



# What about Women?

## Accounting for the Gendered Impact of Foreign Debt to Women in the Asia Pacific

This side event during the 67th UN General Assembly will feature Dr. Cephas Lumina, Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt, as well as discuss the impact foreign debt has on women and what we can do about it.

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45th Street & 1st Avenue, New York, NY  
Lunch Provided**

The international community has recognised that foreign debt and other international financial institutions (IFI) can have a significant impact on human rights. It is also clear that debt, while negotiated by those in power, often impacts most negatively on the poor and marginalised. Please join Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) and the Center for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) to discuss the ways in which women are disproportionately impacted by conditionalities of foreign debt and explore ways for governments and IFI's to implement human rights based policies which support gender equality and women's empowerment.

### **Speakers:**

**Radhika Balakrishnan** Executive Director, CWGL and Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University

**Kate Lappin** Regional Coordinator, APWLD

**Cephas Lumina** Independent expert on Effects of Foreign Debt on Human Rights

**Bhumika Muchhala** Coordinator, Finance and Development Programme, Third World Network

**Heisoo Shin** Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

**Tess Vistro** APWLD and National Federation of Peasant Women, Philippines