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LANDMARK CONFERENCE WILL CONVENE INTERNATIONAL LUMINARIES TO ADDRESS UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

Who: GQUAL: A Campaign for Parity in International Representation & Partners.

What: GQUAL Conference: Changing the Picture of International Justice.
Visit: gqualconference.splashthat.com to register.

When & Where: October 4-5 2017
The Hague Institute for Global Justice
Sophialaan 10, 2514 JR The Hague, Netherlands

Additional Information: The Opening Ceremony will take place at The Peace Palace on October 3rd and will be livestreamed starting at 5:00 PM (Netherlands) here:
<https://goo.gl/gbx97t>

The Hague, Netherlands.- Women are under-represented across almost all international tribunals and monitoring bodies that play key roles in developing international law, human rights, international relations, and cooperation. For example, in 2017, only 18.1% of judges sitting on International Tribunals are women. Within the United Nations Treaty Bodies, several Committees have less than 30% of female representation, among them the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR, 27%), the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (CED, 10%) and the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD, 6%) In response to this critical dearth of women serving across international justice, [GQUAL](#) was launched in 2015 at UN Headquarters as a global campaign to achieve gender parity within these entities.

On the second anniversary of the campaign, the [GQUAL Conference](#) will convene, at The Hague, Vice-Presidents, high level representatives of States and members of international tribunals and organizations, international law and gender experts, academics, advocates and activists from all over the world to build on the work done over the past two years. Participants will discuss the multiple angles that influence the representation of women and possible avenues for improvement, at the national and international level.

The goal of the Conference will be to approve an Action Plan that will further build upon the campaign's three main strategies, highlighted in the [GQUAL Declaration](#). This document has been signed by more than 1,500 people, ranging from Presidents to Human Rights Activists, working on international justice from more than 90 countries.



Through the Action Plan, it is expected that participants will be able to move forward and build concrete policies, proposals and calls to action which nations, International Organizations, civil society, and other stakeholders can take on to improve the representation of women across international bodies. **More information:** gqualconference.splashthat.com & www.gqualcampaign.org

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GQUAL is a campaign that seeks to achieve gender parity in international tribunals and monitoring bodies. The campaign is hosted by the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL).



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