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**If It Feels Rights, Can It Be Wrong?: Working Across Diverse
Constituencies To Promote A New Domestic Human Rights Agenda**

Monday, July 13, 2009, 2:00 – 3:30pm

Facilitator:

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Panelists:

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In a time of unprecedented opportunity to improve federal and state level accountability to human rights, and encouraged by the Obama administration's early signals, advocates across a broad range of issue-areas have launched a Campaign for a New Domestic Human Rights Agenda. Building on previous funder discussions on the goals of the Campaign, this session focused on the Campaign's use of diverse strategies to work within and across constituencies, and to develop shared priorities. Panelists discussed how advocates are linking outreach to policymakers and administration officials with grassroots, community organizing efforts, and how both could be strengthened. Specific goals and prospective outcomes of the Campaign, especially for marginalized communities, were also shared.