



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

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Tuesday, 29 June 2021, 14:00 – 15:30 Rome (CEST)

[Zoom Webinar](#)

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish

Justice is a powerful enabler of gender equality. When women are empowered to stand up for themselves, claim their rights and resolve their justice problems, they can contribute to the full realization of human rights, gender equality and sustainable development.

An estimated 5.1 billion people—two-thirds of the world’s population—lack meaningful access to justice. Women and girls find it harder to access justice. The COVID–19 pandemic has created new obstacles to gender justice or exacerbated existing areas of impunity, including increased gender-based violence, prevalence of discriminatory laws, inability to access justice institutions, unequal property rights, legal identity gaps, limited digital spaces, and discrimination against women workers.

As a *prelude* to the Generation Equality Paris Forum, this event seeks to address this justice crisis and call for accelerated, ambitious commitment, action, and investment on justice for women and girls. As co-conveners of the high-level report on [Justice for Women](#), the organizers of this event - IDLO, UN Women, World Bank and Pathfinders – will galvanize a broad coalition of justice actors to support the [Global Acceleration Plan for Gender Equality](#). More specifically, this event will discuss *how we can address justice gaps and accelerate joint action and investment on justice for women and girls*. The speakers, inspiring change-makers, will use storytelling as a tool to communicate the importance of justice for women, and will be guided by the following key questions:

- What justice gaps persist across the six Generation Equality Action Coalition themes?
- What commitment and action on justice for women and girls should be prioritized across various stakeholders?
- What lessons or good practices are in place for collaborative engagement to prevent and resolve women’s justice problems, especially those exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic

Agenda

Introduction and Context-Setting

Justice for Women and Generation Equality: A Call to Action (Video Messages)

- Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO
- Ms. Sandie Okoro, Senior Vice President and Group General Counsel, World Bank Group
- Dr. Liv Tørres, Director, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, Center on International Cooperation, New York University

Interactive Dialogue: Addressing the Justice Gaps for Women

- Ms. Oluwaseun Ayodeji Osowobi, Executive Director, Stand to End Rape Initiative (STER), Nigeria
- Ms. Hadeel Abdel Aziz, Executive Director, Justice Center for Legal Aid (JCLA), Jordan
- Atty. Laisa Masuhud Alamia, Member, Bangsamoro Transition Authority (Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao), Philippines
- Ms. Enid Muthoni, Senior Vice-President, Global Legal Program, Center for Reproductive Rights
- Dr. Omaira Bolaños, Director, Latin America and Gender Justice Programs, Rights and Resources International

Q&A Session

Special Preview

- Pre-release viewing of the film by The Elders, with Mary Robinson, Graça Machel and Hina Jilani. The film will officially be part of the Generation Equality Forum's Virtual Village.

Moderators

Dr. Ilaria Bottigliero, Director, Research, Policy and Learning, IDLO

Ms. Leisha Chi-Santorelli, World Editor and Senior Journalist Team Manager, BBC World Service Trust