



JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS: GALVANIZING ACTION FOR AN EQUAL FUTURE

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[Zoom Webinar](#)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish

SPEAKERS' BIOS

Justice for Women and Generation Equality: A Call to Action

Ms. Jan Beagle is the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO). She was elected by Member Parties on November 13, 2019 and took up her position formally on January 1, 2020. Ms. Beagle is a diplomat from New Zealand and a senior international civil servant. She brings some forty years of experience of multilateral diplomacy, working on peace and security, development, human rights, management, gender and organizational reform. Ms. Beagle has served as Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on System-wide Implementation of Chief Executives Board (CEB) decisions; United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance; Deputy Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva; and Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management. She has held senior positions in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of the Administrator of UNDP, and the Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. Throughout her career, Ms. Beagle has played a leadership role in the interagency bodies of the UN system, including as Chair of the High-Level Committee on Management of the CEB, and Chair of the CEB Task Force to address sexual harassment in UN organizations. She was formerly the Chair of the Assistant Secretary-General Advisory Group of the UN Development Group and a member of the Board of the UN System Staff College. Ms. Beagle is a committed advocate for gender equality and an active member of the International Gender Champions, a leadership network that brings together senior female and male decision makers to break down gender barriers. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts in History and International Relations from the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Ms. Sandie Okoro is Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the World Bank Group, and Vice President for Compliance at the World Bank. She is also the Chair of the World Bank Group Task Force on Racism. A British national and the first black woman to hold this role, Sandie is the principal advisor and spokesperson on all legal matters for the world's leading development finance institution. She also heads the Compliance Vice Presidency that is responsible for developing and overseeing the World Bank data privacy framework based on the World Bank Group Policy on Personal Data Privacy. The two Vice Presidencies are separate and distinct. In her role as the Chair for the World Bank Group Task Force on Racism, Sandie is bringing the topics of race and racial equity at the forefront of Bank Group staff and operational matters, convening discussions and proposing action steps to help ensure racism and racial inequalities have no place in the institution, its operations, and the countries it serves. Prior to joining the World Bank, Sandie was General Counsel for HSBC Global Asset Management, Deputy General Counsel of HSBC Retail Banking and Wealth Management, and Global General Counsel at Barings. Sandie is an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple in the United Kingdom (2018) and was named one of the Upstanding 100 Leading Ethnic Minority Executives (2016), Top 20 Global General Counsel (2019) by the Financial Times, and was recognized as Britain's 5th most influential person of African and African Caribbean heritage by Powerlist (2018). She holds Honorary Doctorates in Law from City University London (2014), London Southbank University (2018), and her alma mater Birmingham University (2019). Sandie received a lifetime achievement award from the UK Black Solicitors Network (2016), was named one of the Power 100 Women by City A.M. and 100 Women to Watch by Female FTSE Board. Sandie received the Howard University 2019 Vanguard Women Award for her accomplishments as a woman of color who has blazed the trail and her commitment to mentoring young women and advancing the rights of women and girls globally. She is also the recipient of the Beyond the Glass Ceiling Award presented by the Leadership Institute for Women of Color Attorneys (2019), the Chambers 100 Outstanding Global General Counsel (2019), and an honoree of Harvard Law's 7th Annual International Women's Day Portrait Exhibit (2020). Sandie is an ardent defender and champion for women empowerment, gender equality, and justice for all. Outside of work, Sandie is a Governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company, and prior to joining the World Bank Group, she was a council member of the human rights organization JUSTICE, Ambassador for the Law Society's Diversity Access Scheme and sat on the Equality Standards Panel of the Premier League.

