



Seminar 14-15 September 2010
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The Finnish NGO Foundation for
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DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday 14 September 2010 - Allergiatalon kongressikeskus, Paciuksenkatu 19, Helsinki

8:15 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**

Ms. Anne Romar, Chairperson of KIOS Executive Board, Service Centre for Development Cooperation KEPA

Ms. Gunvor Kronman, Vice Chairperson of DEMO Finland Executive Board

Morning session chaired by

Mr. Jani A. Seikkula, Vice Chairperson of KIOS Executive Board, Finnish Refugee Council

9:15 **Opening Speech**

Mr. Paavo Väyrynen, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development

9:30 **Key Note on the Interconnectedness of Democracy, Human Rights and Development**

Dr. Richard Youngs, Director General, FRIDE

10:00 **Discussion**

10.45 **Break**

11:00 **Ensuring Human Rights in Finnish Democracy**

Ms. Maija Sakslin, Parliamentary Deputy-Ombudsman

11:30 **Discussion**

12:00 **Lunch**





EQUAL PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

Viewpoints from political and civil society in Asia

Chaired by
(to be confirmed)

- 13:00 **Children's Parliament – Civil Society Experiences of Youth Participation in Nepal**
Ms. Anjana Shakya, Chairperson, Himalayan Monitors for Human Rights,
representing Partnership for Protecting Children in Armed Conflict
Opportunities and Challenges for Youth Participation in Politics
- Experiences from Nepal
Representative of the Joint Youth and Students Platform
- 14:00 **Discussion**
- 14:45 **Break**
- 15:10 **Right to Participation for Minorities in Post-Conflict Sri Lanka**
Mr. K.M. Rukshan Fernando, Head of Human Rights in Conflict Program,
Law & Society Trust
- 15:30 **Discussion**
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Cocktails**



Wednesday 15 September 2010 - Allergiatalon kongressikeskus, Paciuksenkatu 19, Helsinki

8:15 **Registration and Coffee**
9:00 **Opening of the Day**

EQUAL PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

Viewpoints from political and civil society in Africa

Chaired by

Ms. Elina Multanen, Member of KIOS Executive Board, UNIFEM Finland

9:05 **Right to Participation in Democratic Processes: Implications of Inclusiveness for Development in Rwanda, Burundi and DRC**

Mr. Kris Berwouts, Director, European network for Central Africa

Civil Society Actors Promoting Inclusive Democracy in Rwanda: Experiences of Promoting Workers' Rights

Mr. Alexis Rusine, General Secretary, Congress for Labor and Brotherhood in Rwanda

9:45 **Discussion**

10:15 **Break**

10:30 **Right to Participation and Right to Development in Ethiopia: Young Women Claiming their Space**

Ms. Meselech Wondimu Wube, Chairperson of Board, Bright Africa Women Development Association BAWDA

Example from Tanzania

Ms. Fenella Mukangara, Director, Gender Centre, University of Dar es Salaam

11:10 **Discussion**

12:00 **Lunch**

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

13:00 See workshop details on next page

15:00 **Coffee and Closing Words**

18:30 ***Democracy Party for the International Day of Democracy***
Restaurant Kaisaniemi, Kaisaniementie 6



WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Youth's Right to Participation and Development – Best Practices

Chaired by

Ms. Anna Ranki, Secretary for International Affairs, Finnish Youth Cooperation Allianssi

Panelists:

Mr. Simon Elo, Secretary, True Finns of Espoo

Mr. Dan Koivulaakso, President, The Left Youth of Finland

Mr. Moses Ntenga, Executive Director, Joy for Children - Uganda

Ms. Anjana Shakya, Director, Himalayan Monitors for Human Rights, representing Partnership for Protecting Children in Armed Conflict

Representative of the Joint Youth and Students Platform, Nepal

Women's Right to Participation and Development – Best Practices

Chaired by

Ms. Tanja Auvinen, General Secretary, NYTKIS - The Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations

Panelists:

Mr. Descartes Mponge Malasi, Executive Director, Actions des Chrétiens Activistes des Droits de l'Homme à Shabunda, DRC

Ms. Fenella Mukangara, Director, Gender Centre, University of Dar es Salaam

Ms. Kristiina Ruuskanen, Secretary General, Finnish Centre Women

Ms. Meselech Wondimu Wube, Chairperson of Board, Bright Africa Women Development Association

Representative of the Joint Youth and Students Platform, Nepal

Global Economic Structures and Right to Participation

Chaired by

(to be confirmed)

Panelists:

Mr. Kris Berwouts, Director, European network for Central Africa

Mr. Jaakko Kangasniemi, Managing Director, CEO, Finnish Fund for Industrial Cooperation Ltd.

Mr. Alexis Rusine, General Secretary, Congress for Labor and Brotherhood in Rwanda

Mr. Mikko Sauli, Chairman, Attac Finland

Representative of the Joint Youth and Students Platform, Nepal

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