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**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Human Rights Sub-Committee**

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Academic and NGOs sharing views on advancing human rights of women and girls in the region

Women's economic development, education, reproductive health, leadership development and violence against women and girls are all on the agenda at a public hearing, as part of the parliamentary inquiry into the human rights issues confronting women and girls in the Indian Ocean-Asia Pacific region.

The Human Rights sub-committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade will hold the hearing in Melbourne on Monday 3 November. The sub-committee will hear from the academic and NGO sectors, who will share their expertise in human rights and gender issues relevant to the region.

Public Hearing

Date/Time Monday 3 November 2014, 9:30 am

Location Legislative Council Committee Room
Parliament of Victoria
Parliament House, Spring Street, Melbourne

Witnesses Australian Volunteers International
Save the Children Australia
International Women's Development Agency
Plan International Australia
Monash University's Gender, Leadership and Sustainable Research Unit
Marie Stopes International
Vision 2020
CBM Australia
Medicines for Malaria Venture
Burnet Institute

The full program and further information on the inquiry is available on the Committee's website at: www.aph.gov.au/jfadt

The proceedings will be audio webcast live on:
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