



International Women's Day

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Each year, the Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO) in Nepal celebrates International Women's Day. This year is all the more important as Nepal is in the middle of its Constitution-making process and it is a big opportunity for women to go forward for their rights! Thus, FEDO, an organization for Dalit women, victims of caste- and gender-based discrimination, puts its struggle forward both in Kathmandu and at the district level on this special day.

Each district involved in this organization (45 out of 75 in Nepal) organizes an event on this occasion: Rallies, interaction programs, workshops, and so on. Any means will do to make people aware about the situation of women in Nepal. One example is a workshop entitled "Women-Friendly Constitution: International Women's Day Workshop," organized in Dailekh District by FEDO jointly with Women Alliance for Peace, Power, Democracy and the Constituent Assembly (WAPPDCA). During the first day, women from different backgrounds (Muslim, Janajatis, Dalit and widows) gathered together to prepare an agenda about their concerned rights. The day after, an interaction program with 85 participants

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