Women human rights defenders working to advance sexual rights in regional and international human rights bodies confront many of the same systems of patriarchy, capitalism, racism, militarism and colonialism they are fighting against at the local level. This side-event will explore how WHRDs have engaged within the African Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR), the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) to advance sexual rights, challenge the unbalanced power relations between North and South; state and non-state actors and create change despite the limitations of these spaces.

**Moderator**

Pooja Patel, International Service for Human Rights

**Speakers**

Anthea Taderera, The Coalition of African Lesbians

Fernando D’Elio, Akahatá

Krystyna Kacpura, The Federation for Women and Family Planning

*CART closed captioning in English. French and Spanish translation will be provided. The side event will be livestreamed on the SRI Facebook page www.facebook.com/SRIInitiative Join the conversation using the hashtags #ResistanceAndResilience and #HRC40*