## **DEBATE**

## **Empowerment of rural women - what can media do?**

4W43 Building, Aqua room Friday, 16 March 2018, 8:30-10:00 AM

Women living in rural areas are often confined by traditional roles and scarce infrastructure – circumstances that hamper their mobility and participation.

With best practices and challenges from Syria, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan and Zimbabwe, this panel will examine how media can involve women and girls in rural areas in the public debate and provide them with access to the information they need to claim their rights and make informed choices.

Join International Media Support (IMS) in an exploration of ideas on how media may contribute to empowering women and girls.

## On the panel:

**Hana'a Edward**, Executive Director of al-Amal, a non-profit association for promoting gender equality, human rights and peace, Iraq

**Rula Asad**, Journalist and Co-founder of Syrian Female Journalists Network, Syria

**Simbiso Marimbe**, Programme Manager and Gender Advisor, International Media Support, Zimbabwe

**Nurzhamal Dzhanibekova**, Political reporter at the youth-based news outlet and network Kloop Media, Kyrgyzstan

Moderator: Malin Palm, Gender Advisor, International Media Support

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