

Gender and Human Rights in Kenya

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University of Fribourg, Miséricorde, Room 3024

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Fighting for human rights in Kenya is very dangerous, particularly for women. They are not expected to speak out and challenge the status quo. Women Human Rights Defenders (WHRDs) suffer threats, stigma and social rejection. Not only because of their human rights work, but also because of their gender.

What does a daily work routine for WHRDs in Kenya look like? What are the issues they are fighting for? And what are the particular risks they face? Thanks to the presence of Maria Mahia-Ini and Stephen Mwangi from Nairobi in Fribourg, you will gain first hand insights to the situation of human rights and the work of WHRDs in Kenya.

Opening by Prof. Dr. Regula Ludi

Presentations by Maria Mahia-Ini & Stephen Mwangi

Discussion

- **Maria Mahia-Ini** is a grassroots women human rights defender from Nairobi's urban settlements and one of the organizers of the WHRDs toolkit: www.toolkit-whrd-kenya.org/
- **Stephen Mwangi** is a grassroots human rights defender from Nairobi's urban settlements and coordinator of the Mathare Social Justice Centre