Women’s security of tenure and access to and control over housing, land and water are essential to women’s equality and well-being because they provide:

- safety and security;
- a means to produce food to feed themselves and their families;
- a means to produce income to support the health, education, nutritional and other essential needs of their families;
- a means to raise capital to pursue livelihoods;
- a bargaining tool in the home; and
- cushioning to weather economic and other shocks or emergencies.

This is particularly so for poor women and rural women. This side event will highlight several forthcoming developments in international and regional human rights law in relation to women’s rights to housing, land and water, bringing together key experts and organizations working on these issues.

**refreshments will be provided**