based on work and descent. He said, "You are the torchbearers of what humanity should look at and resolve".



We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to Volker Turk, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, for his solidarity and support of our mission to protect the rights and dignity of Communities Discriminated on Work & Descent (CDWD). In his recent remarks, High Commissioner Turk powerfully reaffirmed the urgency of our collective mission to ensure that no one is left behind in our pursuit of human rights and equality. His words serve as a reminder that addressing the challenges faced by marginalized communities, particularly those discriminated against based on work and descent, is not just a moral imperative—it is a global responsibility.

The support from UN High Commissioner Volker Turk is a vital step in amplifying the voices of CDWD worldwide, ensuring that we continue to fight for their human rights, dignity, and inclusion in all aspects of society. As we work toward creating a more just and equitable world, we are inspired by the strong commitment of leaders like Volker Turk, who remind us that LeaveNoOneBehind is not just a slogan but a call to action.



Meeting with Rory Mungoven, Chief Asia Pacific Region, Raghu Menon, Claude Cahn (Human Rights Officers, OHCHR)

GFoD delegation met with the OHCHR on 26 November to discuss CDWD human rights issues including strategies to address CDWD by strengthening the policy tools including the Guidance Tool to address descent based discrimination published by the OHCHR in 2017, embedding CDWD within the strategic mandates of the OHCHR and coordinating a discussion with special mandate holders on how to better address CDWD issues.

Meeting with Chidi King, Chief of the Gender, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Branch, ILO

The discussion with International Labour Organization emphasized the systemic exclusion and hereditary discrimination that unite these groups under the common theme of "work and descent."

Chidi King provided insights on the connection between the element of Work in CDWD and the ILO's mission, specifically its role in setting labor standards to protect vulnerable workers. Chidi King expressed strong interest in the intersection of CDWD issues with the ILO's work, particularly through labor standards and monitoring frameworks. She emphasized the importance of aligning CDWD advocacy with ILO conventions, such as 100 and 111, to ensure tangible policy and practice outcomes.



Strategizing with CERD to Advance CDWD Issues at the UN

GFoD representatives (Simona, Beena, Alima, Paul, Corinne, Zakir) met with Gay McDougall, an independent expert with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), to strategize on advocacy process on CDWD issues at the UN. Some of the key suggestions included organizing side events at forums like the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), proposing a CERD briefing to raise awareness, and identifying funding opportunities. Next steps involve coordinating with CERD and engaging key allies.

GFoD Delegation Meets with UK Mission in Geneva

We are pleased to share that the GFoD delegation had a highly productive meeting with Gemma Edom from the UK Mission in Geneva. During the discussion, Gemma expressed strong support for GFoD’s advocacy efforts, particularly in addressing several critical issues related to discrimination based on work and descent.

Key topics discussed included Caste Discrimination in The Gambia, challenges faced by the CDWD - Roma community in Bosnia and Herzegovina; global issues of DWD and more.



Engagements on CDWD concerns in Brazil

GFoD delegation held a meeting with the Brazilian Mission to the United Nations, Thiago Melamed de Menezes and Camila Mandel Barros. The meeting began with an introduction to CDWD by Paul, Simona, Alima, and Johannes. The Brazilian Mission emphasized its focus on Afro-descendants, aligning with priorities outlined in the Durban Programme of Action, particularly around land ownership, historical memory, and property rights. Brazil acknowledged the presence of Roma in Brazil and highlighted recent initiatives supporting this community. They reaffirmed the country’s commitment to addressing the needs of marginalized groups, including Quilombola and Roma communities.



In Conversation with Chilean Mission to the UN, Geneva

GFoD delegation’s meeting with María José González Quiroz (Chilean Mission to the UN, Geneva) highlighted the recommendations made for The Gambia during the UPR, focusing on addressing systemic discrimination faced CDWD in the country. These recommendations emphasized the need for concrete measures to safeguard human rights, improve working conditions, and extend social protections to marginalized CDWD groups. The UPR recommendations for The Gambia were positively received, with María José expressing openness to further dialogue on their implementation and relevance to Chile’s human rights priorities.

