



Jubilee Campaign's March 2022 Events for the Human Rights Council and Commission on the Status of Women

This March, Jubilee Campaign is partnering with numerous other organizations and even Permanent Missions to host four virtual events to various mechanisms of the United Nations on a wide range of topics from religious freedom to women's empowerment:

- **8 March 2022 @6:30 AM (Eastern)** - Protecting Life: Repealing the Death Penalty for Apostasy and Blasphemy
- **14 March 2022 @8:00 AM (Eastern)** - Free to Convert, Practice and Profess
- **24 March 2022 @2:00 PM (Eastern)** - Overcoming Legal Hurdles to Women's Economic Empowerment in a Climate of Insecurity
- **24 March 2022 @6:30 PM (Eastern)** - Unshackle the Women of North Korea

The poster features logos for Jubilee Campaign, the United Nations Human Rights Council, and various partner organizations including the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the UN, and the UN Mission to the UN in Geneva. It includes a row of six circular portraits of diverse individuals. The event details are listed at the bottom.

**United Nations Human Rights Council
Hybrid Side Event**

Protecting Life: Repealing the Death Penalty for Apostasy and Blasphemy

Date: 8 March 2022
Time: 6:30 AM (Eastern)
12:30 PM (Geneva)
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/5pfatjmx>

Protecting Life: Repealing the Death Penalty for Apostasy and Blasphemy

A UN Human Rights Council Side Event

The UN Secretary General in his annual report on the question of the death penalty made clear that the death penalty, “must never be imposed as a sanction for specific forms of nonviolent conduct such as apostasy, blasphemy, adultery, and consensual same-sex relations.”

This side-event is convened to bring together the cross-sectional advocacy regarding freedom of religion, belief, and expression, and activism to repeal the death penalty, acknowledging the “chilling effect” anti-apostasy and anti-blasphemy laws have on a plethora of other freedoms

for individuals from diverse religious and belief backgrounds.

Speakers: *Ms. Ann Buwalda* (Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign), *Mr. Jos Douma* (Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief, The Netherlands), *Ms. Chiara Porro* (Australian Ambassador to the Holy See), *Dr. Ahmed Shaheed* (UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief), *Mr. Morris Tidball-Binz* (UN Special Rapporteur on

Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions), *Dr. Mai Sato* (Director, Eleos Justice), *Dr. Khalid Masud* (Judge, Supreme Court of Pakistan), *Mr. Kola Alpinni* (Defense Attorney, Nigeria), *Ms. Fiona Bruce* (UK Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief), *Ms. Mariam Ibraheem* (Co-Founder of Tahrir Al Nisa and survivor of the apostasy law in Sudan), *Mr. Nasreldin Abdelbari* (Former Justice Minister of Sudan), *Ms. Nadine Maenza* (Chairwoman, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom) *Mr. Ibrahim Salama* (Chief of Human Rights Treaty Branch).

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2022

Time: 6:30 AM (Eastern)

Register Here!

Free to Convert, Practice, and Profess

A UN Human Rights Council Parallel Event

Despite international consensus on the need to abolish immediately and unconditionally blasphemy laws, apostasy laws, and other legislations which infringe upon the individual's right to manifest FoRB, at least 70 nations worldwide criminalize blasphemy, approximately half of which are majority Muslim nations and 22 of which similarly criminalize apostasy.

This event is convened to discuss laws and practices in Algeria, India, and Nepal which punish individuals for renouncing and/or adopting another religion, and address how policy makers can work to turn the tide and encourage more states to repeal apostasy and blasphemy laws.

Speakers: *Ms. Ann Buwalda* (Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign), *Mr. Youssef Ourahmane* (Vice President, Algerian Protestant Church), *Ms. Tehmina Arora* (Director, Alliance Defending Freedom India), *Mr. Ajit Sahi* (Advocacy Director, Indian American Muslim Council), *Dr. Michael Williams* (National President, United Christian Forum for Human Rights), *Dr. Mukunda Sharma* (Executive Secretary, Nepal Christian Society).

Date: 14 March 2022

Time: 8:00 AM (Eastern)

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 ABOLISH ANTI-CONVERSION LAWS AND APOSTASY PENALTIES COALITION

UN Human Rights Council 49
Parallel Event

FREE TO CONVERT, PRACTICE, AND PROFESS

DATE & TIME:
14 MARCH 2022
8:00 - 9:30 AM (EASTERN)
2:00 - 3:30 PM (GENEVA)

LOCATION:
ZOOM

REGISTER:
<https://bit.ly/3sZDD1h>

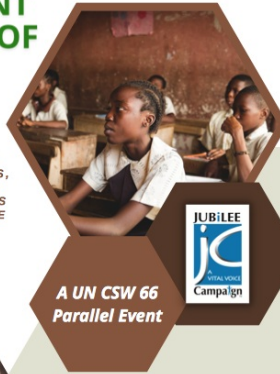
The United Nations Rabat Plan of Action of 2013 notes that apostasy, anti-conversion, and blasphemy laws "have a stifling impact on the enjoyment of freedom of religion or belief.

