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Gender Forum

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INVITATION TO THE GENDER FORUM

TOPIC: THE FIGHT AGAINST FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN KENYA: WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE

On Thursday, 26th February 2015

At the Nairobi Safari Club, University Way, Nairobi

From 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm

ENTRY FREE

Synopsis:

The International Day of zero tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was marked on 6th February 2015. This commemoration seeks to accelerate the fight towards ending FGM. In Kenya, the practice still continues despite legislation i.e. the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act 2011 and numerous interventions by both government and civil society to end this practice.

The gender forum seeks to explore:

- The cultural and socio-political barriers towards elimination of FGM;
- The effectiveness of the legal framework working towards abolition of the cut;
- New directions/ initiatives in the fight against FGM;
- What more needs to be done?

Discussion Panel:

- **Hon. Senator, Naisula Lesuuda** - Naisula Lesuuda Peace Initiative
- **Hon. Tiyah Galgalo** – Women Representative, Isiolo County
- **Dr. Tammary Esho** – Africa Coordinating Centre for the Abandonment of FGM/C
- **Ms. Veronica Lekopole** – Centre for Advocacy and Gender Equity
- Government representative

About the Gender Forum

The Gender Forum is a monthly public dialogue convened by the Heinrich Böll Stiftung since 2001, facilitating dialogue on pertinent national social issues with a gendered lens. It brings together scholars, law makers and implementers, civil activists, government institutions, students and the general public, aiming at increasing knowledge and effectiveness of policy and programmes. The forum is convened in Nairobi, in Kisumu (in conjunction with Kenya Female Advisory Organisation KEFEADO) and it travels around Kenya in response to County interests.

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