CEDAW Thematic Briefing
Rural Women and Land and Property Rights

Ensuring women’s access to, and control over, land and property, is fundamental to improving women’s lives and to ensuring gender equality. Yet, gender inequalities in land rights are pervasive. Not only do women have lower access to land than men. They are often also restricted to so-called secondary land rights, meaning that they hold these rights through male family members.

The CEDAW Committee’s upcoming General Recommendation on the rights of rural women presents an important opportunity for raising and addressing these issues and developing a framework that expands the interpretation of state obligation that ensures the elimination of discrimination and promotes substantive equality of rural women, particularly in the context of right to land and property.

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