

**2nd Regional Workshop for the Empowerment of Women
Application of Laws on Women's Rights: sharing of good practices**

13 December 2018, Holiday Inn Algiers - Cheraga Tower
Algiers, Algeria

Programme

08:30 – 09:00 Registrations

09:00 - 09:30 **OPENING SESSION**

Mr José Caroço, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe
Ms Fafa Sid Lakhdar Benzerrouki, President of the National Human Rights Council, Algeria
Mr Daniele Cangemi, Head of the Human Dignity and Equality Department, Council of Europe
Mr Ali Mokrani, Director of the European Union and European Institutions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

09:30 - 09:45 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Ms Ghania Eddalia, Minister of National Solidarity, Women and Family

09:45 - 11:15 **PANEL 1: STRATEGIES TO MAKE EQUALITY IN LAW A REALITY**

Objectives: Through the sharing of experiences on the application of laws related to women rights' and implementation mechanisms of national and regional strategies, the panel seeks to identify key good practices in the Euro-Mediterranean region and Africa. The Panel will also contribute to emphasize the essential role of multi-sectorial cooperation and coordination.

Themes addressed:

- *Legal provisions to ensure women's participation in public and political life*
- *Local implementation of the existing laws*
- *Institutional coordination, data collection and sharing of information*
- *National gender mainstreaming*

Discussion with:

- Ms Hafida Benchehida, Senator, Council of the Nation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- Ms Amel Deroua, Parliamentarian, People's National Assembly
- Ms Teresa Clode, Jurist of the Legal Affairs Division, Commission for Equality and Citizenship, Portugal
- Ms Marie-Claire Swärd Capra, Ambassador of Sweden in Algeria

Moderation: Ms Fifi Benaboud, Expert-Consultant on International Relations and Women's rights

11:15 - 11:40 Coffee break

- 11:40 - 13:10** **PANEL 2: TRANSLATING POLICIES INTO ACTIONS TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**
Objectives: Presentation of good practices in establishing national and regional cooperation and coordination in combating violence against women with a focus on the participatory approach and potential of civil society.
- Themes addressed:**
- *National referral system*
 - *Tunisian experience in combating violence against women*
 - *National Women Machineries and Gender Equality Ombudsperson in Egypt*
 - *Ensuring women’s rights protection through awareness among civil society*
- Discussion with:**
- Ms Randa Siniora, Director of Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling, Palestine
 - Mr Fayçal Sahraoui, National Coordinator of the programme Moussawat, Ministry of Women, Family and Children, Tunisia
 - Ms Fatema Kafaghy, President of the Egyptian Feminist Union, former Head of the Ombudsperson Office of Egypt’s National Council for Women
 - Ms Nuha Muhreiz, President of the Network Women Helping Women, Jordan
- Moderation:** Ms Fifi Benaboud, Expert-Consultant on International Relations and Women’s rights
- 13:10 - 14:40** **Lunch break**
- 14:40 - 15:30** **PRESENTATION OF GRASSROOTS INITIATIVES**
Objectives: Presentations of four examples of civil society initiatives related to awareness, strategy and methodologies to promote gender equality and combat violence against women. These examples will contribute to the discussion by providing the initial inputs.
- Project presentations by:**
- Ms Mariame Qabba, therapeutic mediator, “ALCS” Association for the Fight against AIDS, Morocco
 - Ms Mercy Chidi Baidoo, Director of Ripples International, Kenya
 - Ms María Ballesteros Melero, Project Officer for GENDERS, AEGEE-Europe, Spain
 - Ms Nadya Jouny, Advocacy & Policy Officer, ABAAD, Lebanon
- 15:30-16:10** **PUBLIC DISCUSSION**
Objectives: To briefly report on the main conclusions of the two first panels and open a public discussion with the audience, creating a space for everyone to participate and share their views and experiences which could contribute to the drafting of the conclusions.
- Facilitation:** Ms Nadia Ait-Zai, President of CIDDEF Foundation for Equality, Algeria
- 16:10-16:40** **Pause-café**
- 16:40-17:00** **CLOSING SESSION**
Ms Ouahiba Sakani, Representative of UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund) for Algeria
Mr José Carço, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe