

HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON JUSTICE FOR WOMEN



AGENDA

INAUGURAL MEETING

May 28 and 29, 2018

International Development Law Organization
Hofweg 9-E, 2511 AA, The Hague

MONDAY, MAY 28

8:15 - 9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.

OPENING SESSION

Welcome remarks:

- H.E. Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands
- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women
- Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO

9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

Coffee break

10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY

2030 Agenda: an opportunity to increase justice for women and girls

While considerable progress has been made towards gender equality around the world, there remain significant challenges in the economic, cultural, social and political contexts, as well as in the ability of laws and institutions to advance the rights of women and girls.

Justice is a thread that runs through all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and it is of particular importance for achieving gender equality across all dimensions of the 2030 Agenda. Equality and inclusion for women and girls is at the heart of the aspirations of the SDGs and gender equality (SDG 5) and access to justice (SDG 16) are mutually reinforcing.

The opening panel will explore the contribution of the High-level Group on Justice for Women to the work of the Task Force on Justice. It will discuss the challenges and opportunities that governments, international organizations, civil society and women themselves confront as they seek to bring about change. Looking at the global scene, the panel will discuss ways in which the 2030 Agenda can be used to capture transformative change to drive pathways to justice for women and girls.

Moderator:

Jelte van Wieren, Director of Stabilization and Humanitarian Aid Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Panelists

- H.E. Abubacarr Murie Tamberdou, Minister of Justice, The Gambia
- Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women
- Sandie Okoro, Senior Vice-President and General Counsel, World Bank Group
- Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO
- Nathalie G. Drouin, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada
- Maria Fernanda Rodriguez, Under-Secretary for Access to Justice, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina
- Indonesian civil society representative

Discussion

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

INTERACTIVE PANEL 1: The justice gap for women and girls

This session will identify justice gaps for women and girls – especially those from vulnerable groups – and outline key issues from a multi-stakeholder and intersectional perspective. In particular, it will explore: (a) what do women and girls want when they seek justice; (b) what are the impediments to women’s access to justice; (c) are there financial, technical and other challenges or gaps between what is needed to increase justice for women?

Moderator:

Rangita da Silva, Associate Dean of International Affairs, University of Pennsylvania Law School and Advisor, UN Sustainable Development Goals Fund

Panelists

- H.E. Ambassador Athaliah Molokomme, Ambassador of Botswana to the United Nations and former Attorney General
- Dubravka Simonovic, Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences
- Paul Scott Prettitore, Senior Public Sector Specialist, World Bank
- Young women's representative
- Dutch civil society representative
- Indigenous woman (tbc)

Discussion

3:30 – 4: 00 p.m.

Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

INTERACTIVE PANEL 2: What works and why

This session will elaborate on what works in obtaining justice for women and girls. It will consolidate lessons learned on women's access to justice interventions through the following questions: (a) how can we address identified justice gaps; (b) what strategies, tools and approaches will enhance access to justice for women and girls; and (c) how can we build upon (replicate or scale up on) what works? The panel will explore ways to ensure that the needs of women and girls are fully reflected in the recommendations of the Task Force on Justice.

Moderator:

TBC

Panelists

- Maria Fernanda Rodriguez, Under-Secretary for Access to Justice, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Argentina
- Hilary Gbedemah. Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
- Katalaina Sapolu, Director, Rule of Law Division, of the Commonwealth Secretariat
- Ilaria Bottigliero, Director – Research and Learning, IDLO
- Beatrice Duncan, Rule of Law Advisor, UN Women
- Catherine Harrington, Campaign Manager, Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights
- Representative of Indonesian civil society
- ICC representative (tbc)

Discussion

7:00 p.m.

Working dinner for members of the High-level Group on Justice for Women

TUESDAY, MAY 29

9.30 - 11:00 a.m.

INTERACTIVE PANEL 3: Making the case. Urgent action and investment for women's access to justice

The Task Force on Justice will quantify the costs of injustice and the benefits of investing in justice. It will make the case for investment in Justice and the urgency of increasing funding to deliver SDG 16.3 (access to justice for all) and related targets for justice.

This session will examine the need for specific action and investment on justice for women. In particular (a) why investment in women's access to justice is urgently required, especially from the lens of donors; (b) what broader development impact will increased access to justice have on specific areas of concern for women, such as gender-based violence, access to health, education, and other essential services, women's economic empowerment, among others; and (c) what is needed in terms of investment and resources to deliver on access to justice for women.

Moderator:

TBC

Panelists

- Nana Darkoa Sekyiamah, Director of Information, Communications and Media, AWID
- H.E. Abubacarr Murie Tamberdou, Minister of Justice, The Gambia
- H.E. Deqa Hagi Yasin, Minister of Women's Affairs and Human Rights Development of the Federal Republic of Somalia
- Nathalie G. Drouin, Deputy Minister of Justice and Deputy Attorney General of Canada
- General Counsel - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
TBC

11:00 - 11.30

Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00

CLOSING SESSION

Championing women's access to justice: a call to action and next steps

Members of the High-level Group will discuss next steps, key messages and recommendations that will feed into the Task Force on Justice and that can be highlighted in the run up to the 2019 High-level Political Forum. Members will also

provide initial strategic direction for the report on justice for women which will be published at the Commission on the Status of Women in 2019.

Moderator:

David Steven, on behalf of the secretariat of the Task Force on Justice and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

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