Meeting with the Ivory Coast Mission to the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR)

The meeting began with GFoD’s Alima presenting the African dimension of CDWD, followed by Simona, who provided insights into Roma communities in Europe and Dalits in India. The discussion highlighted the global recognition of CDWD issues, key successes, and the importance of allowing for gradual progress in addressing systemic challenges. The response from Ivory Coast representatives was extremely positive. They expressed pride in the progress made within their country, noting that similar issues exist locally and have been addressed through legislative and policy frameworks.



UN Forum on Minority Issues



Focus on Youth Engagement Side Event (Youth)


17 28/11/2024 | An enthralling side event to the 17th session of UN FMI was organized by GFoD at Palais De Nations, building on youth perspectives around the representation of Descent communities in public spaces & discourses. GFoD Rights Expert and OHCHR fellow, Kunjani Pariyar Pyasi highlighted the need for substantive representation of Dalit youth and called International & National organisations to address caste based discrimination in schools, workplace & politics. Mentorship & capacity building for Dalit youth especially women.

Another CDWD youth leader from Mauritania, Hassane Mbareck Eidja, spoke about the prevalence of Modern Slavery in the country that impacts the CDWD youth and those fighting against it. Vira Dranhoi - Roma youth from Ukraine highlighted the situation of Roma youth in Europe & suggests recommendations. Nimalka Fernando of [IMADR](#) (International Movement Against all forms of Discrimination and Racism) touched upon various aspects of youth participation in Asia - cited examples of Dalit youth in Sri Lanka; and Burakumin in Japan. Sukhbir Thind of Plan International strongly recommended measures that must be taken for youth - including recognizing intersectionality, investment in sharing opportunities, positive engagement, addressing tokenism & more.

A key outcome of the event was the solidarity expressed by the UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Prof. Nicolas Levrant - who, in his closing remarks, acknowledged the need for a mandate / working group on the issues of CDWD and assured commitment to keep working on it under his mandate.


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Meet & Greet with the OHCHR Minority Fellows

 **25/11/2024** | GFoD hosted a Meet and Greet with the CDWD OHCHR Minority fellows from Europe, Asia and Africa - Vira, Elena, Kunjini and Hassane - in its Geneva office. The session turned out to be a beautifully productive evening with fun ice breakers, conversations around the challenges facing CDWD advocacy and charting out a pathway, networking and more. Paul Divakar gave a brief introduction to GFoD, its mission, and relevance to OHCHR's work. He highlighted GFoD's focus in Roma, Dalit, and Haratins. Dinesh spoke about the programmatic structure of the organization. Beena put forth the concerns regarding Gender and CDWD, and Simona spoke about GFoD and its work with youth. The Rights expert program was also mentioned by Johannes. This was followed by a group discussion on how GFoD and OHCHR fellows collaborate to advance CDWD globally.



CDWD Speak at the OHCHR Minority Fellowship Program 2024 Side-event

 **29/11/2024** | The side event, "Empowering Minority Voices" organized by OHCHR Minority Fellowship Program 2024 highlighted the OHCHR program and allowed for CDWD minority fellows to come forth and represent their communities in the event. OHCHR fellow, Elena Sirbu from the Roma community, spoke about the unique discriminatory practices prevalent against the community and the importance of Unity to address it. UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, Prof. Nicolas Levrant spoke on the program as an independent mechanism to ensure marginalized groups are present.

Interventions from the Floor: UN #FMI



At the 17th session of the UN FMI 2024, [Simona Torotcoj](#), representing GFoD, sheds light on the ongoing challenges [#Roma](#) children and educators face in educational spaces. Too many CDWD children are being excluded from education because of systemic discrimination.

