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JSMP will hold a round table discussion with female legal professionals

On 17 December 2015, via its Women's and Children's Justice Unit (WCJU), JSMP will hold a discussion with women who practice in the field of law. This discussion will focus on the application of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to decisions in cases of gender based violence and experience gained from the submission of CEDAW reports in Geneva.

This discussion will be attended by female judicial actors such as judges, prosecutors, public defenders and private lawyers. In addition, the discussion will also be attended by members of civil society who have been providing legal assistance to women and children.

The aim of this discussion is to increase the understanding of women practicing law about the use of the CEDAW instrument in practice. This includes prosecution and defense in cases of violence against women.

“JSMP hopes that through forums like this one the court actors will be more sensitive to the use of international instruments to ensure adequate protection for victims of gender based violence in judicial practice,” said the Executive Director of JSMP, Luis de Oliveira Sampaio.

JSMP is certain that victims of gender based violence will obtain adequate protection and this will encourage victims to access the formal justice system if judicial institutions are sensitive towards them and are integrating international law in the daily functioning of the justice system.

Although this program is only of very limited duration, JSMP hopes that this discussion will be beneficial for court actors who have the good intention of introducing legal instruments in their daily practice.

This activity will be carried out with the financial support of the Norwegian Embassy in Jakarta – Indonesia.

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