



INVITATION

Friday 27th April 2018

[Altius Hotel](#) (Nicosia, Cyprus)

Discussion with the Euro-Med Network on the Istanbul Convention
&
Seminar on gender equality legislation

The **Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS)** is delighted to host the **Gender and Women's Rights Working Group** of the **Euro-Med Human Rights Network ([GWG EMHRN](#))**. We would like to invite local civil society, specifically calling on the participation of **Cyprus-based NGOs, women's rights activists, gender equality practitioners and academics** to exchange best practices & experiences, and also discuss current challenges as well as ideas promoting gender equality & the elimination of violence against women.

DRAFT AGENDA

Morning session

Recent developments in equality policy and legislation in Cyprus*

Discussion on Cyprus efforts in lobbying and working towards the implementation of the Istanbul Convention.

Facilitator: Ms. Christina Kaili, MIGS

9:45- 10:00 Welcome

Mr. Ionas Nicolaou, Minister of Justice and Public Order

10:00- 10:15 Opening remarks on the House of Representative's efforts towards the signing and ratification of the Istanbul Convention

Ms Skevi Koukouma, MP & Member of the House Standing Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women

10:15 - 10:30 Presentation of the legal and policy developments in Cyprus regarding the Istanbul Convention

Ms Susana Pavlou, Director, MIGS & President, Advisory Committee on the Prevention and Combating of Violence in the Family

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

Current developments on Cyprus family law reform

11:00 - 11:15 *Ms Roulla Mavronikola, Former MP, House Standing Committee on Human Rights and on Equal Opportunities for Men and Women*

11:15 – 11:30 Legal framework on sexual harassment in the workplace in the public and private sector: current developments

Ms Niovi Georgiade, Officer, Office for the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights (Ombudsman)

11 :30- 12 :30 Q & A Session, exchange of ideas and networking

** Simultaneous interpretation in Greek to English and Arabic will be available.*

Lunch 13:00 – 14:00 for all participants

Afternoon session

Gender equality laws in Europe and in the Arab world

The afternoon seminar will address the legislation on gender equality in Jordan, the Arab world and in Europe, in relation to the provisions of international law. Speakers TBC.

Presentation on developments and trends in the legislation on gender equality (followed by Q&A)

14:00- 16:00

Professor Muhammad Olwan (Jordan) and Professor Kalliope Agapiou-Josephides (Cyprus)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Group discussion on the opportunities for progress in the field of gender equality law.

For more information and registrations please contact Christina Kaili at christina@medinstgenderstudies.org or at 22 795152.



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EuroMed Rights is a network of more than 60 human rights organisations based in the Euro-Mediterranean area which aims to develop partnerships among civil society organizations, enhance the capabilities of local partners, and promote dialogue within and across the Euro-Mediterranean countries. The Women's Rights and Gender Equality Working Group was established within the network in 2004 with the mission of promoting gender equality and combating violence against women (VaW). The working group is composed of 17 women's rights defenders from 12 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region.