SIDE EVENT FOR THE 58TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN





PERMANENT MISSION OF FINLAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS



International Labour Organization

Equal pay for work of equal value

Wednesday, 12 March 2013 - 1:15 pm to 2:45 pm Diplomat Ballroom, One UN Hotel, 45th Street between 1-2nd Ave

Tackling pay discrimination is a human rights issue and a core component of decent work.

Unequal remuneration is a subtle chronic problem, which is difficult to overcome without a clear understanding of the concepts and the implications for the workplace and society in general, as well as the introduction of proactive measures. The challenge of applying the principle has acquired even more prominence in the context of the current economic crisis, with "equal pay" appearing to some as an added cost.

A panel discussion, convened by the Permanent Mission of Finland and the ILO, will explore the key issues of equal pay with experts from government, business, workers' organizations and the UN system discussing effective policies and practices to make pay equity a reality.

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