

**DAY OF GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE RIGHT TO SEXUAL
AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**

Palais des Nations, Room XII, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 November 2010

PROGRAMME

10h- 10h20 - INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Jaime Marchán Romero, Chairperson, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Rocio Barahona-Riera, Member and Rapporteur for the formulation of a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights – Day of general discussion and general comment

10h20 – 11h40: PANEL 1: CONCEPT OF RIGHT TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH – Chair: Luz Melo, UNFPA

Alicia Yamin, Harvard University – Concept of right to sexual and reproductive health

Catherine D'Arcangues, WHO – Components of the right to sexual and reproductive health

Rajat Khosla, Amnesty International – Elements of the right to sexual and reproductive health and limitations

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11h40 – 13h00: PANEL 2: NORMATIVE ASPECTS – Chair: Jane Connors, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Sofia Gruskin, Harvard University – Obligations of States parties in guaranteeing the right to sexual and reproductive health

Luz Melo, UNFPA – Vulnerable and marginalized groups

Rafael Mazin, PAHO – Health systems, States parties obligations and the right to sexual and reproductive health

Leah Hoctor, International Commission of Jurists – Violations and implementation at the national level

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15h00 – 16h25: PANEL 3: CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES – Chair: Craig Mokhiber, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

Madhu Mehra, Partners for Law in Development – Cross-cutting issues

Karen Steffiszyn, University of Pretoria – The right to sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS

Vivek Divan, UNDP – Criminalization and legal protection issues relating to the right to sexual and reproductive health

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16h25 – 17h45: PANEL 4 – CONCLUSIONS. Chair: Rocio Barahona-Riera, Member and Rapporteur for the formulation of a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Dainius Puras, Committee on the Rights of the Child – Child rights and a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health

Dubravka Šimonović, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women – Women's rights and a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health

Ximena Andion, Center for Reproductive Rights – Critical issues for further discussions

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17h45 – 18h00: CLOSING REMARKS

Rocio Barahona Riera, Member and Rapporteur for the formulation of a general comment on the right to sexual and reproductive health, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

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