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## **Women and Poverty: A Human Rights Perspective**

**Kigali, Rwanda**

**April 28 – 30, 2014**

### **Call for Papers**

The Oxford Human Rights Hub is pleased to announce a call for papers for a major global conference on *Women and Poverty: A Human Rights Perspective* to be held in Kigali, Rwanda on April 28-30, 2014.

This conference will bring together and foster a network among leading academics in various disciplines, legal practitioners, prominent local, regional and international NGOs, human rights bodies, governmental officials, doctoral students and early career researchers working in poverty, gender equality and human rights.

This conference is being held by the Oxford Human Rights Hub in partnership with the Oxford Martin School's *Human Rights for Future Generations* Programme, Professor Evance Kalula, of the University of Cape Town, and Dr Emmanuel Ugirashebuja, the Dean of the Law School at the National University of Rwanda, with the support of the Chief Justice Sam Rugege, Chief Justice of Rwanda

### **Conference Overview**

While the feminization of poverty has long been a recognized phenomenon, gender inequality and poverty are often conceptualized as two separate problems. Poverty is often addressed from a gender neutral standpoint rather than a comprehensive, integrated and holistic gendered

perspective. This fails to capture the many inter-locking human rights violations experienced by impoverished women. This invisibility is compounded by the misconception that economic prosperity or an increase in human development corresponds to an increase in gender equality and empowerment.

With the post-2015 Development Goals prominent on the international and national agenda, it is a key moment to pause and shine the spotlight on human rights responses to gendered poverty. This conference aims to bring together a diverse group of participants to explore current developments, to analyse existing weaknesses and to attempt to point towards future improvements in the ways in which human rights frameworks can address these problems.

Participants will present new scholarship on key issues on the role of human rights law in relation to gender, poverty and inequality.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Chief Justice of Rwanda Sam Rugege (Supreme Court of Rwanda);
- Justice Kate O'Regan (former Constitutional Court Justice of South Africa);
- Professor Olivier de Schutter (United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food);
- Dr Chaloka Beyani (United Nations Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);
- Dr Jeni Klugman (Sector Director-Gender and Development, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Network, World Bank);
- Chris Mburu (United Nations Senior Human Rights Advisor);
- Ms Patricia Nyaundi (Secretary to the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights);
- Professor Kamala Sankaran (University of Delhi);
- Professor E Vance Kalula (University of Cape Town);
- Dr Emmanuel Ugirashebuja (Dean of the Law School at the National University of Rwanda);
- Professor Timothy Endicott (Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford)
- Professor Sandra Fredman (Director of the Oxford Human Rights Hub, University of Oxford)

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We now invite submissions for additional paper proposals the role of human rights law in relation to the following key issues:

1. Women and Poverty: A human rights approach
2. Gender, Poverty and Internally Displaced Persons: A Human Rights Approach
3. Gender Equality and the Right to Development
4. The Challenge of Poverty and Intersectional Identities
5. Women and Economic Development: The Promise of Corporate Social Responsibility
6. Women and Work: Labour and Social Security
7. The Interaction of Women, Poverty and Customary Law
8. Exploring the Potential of Socio-economic Rights to Remedy Women's Poverty
9. Future Developments in research into the role of human rights law in relation to women and poverty.

We are particularly keen to encourage the participation of doctoral and post-doctoral researchers, as well as early career lecturers, and have set aside time for discussion of research in progress.

## Paper Proposal Submission

To propose a paper presentation at the conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words to the Oxford Human Rights Hub at [oxfordhumanrightshub@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oxfordhumanrightshub@law.ox.ac.uk) by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

Abstracts should include full contact details, including your name, department, institutional affiliation, mailing address, and e-mail address. *State the title of the stream to which you are submitting your abstract.*

Our aim is to facilitate publication of conference papers in the form of an edited book and journal articles.

Please note that we are only able to offer a limited amount of funding to support the travel costs of speakers with accepted papers. Please make all efforts to secure alternative funding.