Descent-based discrimination affects 260 million people in the world causing inequality, exclusion and violence. The United Nations as well as civil society advocates have engaged in bringing an end to this practice. How can we all collaborate more effectively toward ending descent-based discrimination wherever it is practiced? The symposium focuses on addressing this very question.

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