

December 30, 2010

Dear Friends,

Warm greetings!

In recent years, human rights have gained widespread interest as a policy approach to economic issues among NGOs, academics, parliamentarians, governments and UN human rights bodies. One of the practical tools recently developed by a group of civil society organizations led by the ESCR-Net and the Center of Concern was the Kuala Lumpur Guidelines. Launched on Human Rights Day 2010, the KL Guidelines aim to position the centrality of human rights in economic policies related to agriculture.

The Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) has had a long-term continuing advocacy on promoting the linkage of gender justice/women's rights with economic justice/human rights. Having lent its support behind the KL Guidelines, DAWN will convene a small Asian workshop in order to explore in which ways the KL Guidelines can be a tool in advancing gender justice & women's rights among groups that work on economic justice issues in the agricultural sector. We invite you to join us in this discussion workshop, namely:

Workshop on a Human Rights Approach to Economic Policy in Agriculture: Engendering the Kuala Lumpur Guidelines in Response to a Fierce New World

Miriam College, Manila / January 26 and 27 2011

The activity is being held in cooperation with Miriam College, the International Working Group on Trade-Finance Linkages and Agribusiness Action Initiative. Your ticket, board, lodging and conference fees will be jointly covered by these organizations.

We can assist your travel by booking your flight. However, if you wish to do this yourself, please purchase the cheapest economy class ticket to Manila. You should plan to arrive on 25 January and leave on 28 January. You will be lodge in double occupancy rooms at the Residence Hall inside the Miriam College campus, with address at Katipunan Road, Loyola Heights, Quezon City, Philippines 1108.

Reimbursements will be made when you are here in Mania. Kindly bring the relevant official receipts with you. For logistical and other concerns, kindly communicate with our focal point Ms. Lesslee Cruz at <a href="mailto:lessleecruz@gmail.com">lessleecruz@gmail.com</a>.

We look forward to receiving a positive reply from you.

Sincerely,

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