Second Global Conference 2020:
Combating Inequality, Exclusion and Discrimination Based on Caste and Descent in the 21st Century

December 21, 2019, Washington, D.C., The International Commission for Dalit Rights (ICDR) has announced the Second Global Conference 2020: Combating Inequality, Exclusion and Discrimination Based on Caste and Descent in the 21st Century, which will take pace in Kathmandu, Nepal from July 25-27, 2020. We invite Dalit/Minority organizations, civil society, National, Cross-National and International development actors and government agencies to collaborate for the galvanization and globalization of social justice movement against Inequality, Exclusion and Discrimination through button-up, cross-and transnational approaches.

The entire event is designed for special thematic agenda and sub-agenda to develop a comprehensive Plan of Action for the Global Dalit Decade 2020-2030. Each thematic agenda will have three deep dive sessions where participants will split into small working groups for facilitated discussion after a high-level substantive plenary session. The plenary and working groups will pose question - whether there really has been demonstrable progress, examples of change, and what solutions are needed at every level. Delegates would pose the question - what modality of collaboration could be more impactful to safeguarding human rights, rule of law, social justice and inclusion. All delegates/participants will engage on the agenda - Gender Equality as it is an intersectional agenda of the global conference. In fact, gender theme will review all of the key thematic agenda from gender perspective.

Second Global Conference 2020 will be the world’s largest conference on issues of equality, inclusion, dignity, diversity, security and government accountability towards Dalits and other marginalized people who have faced caste- and descent-based discrimination, as well as socio-economic oppression and political exclusion. It will catalyze advocates working to achieve a more just and equal world. It will provide a global platform for grassroots-based organizations to enhance collaborative transnational partnerships, share key challenges and engage policymakers and government officials from across the globe. The conference will bring together 300 delegates from government, academia, international development agencies and civil society organizations from across the globe.

The ICDR and its associates created Global Conference as a platform to exchange best practices and to craft innovative solutions collectively for the elimination of caste or work and descent-based discrimination and all other forms of discrimination, inequality and injustice. The Global Conference platform has evolved through a decade-long collective struggle by Dalits and minority leaders as well as human rights defenders, policymakers, international communities and advocacy organizations.

This is a self-emerge platform, where each partner and associate responsible to share or contribute resources and responsibilities. The Global Conference Organizing Committee (GCOC) is comprised of Dalit leaders, policy-advocates, academics, development actors and civil/human rights defenders. The GCOC will be responsible for providing overall guidelines and making policy decisions, including ensuring accountability for resources. For more information, please contact us at ICDRINTL@icdrintl.org.

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