Dr. Liv Tørres is the director of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, hosted by the Center on International Cooperation at New York University. Ms. Tørres has worked on international humanitarian, peace, and development issues, as both a scholar and practitioner, for three decades. Before joining Pathfinders, she was the executive director of the Nobel Peace Center. She previously served as the Secretary General of Norwegian People's Aid, after several years of leading its International Department. She has also worked for many years on labor issues, as a political advisor for Norway's Minister of Labour and Social Inclusion, the manager of the first National Labour Force Survey in the South Africa. She was also a member of the Norwegian Labour Party's International Committee for nearly 10 years. Her academic background includes positions such as senior advisor, leading development research at the Research Council of Norway, and associate professor at the University of Oslo. In the 1990s, she established and managed Fafo South Africa, an international policy research center, where she also served as managing director. Since 2017, she has served as a visiting professor at Wits University in Johannesburg. Ms. Tørres holds a

PhD in political science from the University of Oslo. She is an active commentator with expertise in the fields of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, justice and equality, inclusive societies, development policy, and democratization.

Interactive Dialogue: Addressing the Justice Gaps for Women

Ms. Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi is a gender equality advocate and Sexual and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Expert with 7 years experience developing and implementing innovative strategies and programs. In recognition of her incredible work in advancing gender equality in Nigeria, she was awarded the first-ever 2020 Global Citizen Prize for Nigeria's Hero, was recognised as the United Nations as a Young Leader for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Commonwealth Young Person for the Year 2019 and in the same year named as one of TIME's 100 NEXT. Through the years, Oluwaseun Ayodeji has dedicated her work towards fostering systemic change by teaching consent education, providing capacity building support on sexual violence prevention and intervention to governmental institutions as well as supporting policy advocacy to enjoin the Nigerian Government for the passage of gender-centred laws. To push for the passage of the Sexual Harassment Bill, she partnered with the BBC to carry out the #SexforGrades documentary; an undercover investigation into sexual harassment cases in Nigerian tertiary institutions. Through this effort, the Bill was relaunched in the National Assembly and passed second reading. In 2019, she worked alongside Civil Society Organisations and the British Council in Nigeria on the EU-funded Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC) project to facilitate the establishment of Nigeria's first national Sex Offenders Register. In 2020, she became a Founding Member of the Feminist Coalition, a group that is advancing women's rights, safety and financial literacy in Nigeria. Through the STER Initiative, Oluwaseun has built the capacity of over 250 young people to engage in promoting the rights of women and girls in Nigeria. She has been named; JCI Top Ten Outstanding Young Persons of Nigeria in 2019 for Humanitarianism and Voluntary Leadership; 2018 Obama Foundation Leader in Africa; 2018 Women Deliver Fellow; Winner of the 2017 Future Award Africa Prize for Advocacy and 2017 Future of Women Africa: Social Impact Award; Awardee, Domestic Violence UK Award for Outstanding Work in Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence in Nigeria among others.

Ms. Hadeel Abdel Aziz is the Executive Director of the Justice Center for Legal Aid (JCLA). Hadeel Abdel Aziz is a founding member and the Executive Director of the Jordanian NGO Justice Center for Legal Aid (JCLA). JCLA is dedicated to ensuring everyone has equal access to justice. JCLA works to make this objective a reality through operating a national network of legal aid clinics providing quality legal services to the poor, implementing a national legal literacy program and advocating for reforms in the justice system including the establishment of a national legal aid system. Hadeel has two BA degrees in Management and Law; she is the first Jordanian to be certified as a judicial administrator by Michigan State University. She has over 20 years of practical experience mainly focused on judicial reform, court automation and access to justice areas. Hadeel serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Center for Human Rights and a member of the National Team for combatting domestic violence in Jordan.

