

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Human Rights Covenants, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Centre for Civil and Political Rights cordially invite you to a civil society meeting with Committee members on

## **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY**

**THURSDAY 23 JUNE, 13:15 – 14:45; ROOM XVII;**  
**PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA**

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR) and the Centre for Civil and Political Rights cordially invite you to a civil society meeting with members of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

*‘One of the most important features of the way in which the international human rights regime has evolved over the last 2 decades is the extent to which NGOs have come to be accepted not merely as partners in the overall enterprise but as indispensable ones.’ (Philip Alston).*

As we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, we can observe that civil society participation in the work and sessions of both Committees is an important and integrated part of the procedures of the Committees. This meeting of civil society representatives with members of both Committees will provide an opportunity to reflect on the evolution of civil society engagement with the Committees and the role played by civil society in the work of the Committees.

### **SPEAKERS**

- ❖ **BUDI TJAHJONO, FRANCISCANS INTERNATIONAL**
- ❖ **ANA-MARIA RODRIGUEZ, COLOMBIAN COMMISSION OF JURISTS**
- ❖ **WENDY ABBEY, HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY CENTER, GHANA**

### **MODERATION**

- ❖ **HANNAH PETERS, FES GENEVA**

∞ Light refreshments will be served prior to the event ∞