



Komisija za jednakopravnost spolova

Gender Equality Committee

Dear,

The Gender Equality Committee of the House of Representatives of the Parliament of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, with support of the Sarajevo Open Centre and Medica Zenica, has the pleasure of inviting you to:

- a thematic session on THE CURRENT STATE OF WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FEDERATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (8 March 2016, at 14-15:20), and
- a reading of the documentary play SEVEN (8 March 2016, at 16:00)

in order to mark the International Women's Day, as a part of the Gender Equality Week in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Both events are organized in the Parliament of the Federation of BiH (Hamdije Kreševljakovića 3, Sarajevo).

The representatives and delegates in the Parliament of the Federation of BiH, Ministers in the Government of the Federation of BiH and Representatives of the State, Entity and Cantonal legislatures and institutions, Civil Society Organizations, the media, political parties, International Organizations and Diplomatic Missions in BiH are all invited to the special session and the reading of the documentary play SEVEN.

The agenda and brief outlines of both events are attached.

We kindly ask that you confirm your attendance by 4 March 2016, at the latest, at: maida@soc.ba

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THEMATIC SESSION

THE CURRENT STATE OF WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE FEDERATION OF BiH

Tuesday, 8 March 2016, 14-15:20.

The Great Hall of the Parliament of the Federation of BiH,
Hamdije Kreševljakovića 3, Sarajevo

Although significant progress has been achieved in the last 20 years when it comes to women's human rights and gender equality, women are still frequently discriminated against and are often underprivileged. Women who face multiple forms of discrimination are particularly marginalized in the society. This special session aims to offer an overview of the current state of women's rights and to outline the challenges and priorities for 2016.

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| 13.45-14.00 | Registration of the Participants - Statements for the Press |
| 14.00-14.10 | Opening Remarks
Jasna Duraković-Hadžiomerović, President of the Gender Equality
Committee of the House of Representatives of PFBiH
Ana Vuković, Director of the Gender Centre of FBiH |
| 14.10-14.25 | Presentation of the Report and the Recommendations
<i>The Orange Report.</i>
<i>The Report on the State of Women's Human Rights in BiH in 2015</i>
Saša Gavrić, Executive Director, Sarajevo Open Centre |
| 14.25-14.35 | Presentation and the Recommendations
<i>Women victims of conflict-related sexual violence</i>
Sabiha Husić, Executive Director, Medica Zenica |
| 14.35-14.50 | Presentation and the Recommendations
<i>Domestic Violence - Guidelines for Strategic Action</i>
Zlatan Hrnčić, Expert Advisor, Gender Centre of FBiH |
| 14.50-15.15 | Discussion |
| 15.15-15.20 | Concluding Remarks
Jasna Duraković-Hadžiomerović, President of the Gender Equality
Committee of the House of Representatives of PFBiH |

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The special session will be conducted in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian.
Simultaneous translation to English will not be available.

The special session is supported by the
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
and the Norwegian Embassy in BiH.



READING OF THE DOCUMENTARY PLAY

SEVEN

Tuesday, 8 March 2016, at 16:00 hours,
The Great Hall of the Parliament of the Federation of BiH,
Hamdije Kreševljakovića 3, Sarajevo

SEVEN is a revolutionary documentary play based on the interviews with seven women's rights activists: Ferida Azizi (Afghanistan), Inez McCormack (Northern Ireland), Marina Pisklakova-Parker (Russia), Annabella de Leon (Guatemala), Mukhtar Mai (Pakistan), Mu Sochua (Cambodia) and Hafsat Abiola (Nigeria).

Difficult life stories of these seven women and their struggle represent an incredible source of inspiration for human rights activists around the world. The play SEVEN is based on the interviews collected in 2007 which were written down by seven award-winning screen-play writers: Paula Cizmar, Catherine Filloux, Gail Kriegel, Carol K. Mack, Ruth Margraff, Anna Deavere Smith and Susan Yankowitz in cooperation with the Vital Voices Global Partnership.

In order to draw attention to the violence and inequality that women in Bosnia and Herzegovina are exposed to, seven parliamentary representatives will read this text. Members of the House of Representatives of the Parliament FBiH make up the ensemble:

Alma Kratina (DF)
Damir Mašić (SDP)
Darjana Katić (HDZ BiH)
Dennis Gratz (Naša stranka)
Jasna Duraković-Hadžiomerović (SBB)
Kenela Zuko (SDA)
Vesna Švancer (SBB)

Before the reading the attendees will be greeted by:

- Edin Mušić, The President of the House of Representatives PFBiH,
- Paul Horowitz, Deputy Ambassador, The US Embassy in BiH.

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Please arrive promptly to reserve your seat.

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