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OHCHR Minority Fellow, delivered a powerful speech at the UN Forum on Minority Issues, shining a light on the harsh realities faced by some in Mauritania. He spoke about the generations born into slavery due to their ancestors' status, and how women and youth are often exploited. Hassan also addressed the political inaction of the Mauritanian government in confronting these deeply entrenched issues.

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OHCHR Minority Fellow 2024, delivered a powerful speech at the UN Forum on Minority Issues, calling attention to the critical underrepresentation of Young Roma women in public spaces and decision-making processes. These young women face systemic barriers, including ethnic and gender discrimination, limited access to education, and exclusion from public life.

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Rights Expert at GFoD, delivered a powerful speech at the UN Forum on Minority Issues, shining a light on the rising threat of online hate speech and its impact on marginalized communities. Her submission highlighted the urgent need for stronger safeguards against hate speech and for media platforms to take responsibility in promoting inclusion and respect for all.

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Rights Expert at GFoD, delivered a powerful speech at the UN Forum on Minority Issues, shedding light on the global presence of the caste system. She drew a parallel between the caste system in Gambia and the experiences of Quilombolas and Roma communities across the world, showing how caste-based discrimination continues to marginalize vulnerable populations.



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Release of Global Report on the Status of CDWD



The Global Report on the Status of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent was released by the Special Rapporteur on Minority Rights on November 28 during Forum on Minority Rights. The report emphasizes the importance of dismantling the purity-pollution paradigm and fostering inclusive societies. The report serves as a pivotal resource for understanding systemic discrimination globally.

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Strengthening regional ties: GFoD Global Convener in Latin America



Meeting the Palanque Community in Colombia

On 5th November, Paul arrived in Bogotá and had insightful meetings with Neris and Aiden, both GFoD rights experts and renowned authors. Their discussions delved into critical issues surrounding the Palanque community in Colombia and the strategies in advocacy work that could be adopted. Paul also travelled to Cartagena and the historic Palenque district to meet local leaders and community members.

Quilombola Community in Brazil

Paul's recent visit to Brazil from November 10–14 was a rich and inspiring exchange with Quilombola communities. He met key leaders, including Carlos, President of the Quilombola Association; Dona Procopia, the 91-year-old founder of CONAQ; a Roma leader fostering connections across Brazil; as well as schoolteachers, students, and youth leaders. Vercilene, GFoD Sr. Rights Expert but also a prominent local figure, accompanied him throughout the visit; along with Thais Soares who facilitated communication through interpretation.





Paul also visited the Kalunga province in Brazil - Quilombola land that forms a huge part of the state of Goias in Brazil. The community exhibits immense cultural & political strength. They elect their own community leaders and device collective system at province level. The community runs its own schools where the teachers are from the Quilombola background and the curriculum is focused on the community. This sets a great example of collective mobilization and development despite the challenges posed from the state in implementation.

Would you like to represent your community at the UN HLPF? Express your Interest now!



The 2025 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) will be held from Monday, July 14 to Wednesday, July 23. The theme will be “Advancing sustainable, inclusive, science-based and evidence-based solutions for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals to leave no one behind.”

Express your availability and interest in becoming a panelist at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum meetings and Expert Group Meetings (EGMs) by completing the HLPF 2025 survey by December 20th, 2024 ! Most official proceedings will likely will take place in New York City.

GFoD will support your fundraising efforts and provide logistical support to facilitate your role as an official speaker, should you be selected to be our speaker. HLPF official. The Stakeholder Group of Communities Discriminated on the Basis of Employment and Descent (SG-CDWD) will likely have only one (1) speaker for the 2025 High-Level Political Forum.

Please complete the HLPF 2025 survey below by December 20th, 2024:

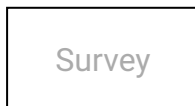
English - HLPF 2025 Survey:



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Spanish - Encuesta FPAN (HLPF) 2025:



Call for Expressions of Interest: GFoD Civil Society Preparations for the 2025 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs)



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Call For CSOs
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Join us in amplifying CDWD voices!

