

⊗ ABOUT IMADR

IMADR is an international non-profit, non-governmental human rights organization devoted to eliminating discrimination and racism, forging international solidarity among discriminated minorities and advancing the international human rights system. Founded in 1988 by one of Japan's largest minorities, the Buraku people, IMADR has grown to be a global network of concerned individuals and minority groups with regional committees and partners in Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America. IMADR's International Secretariat is based in Japan and maintains a UN liaison office in Geneva. IMADR is in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

⊗ IMADR'S CORE VALUES

**EMPOWERMENT** To promote the capacity of discriminated groups to raise their voices and represent themselves in activities to combat discrimination.

**SOLIDARITY** To promote cooperation and solidarity among discriminated people in ways that rise above regional, national and gender differences.

**ADVOCACY** To promote implementation of international human rights instruments, including the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, through the voice and power of discriminated groups, and strengthen legal standards, institutions and organs for the elimination of discrimination and racism; to promote their effective use by the discriminated.

⊗ WHAT IMADR DOES

IMADR's primary focus is to combat racism, racial discrimination and multiple discrimination (in particular, discrimination based on both race and gender) as they cut across the following areas:

- Eliminating discrimination based on work and descent
- Eliminating exploitative migration & trafficking in women & children
- Upholding the rights of indigenous peoples
- Upholding the rights of minorities
- Eliminating racial discrimination in the administration of justice
- Strengthening international human rights protection mechanisms for the elimination of discrimination and racism, and promoting their effective use by the discriminated

IMADR's activities include developing grassroots movements around the world together with local partner organizations, and building links between minority communities. Through local, regional and international events, IMADR also builds awareness that discrimination and racism are not just problems for minorities, but for society as a whole.

IMADR has been instrumental in raising awareness of international instruments and mechanisms to combat discrimination, and is one of the few NGOs that places special emphasis on the implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the only legally binding global instrument that comprehensively addresses racial discrimination.

IMADR lobbies at UN meetings and major world conferences, linking grassroots minority groups with UN human rights bodies and mechanisms. As one of the few international human rights NGOs based outside the North Atlantic region, IMADR is viewed as an important support vehicle for many local and regional organizations. Through its regional committees and local partners, IMADR also advocates for the rights of discriminated groups at the local level.

⊗ JOIN IMADR

IMADR invites minority groups (or groups representing those discriminated against), and individuals and organizations committed to eliminating racism and racial discrimination to join our growing network.

- Become a partner in the movement – work in solidarity and share experiences with other discriminated groups
- Volunteer your time – take part in and help promote IMADR's work
- Subscribe to IMADR's quarterly E-news E-Connect
- Purchase IMADR's publications (visit [www.imadr.org](http://www.imadr.org) for listing)
- Make a donation by international postal order
- Become a Member (includes subscription to IMADR publications)

