

JUSTICE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS FROM BPFA TO THE SDGs: MOVING FROM COMMITMENTS TO OUTCOMES

Side event organized by the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) with the support of The Elders and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies on the occasion of the 64th session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday, 11 March 2020, 6:00 to 8:00 pm
Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, New York

Justice for women and girls is at the core of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. It provides a foundation for more inclusive development and is essential to the aspiration of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPFA) to ensure gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls everywhere.

Justice for women and girls is not just a goal in itself, it is also a powerful enabler of the BPFA's 12 critical areas of concern - including those on violence against women, women and armed conflict, women in power and decision-making, women and the economy, and the girl child. When laws and justice systems are effective in upholding women's rights, they create pathways and act as catalyst for the full realization of human rights and sustainable development.

Recognizing the synergies between the BPFA and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDGs 5 and 16, the panel will review progress on justice for women and girls across the BPFA's 12 critical areas of concern, highlighting justice gaps and identifying pathways to move from commitments to outcomes. Panelists will explore opportunities for joint action and investment, seeking to respond to key questions:

- How can we accelerate national commitment and action on justice for women and girls?
- How can we build international and regional alliance to support national action?
- How can we mobilize action to further enhance justice for women and girls?

The event will build on the 2019 [Justice for Women](#) Report, a groundbreaking research that urgently appeals for increased investment and priority actions for gender justice. The Report identifies the common justice problems for women, including intimate partner violence, discrimination at work, discriminatory family laws, unequal access to property, gaps in legal identity and exclusion from decision making. It puts forward an eight-point call to action to accelerate implementation of the global goals on gender equality (SDG 5) and justice (SDG 16).

The Justice for Women Report was launched by the High-level Group on Justice for Women, co-convened by IDLO, UN Women, World Bank and the Task Force on Justice under the broader framework of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies.



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Agenda

Moderator

Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, International Development Law Organization

Panelists

- H.E. Dr. Priscilla Schwartz, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Sierra Leone
- H.E. Abubacarr Marie Tambaou, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, The Gambia
- H.E. Hasina Safi, Minister for Information and Culture, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- H.E. Elena Bonetti, Ministry for Equal Opportunities and the Family, Italy - TBC
- Ms. Liv Torres, Executive Director, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
- Ms. Sabrina Mahtani, Senior Policy Adviser, The Elders

Interactive Dialogue

Final Remarks and Closing

Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, International Development Law Organization