

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

International Conference and Photo Exhibition

Deepening Diversity, Women's Rights and Democracy

Addressing Racial Discrimination and Gender Based Violence with Special Emphasis on Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas

Date: 19-20 January 2018 **Time:** 9am-5pm

Venue: Conference Hall 2 & 3, India International Centre, 40 Max Muller Marg, New Delhi-110001

Organised by

Control Arms Foundation of India, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network, Northeast India Initiative for Peace in collaboration with Multiple Action Research Group with support from European Union

Friday, 19th January 2018

Timing	Programme
9.00 am	Registration

Timing	Session I : Inaugural Session <i>Chair: Dr. AnuradhaChenoy, Dean, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Honorary Vice President of Control Arms Foundation of India</i>
9.30 am	Welcome video and Statement by Ms Binalakshmi Nepram, Founder, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and Control Arms Foundation of India
9.50 am	Statement by Ms. Anju Talukdar, Director, Multiple Action Research Group, New Delhi
10.00 am	Statement from Guest of Honour, Her Excellency, Cruz Mariela Alvarez, Ambassador, Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica to India
10.10 am	Statement by European Union Delegation Representative, New Delhi
10.20 am	Keynote speech by Dr. Krishna Menon, Professor, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, New Delhi
10.40 am	Statement by Special Guest, Ms. SanjuktaParashar, IPS, Superintendent of Police, National Investigation Agency, Ministry of Home Affairs
10.50 am	Tea Break and inauguration of Photo Exhibition on Deepening Diversity, Democracy and Women's Rights by European Union Representative
Timing	Session II: Looking at Gender Based Violence with special emphasis on sexual violence in conflict areas <i>Chair: Dr. Krishna Menon, Professor, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, New Delhi</i>
12.00 am	

12.10 pm	“Sexual Violence against Women: International and Historical Perspectives” by Dr. Martha Saxton, Professor Emeritus of History and Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College, Massachusetts, United States of America
12.20 pm	“Reporting on the issue of Gender Based Violence especially sexual violence in conflict zones, the case of Thangjam Manorama and other stories from Northeast India” by Ms. Anubha Bhonsle, Indian Television and print journalist and an author
12.30 pm	Screening of short clip Story of Resolution 1325, Women, Peace and security by UN Women
12.40 pm	“Looking at way world tackles war crimes against women, inception of Security Council Resolution 1820: rape and other forms of sexual violence can constitute war crimes, crimes against humanity or a constitutive act with respect to genocide”, Dr. Shweta Singh, Assistant Professor, South Asia University, New Delhi
12.50 pm	“How media reports on Racial and Gender Based Violence with particular reference to India's Northeast” by Ms. Sangeeta Barooah Pisharoty, Deputy Editor The Wire, Delhi, India
1.00 pm	Discussions and Clarifications
1.10 pm	Lunch
Timing 1.50pm	Session III: Addressing Gender Based Violence especially Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones in Northeast of India, <i>Chair: UN Women Representative</i>
2.00 pm	“Status of women in State of Meghalaya especially sexual violence in conflict zones and ways forward” by Ms. Rebina Subba, Lawyer and Founder of “Shamakhami”, Shillong, Meghalaya and former member of State Women Commission, Meghalaya
2.20 pm	“Status of women in Mizoram especially sexual violence and ways forward” by Dr. Lianboi Vaiphei, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Indraprastha College, Delhi University
2.30 pm	“Status of women in Nagaland especially sexual violence in conflict zones and ways forward” by Dr. Rosemary Dzuvichu, Head of English Department, Nagaland University
2.40 pm	“Basic Changes Needed for Reduction of Sexual Violence in Delhi NCR” by Mr. Bharat Dogra, freelance senior journalist
2.50 pm	Group Discussion and clarifications
3.10 pm	Session IV: Addressing Racial Discrimination, social exclusion and prejudices in Delhi National Capital Region (NCR) and Northeast India and ways forward to promote diversity and inclusion <i>Chair: Dr. Rosemary Divichu, Head of English Department, Nagaland University</i>

3.20 pm	“Factors contributing to Racial Discrimination, social Exclusion and prejudices in India”by Dr. Umakant, Independent scholar
3.30 pm	“Analysis of Cross Cultural and social pillars contributing to Racial Discrimination, social exclusion and prejudices in Delhi NCR and Northeast India”by Dr. Rashmi Jaipal, Representative, American Psychological Association at the UN, Professor Emeritus Cross Cultural Psychology Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Center for Cultures and Communication Bloomfield College Bloomfield, NJ, USA
3.40 pm	“Status of Racial Discrimination in Delhi NCR, case studies from people from Northeast India living in Delhi NCR” by Dr. Govind Singh, Assistant Professor, Indraprastha University, Delhi University
3.50 pm	“Racism in India: Implications of International UN Human Rights mechanisms and country status” Ms. Ambalika Roy, Program Manager, MARG
4.00 pm	Discussions and Clarifications
4.10 pm	Session V: Looking at solutions to combatSexual and Racial Violence in India’s Northeast and Delhi National Capital region <i>Chair: Anju Talukdar, Director, MARG</i>
4.20 pm	“Developing Accountability mechanisms for measuring Racial Discrimination in India” by Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh, Peace and Security Analyst and Former Researcher at SIPRI
4.30 pm	“An analysis of budgetary allocations and implementation of some of the key schemes to address violence against women”by Ms. Kanika Kaul, Specialist, Gender Responsive Budgeting at Centre for Budget and Government Accountability (CGBA), New Delhi
4.40 pm	“Initiatives taken by Women Commission to combat sexual violence in Conflict Areas, a road map for the future”by Dr. Farida Shah, Member, Women Commission, Manipur
4.50 pm	“Presenting National Action Plan on United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security, Security Council Resolution 1820, on an Anti-Racial law and a diversity policy for India; How to make the State accountable to existing mechanisms on sexual violence and planning of a diversity policy” by Ms. SujataNingthemcha and Ms. Kalyani Mathur, CAFI team members
5.00 pm	Screening of short film “Peace Is Possible”, a film on implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, Women, Peace and Security made by welthungerhilfe, Control Arms Foundation of India and Anando, supported by European Union
5.10 pm	Vote of Thanks and Tea

