



GNRD hosts Brussels Crans Montana Forum discussion on rights

- Jun 17, 2015 | 13:02:07



Brussels, Belgium, 12 June 2015 - On Friday, 12 June 2015, **Global Network for Rights and Development (GNRD)** hosted a business lunch to present GNRD's latest work on women's rights during the 26th session of the Crans Montana Forum in Brussels. The Crans Montana Forum is a Swiss-based international organisation which holds annual sessions that aim to promote international cooperation, stability, equity and security by facilitating the participation of business and government officials from all around the world.

Mrs. Anne-Marie Lizin, chairperson of GNRD-W, welcomed the participants who included **Ms. Lilyana Pavlova**, Minister of Regional Development in Bulgaria; **Mrs. Farida Allaghi**, Ambassador of Libya to the European Union; **Mrs. Marleen Temmerman**, Director of Reproductive Health and Research at the World Health Organisation and other distinguished guests from more than 15 countries. Mrs Lizin then gave the floor to a representative from GNRD-Brussels who presented GNRD's mission and its work to protect and promote human rights worldwide.

Ms. Rhodi Mellek, a member of Syria's Democratic Union Party (PYD), who participated in GNRD's recent mission to Kurdish areas of Iraq and Syria, then presented GNRD's mission report on women's rights situation in the areas and emphasised the plight of Syrian refugees. After Ms. Mellek's intervention, the floor was opened for discussion on the situation of women's rights in various countries.