Women Empowerment Conference

Protecting Girls: Reinforcing the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation to protect girls against gender-based violence

29 June 2022

European Centre Jean Monnet, Lisbon, Portugal

Programme

(All times are Lisbon time zone UTC +1)

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-09:50 Opening remarks
- Ms Isabel Martinho, Political Advisor, European Commission Representation in Portugal
- Ms Pilar Morales, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Tunis, Coordinator of the Neighbourhood Policy with the Southern Mediterranean, Council of Europe (online)
- Dr. Sandra Ribeiro, President of the Commission on Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG)
- H.E. Ambassador Afonso Malheiro, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe

09:50-10:10 Keynote address on Girls’ needs, challenges and aspirations by Ms Aryan Ashory, Global Girl Media (online)

10:15-11:45 Session 1: Investing in Prevention and Protection measures
Moderator: Ms Nabila Hamza, Sociologist, City Councillor and laureate of the 2019 North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, Tunisia

- Protecting girls in the MENA region: role of education and challenges for refugees and migrant girls by Ms Muna Abbas, Country Director for Plan International in Jordan
- Combating the digital dimension of gender-based violence against girls by Ms Marwa Azelmat, Digital Rights Expert, RNW Media, Morocco
- Domestic implementation of multi-sectoral strategies to combat violence against girls by H.E. Ambassador Mona Omar Mohamed Attia, Rapporteur for the Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Commission for Women, Egypt
- The national and local measures to combat girls’ sexual exploitation by Ms Ohaila Shomar, General Director SAWA, Palestine* and Middle East and North-Africa regional representative of ECPAT international
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<td><strong>Focus on crimes committed in the name of so-called honour</strong></td>
<td>Presentation of the short film “Diana” by Ms Maysoon Khaled, Film director, Jordan</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch break</strong></td>
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<td>14:15-14:45</td>
<td><strong>Focus on the digital dimension of gender-based violence</strong></td>
<td>Presentation of the short film “Children’s Game” by Ms Rim Medji, Filmmaker, Morocco (online)</td>
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<td>14:45-16:15</td>
<td><strong>Session 2: Investing in cross-border and multi-sectoral cooperation</strong></td>
<td>Moderator: Dr Fatema Khafagy, Vice President of Egyptian Feminist Union, Member of Global Generation Equality Forum (the CSAG) and Co-Convener of Arab States Civil Society and Feminist Network &lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt; - <strong>The civil society’s cooperation to pursue advocacy efforts</strong>&lt;br&gt;   by Ms Amani Aruri, Youth Representative, KARAMA Network, Palestine*&lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt; - <strong>The multi-lateral cooperation to protect children against sexual exploitation &amp; sexual abuse</strong>&lt;br&gt;   by Ms Faouzia Chaabane Jabeur, President of SAWN Association, Tunisia (online)&lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt; - <strong>At the intersection of age, gender and status: protecting the rights of girls in transit</strong>&lt;br&gt;   by Ms Vera Eloi da Fonseca, Coordinator of the Project Team on Intersecting Inequalities, High Commission for Migration, Portugal (online)&lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt; - <strong>Regional cooperation: priorities, challenges and opportunities</strong>&lt;br&gt;   by Ms Fadia Kiwan, Director General of Arab Women Organization, Arab League</td>
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<td><strong>Wrap-up and conclusions by the North-South Centre</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Closing Seminar of the North-South Centre’s Regional Grant Scheme</strong></td>
<td><em>Solely for onsite participants</em>&lt;br&gt; &lt;br&gt; - Showcasing of promising initiatives in the field of combating and preventing gender-based violence and protection of victims</td>
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