Saturday, 20 January 2018

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Timing	Day 2:Inaugural Session
9.30 am	Welcome Statement by Ms.Reena DeviMutum, Coordinator, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network
9.40 am	Pre- Launch of Seminal Research and Writings: Addressing Democracy, Diversity, Racial and Gender-Based Violence with focus on Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas and film on access to State machinery to report crimes of sexual and racial violence launch by Guest of Honour, Ms. Grace Akello, Uganda High commissioner, Embassy of Uganda, new Delhi
10.10 am	Statement by Guest of Honour, Major General Chris Sunday Eze,High CommissionerHigh Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (to be confirmed)
10.20 am	Statement from Guest of Honour, Mr. Roger Emmanuel OBA, Charge d Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Congo
10.30 am	Screening of short film “World Humanitarian Day” by United Nations
10. 40 am	“Sexual Violence in India, sharing experiences of covering stories of violence” by Ms. Smita Sharma, independent Photojournalist
11.10 am	Tea Break
Timing	Session II: Role of legal service authoritiesin addressing Racial Discrimination and Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones
11.30 am	<i>Chair: Dr. Martha Saxton,Professor Emeritus of History and Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College, Massachusetts, United States of America</i>
11.40 am	Day 1 recap by Ms. SujataNingthemcha, CAFI team member
11.50 am	“Existing policies on eliminating Racial Discrimination around the world and India’s stand on drafting an Anti-Racial Law” by Dr. Nafees Ahmed, Professor, South Asian University, New Delhi
12.00 pm	“Provisions under Legal services to address sexual violence and racial discrimination and ways to utilize them” by Ms. KirenSingh, Member, Delhi Legal Service Authority, New Delhi
12.30 pm	“Provisions under legal services of Mizoram to address sexual violence and racial discrimination and ways to utilize them” by Ms. LalngaihsakiFanai, Advocate, Aizwal, Mizoram
12.40 pm	“Racial Discrimination of African Students in India” by Ms. EdrinaTanvi Newton, Student of Masters, Ambedkar University, Delhi University
12.50 pm	Discussions and clarifications
1.10 pm	Lunch
1.50 pm	Session III: Working at the grassroot on addressing Gender and Racial violence; Testimonies of beneficiaries, community justice workers and Student Representatives
	<i>Chair: Ms. Ruchira Gupta, Founder and Director, ApneAap Women Worldwide</i>

2.00 pm	Statement by Ms. Pantibonliu Gonmei, on “situation of sexual violence in Manipur”, President Rongmei Luh Phuam (Rongmei Women Organization for Manipur, Nagaland and Assam)
2.10 pm	“Testimonies on discrimination faced by refugees from Burma living in New Delhi” Mr. Cung Dawt, Coordinator, Chin Human Rights Organization (CHRO)
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2.30 pm	“Status of minority women of Assam; sharing cases of sexual violence” by Ms. Shaheen Hussain Nongbri, President, Char and Rural Development Society (CARDS)
2.40 pm	“Role of Delhi Police Northeast Representatives in addressing cases of racial and sexual violence in Delhi National Capital Region”, Delhi Police Northeast Representatives (DPNER)
2.40 pm	Student testimony by Mr. Arvind Tayenjam and Mr. Arpit Singh, Bachelors of Law (B.A. LLB) , Amity Law School, Noida
Timing 2.50 pm	Session IV: Finalising Strategies for addressing Racial Discrimination and Sexual Violence in India <i>Chair: Ms. Reena Devi Mutum, Coordinator, Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network and Ms. Anju Talukdar, Director, MARG</i>
3.00 pm	Screening of short film “Peace Is Possible”, a film on implementing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325, Women, Peace and Security made by welthungerhilfe, Control Arms Foundation of India and Anando, supported by European Union
3.10 pm	Presentation of National Action Plan on a National Diversity Policy by Mr. Yuri and team
3.20 pm	“Looking at ways the world tackles diversity and drafting India’s National Diversity Policy” by Ms. Barsha Mishra, Project Officer, MARG
3.30 pm	Discussions and clarifications
3.40 – 4.20 pm	Continuation from session on the road ahead: Ways to mitigate, the road ahead to address Racial Discrimination and Sexual Violence in Conflict Zones <i>Moderated By: Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh, Peace and Security Analyst and Former Researcher at SIPRI with CAFI and MARG team</i>
4.30 pm	<i>Valedictory Session by Dr. Thokchom Meinya, Member of Lok Sabha (to be confirmed)</i>
5.00 pm	Vote of thanks and tea

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