

A conversation with Renana Jhabvala on securing women's economic rights in the informal economy

Tuesday 7th November, 12-1.30pm

Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, Lambeth, London, SE1 7RL

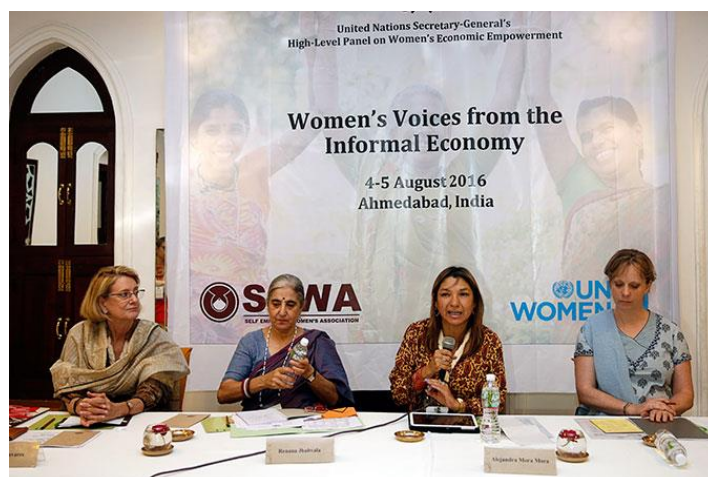


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The GADN Women's Economic Justice working group is pleased to host this talk by Renana Jhabvala of the [Self Employed Women's Association \(SEWA\)](#) and [Women in Informal Employment: Globalising and Organising \(WIEGO\)](#). In conversation with Chiara Capraro, co-chair of the working group, Renana will discuss her work as a member of the UN High-Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment and ways SEWA works to promote women's economic empowerment and strengthen the rights and position of women in the informal economy in India.

SEWA Bharat is the national federation of Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) - a movement reaching over 2 million poor, self employed women in India. It has been working with women across India since 1984 to support their rights as workers, enhance their livelihoods and access to finance, education, health and social security.

Ms Renana Jhabvala has had a very long association with the Self Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and is currently the Chairperson of SEWA Bharat in India. She is also the co-founder and Chairperson of Women in Informal Employment: Globalising and Organising (WIEGO), based at Harvard University, USA. She is globally renowned for her work in the field of self-employed women's economic liberation and empowerment. Besides her direct organising role within SEWA, she has written numerous books on policy issues related to poor women workers in the informal economy and played an active role on various Government of India committees to formulate policies related to the self-employed sector.

In 1990, she was awarded a Padma Shri from the Government of India for her contributions in the field of social work. In 2017 she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries' Ladies Organisation.

Places are limited. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to kady@gadnetwork.org by Monday 30th October. The location will be confirmed soon and will be in Central London.

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