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEWS

The Global Forum of Communities Discriminated on Work and Descent (GFoD) invites civil society organizations, advocates, and experts to participate in our preparation process for the 2025 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs).

This initiative is designed to:

- Raise the voices of Communities Discriminated by Work and Descent (CDWD) in the global VNR process.
- Build capacity for CDWD-focused engagement through a tailored Webinar Series (online)

Together, let's ensure no one is Left behind!

Register by December 15th, 2024

For the last few years, the GFoD as part of the UN Major Groups and Other Stakeholders, has been engaging in the National Voluntary Reviews (VNRs), presenting the viewpoint of our communities across the world (i.e., Roma, Haratins, Buraku, Dalits, Quilombola, etc.). The Major Groups and Other Stakeholders provide the space for stakeholder engagement around the High Level Political Forum (HLPF).

This year we would like to support those civil society representatives and other stakeholders interested in getting involved into their national VNRs, by providing the in-house knowledge and resources (i.e., training) on how to best engage in such advocacy activities from the perspective of CDWD through a series of monthly online webinars.

If you are a CSO, advocate, or expert interested in ensuring CDWD voices are heard in the 2025 VNR process, register for the Webinar Series to build your understanding and capacity.

To express your interest please fill out this form by December 15, 2024:

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A Look at Regional and sub-regional Engagements

Participating in the 8th South & South-West Asia Subregional Forum on the Sustainable Development



The 8th South & South-West Asia Subregional Forum on the Sustainable Development took place in New Delhi with wide participation from United Nations, States, CSOs and other stakeholders. Members from National Campaign on Dalit Human Rights, Asia Dalit Rights Forum and GFoD participated in the forum in person as well as virtually, and raised the issues pertaining to caste and how they affect the discriminated Dalit communities in the subregion. The forum focused on the SDGs 3, 5, 8, 14 and 17 - with states presenting the progress of these SDGs and group discussions taking place on the status of the SDGs as well as strategies to address the specific challenges.

Engagements at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) to advocate for Roma Rights



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Simona Torotcoi represented GFoD and Roma community in North Macedonia at the OSCE Mission to Skopje, where key initiatives addressing inclusion and discrimination against Roma communities were discussed. The event showcased efforts to promote multiculturalism and inclusive education, including the landmark desegregation of primary schools in Bitola, supported by the Municipality and local leadership. Simona highlighted some key issues such as ongoing school segregation issues, intersectional challenges faced by Roma women, including forced marriage, limited access to reproductive health services, and employment barriers; She advocated for stronger measures to improve housing conditions in substandard settlements, aligning with the Roma Inclusion Strategy, and called for continued monitoring and action plans to ensure sustainable progress beyond 2024.

Torotcoi Simona, GFoD's Roma Rights Coordinator for Europe, recently participated in the OSCE/ODIHR expert workshop, "Exploring Achievements and Challenges of the Past and Present: What Lies Ahead for the Future of Roma and Sinti Human Rights in the OSCE Area" held on November 7-8, 2024, in Warsaw, Poland. During the workshop, Simona joined distinguished Roma experts to discuss critical issues surrounding Roma and Sinti rights. Simona shared ERGO and GFoD's work and engagement in key United Nations mechanisms—specifically the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and UN Special Procedures—to strengthen human rights protection for Roma communities.



Submissions to UN Special Rapporteurs

This month, GFoD made two submissions to UN Special Rapporteurs with an aim to visiblize the challenges faced by CDWD in the particular thematic and geographical contexts.

Input for the OHCHR report on ensuring quality education for peace and tolerance for every child

Submission to the Special Rapporteur on Contemporary forms of Slavery, Tomoyo Obokata , Country visit to Australia, November 2024

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