Atty. Laisa Masuhud Alamia is a member and a Minority Leader of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority – Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in the

Philippines. She has previously held the position of Executive Secretary of the previous Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) for six years, the first and last woman to hold the position in the history of ARMM. She is a member of the global Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE) and part of WISE's Global Muslim Women's Shura Council which endeavors to connect Islamic principles to society's most pressing issues and develop holistic strategies for creating positive social change, issuing informed and religiously-grounded opinions on controversial issues of particular relevance to Muslim women, such as issues on Female Genital Cutting, Adoption and the Care of Orphans, Women's Religious Leadership, Honor Crimes and Killings, Stigmatization and Criminalization of Rape Victims, Child Marriages, and Education. She is also one of the founders and currently the President of Kalisa Action Network (KalisaAN), Inc., a network of women's groups and leaders that progress the rights and welfare of women and children in the Bangsamoro and Zamboanga Peninsula regions; built by its founders' shared aspirations of fostering an environment that empowers and protects women and children as active members of societies. Atty. Alamia studied in the Ateneo de Zamboanga University and the Western Mindanao State University.

Ms. Enid Muthoni Ndiga leads the Global Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights as the Senior Vice President, overseeing its four regional programs based in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe and the Center's global advocacy work at the United Nations. A Kenyan national, Enid has more than 20 years of experience in the fields of law, human rights, gender and women's rights. Before joining the Center, Enid served as Country Director of Kenya and then Regional Manager for Africa at the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law. Enid has also worked for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Norwegian Church Aid, Eastern Africa, the Kenyan National Commission on Human Rights, and the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA Kenya). Enid received her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law, and an MA in Gender and Development from the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Omaira Bolaños is the Director of the Latin America & Gender Justice Programs at Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). She holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Florida. Omaira has 25 years of professional experience throughout Latin America working on topics related to Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant communities' collective tenure rights, sustainable development, gender justice, watershed management, community forestry, forest policy, community-based conservation, applied research and capacity development. She has developed research on Indigenous Peoples' land rights struggles in the lower Amazon Brazil and Community forestry in Bolivia. In the last ten years, she has worked to strategically prioritize and support the regional afro-descendant movement in consolidating their collective tenure rights. She joined RRI in 2009.

Moderators

Dr. Ilaria Bottiglieri (PhD in International Law, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva) is an international civil servant, academic and expert practitioner with 25 years' experience in international law, justice and human rights. She currently serves as the

Director of Policy, Research and Learning at IDLO, where she leads IDLO's knowledge generation, research and learning, as well as the gender, climate justice and health law portfolios. In her role, she is responsible for the production of high-level, targeted research, expert knowledge products, identification and analysis of trends in the rule of law and justice sector, quality control of research and policy outputs. She regularly represents the Organization through knowledge sharing and learning activities, including events, participation in global debates, dissemination of research and production of lessons learned and resources. Prior to joining IDLO, Dr. Bottigliero has lectured and researched in over 25 countries on key human rights, humanitarian law and gender issues, including at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden, the Lund University Faculty of Law, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and at the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law. Dr. Bottigliero has published widely on victims' rights, gender and international criminal justice, including the seminal book "Redress for Victims of Crimes under International Law". She is the recipient of the 2010 Worldwide Universities Network International and Comparative Criminal Justice Network Fellowship.

Ms. Leisha Chi-Santorelli is the youngest member of management in the BBC's Business and Economics unit. She is world editor and senior journalist team manager of the BBC World Service's long-standing partnership with American Public Media's Marketplace – the biggest business programme on US public radio – which is carried across 800 stations and is heard by more than 14 million unique listeners per week. She's been at the BBC for nearly 10 years working across television, radio and digital outlets. She is highly committed to Diversity & Inclusion initiatives and serves as co-chair of Embrace, the BBC's Black, Asian and ethnic minority employee network which counts over 1,000 members. While based in the Asia-Pacific as a correspondent and field producer, she was deployed on many of the globe's biggest breaking news stories, including the aftermath of Philippines Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of the most powerful ever recorded, and the mysterious disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370. Leisha previously worked at Bloomberg Television and CNN headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Born in Singapore and raised in British Hong Kong, Leisha received her degree in Comparative Literature and African Studies from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Leisha was a citizen-scholar focused on servant leadership at the Emory Center for Ethics and taught financial literacy to resettled refugees in Atlanta in her spare time.