This event is convened to discuss laws and practices in Algeria, India, and Nepal which punish individuals for renouncing and/or adopting another religion, and address how policy makers can work to turn the tide and encourage more states to repeal apostasy laws and blasphemy laws.

*Overcoming Legal Hurdles to Women's
Economic Empowerment in a Climate
of Insecurity*

OVERCOMING LEGAL HURDLES TO WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN A CLIMATE OF INSECURITY

ADDRESSING GAPS IN PROTECTION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS WITH THE EXISTENCE OF PARALLEL LEGAL SYSTEMS, AND RECOGNISING WOMEN AS RIGHTS HOLDER TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM NOT ONLY AS THOSE AFFECTED BY ITS LAWS.



A UN CSW 66 Parallel Event

24 March 2022
2:00 - 3:30 PM (EST)

Register:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdewtwuz>

Nigeria was supposed to present their CSW report in July 2021, the Committee in Nigeria's last review had emphasized the need for Nigeria to ensure that, "its internal governance arrangements do not impede the implementation of the provisions of the Convention throughout its territory" and ensure that customary and islamic personal laws comply with the convention." Pakistan committed to "further strengthen the legal and policy frameworks for the elimination of violence as well as discrimination against women and children and vulnerable groups in society."

States often make restrictions on the full enjoyment of women's right to fundamental

freedoms on the grounds of religion, not recognizing women's rights to freedom of religion or belief. This side-event aims to retake women's voices, recognizing women and children as rights holders of freedom of religion or belief and other related rights, not just as subjects of them and the impact this change of narrative can have on women's empowerment in the work space and beyond.

Speakers: *Ms. Ann Buwalda* (Executive Director, Jubilee Campaign), *Ms. Helene Fisher* (Global Gender Persecution Specialist, Open Doors), *Dr. Janet Buckingham* (Director of Global Advocacy, World Evangelical Alliance), *Ms. Fatima Njoku* (Advocacy Director, Stefanos Foundation), *Mr. Yakubu Bawa* (Chairman, Jos Branch, Nigeria Bar Association), *Ms. Mariam Ibraheem* (Sudanese activist).

Date: 24 March 2022

Time: 2:00 PM (Eastern)

Register Here!

Unshackle the Women of North Korea

A UN Commission on the Status of Women Parallel Event

2020 and 2021 saw relatively the same pattern of human rights violations taking place against North Korean women as had been recorded in previous years, including violence against women, trafficking and exploitation, and discrimination, all of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic. There have also been a few newer trends and violations during the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic also resulted in

increased violations and discrimination specifically against North Korean women. Throughout 2020 and 2021, the Kim regime pressured women to be both active workers and also fully present mothers.

A UN CSW 66 PARALLEL EVENT

UNSHACKLE THE WOMEN OF NORTH KOREA



Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022
Time: 6:30 PM Eastern
Registration: nkfc.link/CSW2022
Livestream information will be sent to registered guests.

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North Korea Freedom Coalition & The Defense Forum Foundation

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In July 2020, state-run propaganda urged women over 60 years old to participate in agricultural work to combat the famine, and in July 2021 officials of Democratic People's Republic of Korea mobilized married women to participate in the strenuous construction of a border wall.

North Korean defector women continue to face a myriad of human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China. The pandemic has presented numerous challenges to North Korean defectors residing in China, including women. In February 2020, hospital staff turned away a North Korean defector woman, married to a Chinese citizen, after she exhibited coronavirus symptoms but was ultimately unable to produce a Chinese identification card. Furthermore, in December 2020 it was reported that North Korean factory workers in the Jilin Province of China were experiencing high rates of tuberculosis as a result of malnutrition and coronavirus prevention measures which restricted their movement and relegated them to cramped shared living, working, and eating spaces. A large portion of North Korean workers in Chinese provinces are women.

Speakers: *Ms. Songmi Han* (Freedom Speakers International), *Ms. Minhee Na* (Freedom Speakers International), *Ms. Suzanne Scholte* (North Korea Freedom Coalition & Defense Forum Foundation), *Ms. Sydney Kochan* (Jubilee Campaign)

Date: 24 March 2022
Time: 6:30 PM (Eastern)

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