



CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Assessing challenges and progress

- Need to secure substantive equality across all fields of human life to ensure equal access to justice for women
- Women remain disproportionately affected by the austerity measures, strict migration laws, narrowly focused equality provisions
- It has been reminded that access to justice for women should be accessible, available, adequate and adaptable

Assessing challenges and progress

- Woman' vulnerability was mentioned as one of the risks impeding her full and equal access to justice / must be addressed
- We have learned of provisions in Istanbul Convention and CEDAW GR nr. 33 that set out standards for a proper response to violence and gender inequality / strengthen Member State efforts to secure equal protection of the law and access to justice for women in particular

Barriers

- Economic status
- Social and cultural contexts
- Judicial stereotyping
- Lack of trust in justice system
- Physical barriers
- Language
- Absent accessible information ...

Good practices and Tools

- Helplines
- Active Ombudsperson
- Empowered national Equality Bodies
- Defining and punishing sexist gestures and behaviors
- Securing access to legal aid for women in need

Good practices and Tools

- Use of innovative techniques to secure higher protection for women victims of violence (telesistem)
- Developing and using a risk assessment tool
- Use of disaggregated data to assess the impact and quality of the policies and laws
- Developing and using indicators to measure women's access to justice

Good practices and Tools

- Develop, replicate workshops on gender, equality and women's human rights
- Litigation undertaken by National Equality bodies
- Capacity building of lawyers
- Strategic litigation / Use of law to achieve social changes

Recommendations

- Enforce existing standards
- Adopt comprehensive equality laws
- Extend legal protection against sexism
- Monitor, analyse and report judicial stereotyping
- Learn to address, remedy multiple discrimination

Recommendations

- Collective actions (public litigation, *actio popularis*, *amicus curriae*) to address gender inequality
- Use innovative technologies to secure proper and timely protection against violence
- Develop and use data basis with legal decisions
- Strengthen National Equality bodies



THANK YOU