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“On the Way to Gender Democracy”

How to better implement women's human rights and how to find ways to address the injustice that hampers, belittles and suppresses their equal participation in society.

A Critical Contribution from the Austrian Perspective

What is the state of gender equality 15 years after Beijing? Statistics clearly indicate some progress in women's issues, but also the enormous workload still ahead of us. Today, women's policies are challenged by economic and social setbacks as well as by a general conservative backlash. A panel of experts from the Austrian administration and judiciary, who have all been members of the Austrian delegation to the UN Women's World Conference in Beijing, chaired by the former Austrian Minister for Women and Head of the Austrian delegation in Beijing, Helga Konrad, will discuss possible responses to these challenges.

Helga Konrad, Chair

Former Minister for Women of the Republic of Austria

International Consultant on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Elfriede Fritz

Ministry of Finance, Chairperson of the Working Group on Equal Treatment and Gender Mainstreaming Commissioner

"Gender Mainstreaming and Gender Budgeting - helpful strategies for gender equality, developments in Austria after Beijing 1995"

Lilian Hofmeister

Judge, Commercial Court Vienna, Substitute Justice at the Austrian Constitutional Court

"Harmful practices under Art 5a CEDAW"

Constanze Kren

Ministry of Justice, General Director for Personnel and Administration

"Judiciary and society – a gender-related view on recent developments"

Christine Stromberger

Ministry of Education, the Arts and Culture, Department for International Relations

"Equally prepared for life – Is there a need for gender-specific (education) policies?"

2 March 2010, 9:00am -10:00am
Conference Room C (Temporary North Lawn Building)

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