



# BUILDING A COMMON FRONT AGAINST THE DIGITAL DIMENSION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

A CSW66 high-level side event organised by the Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Discrimination and Violence against Women (EDVAW Platform)

**Date/time:** 15/03/2022, 2:30 pm EST (NY time) – 7:30 pm CET (Europe time)

**Duration:** 1h30

**Platform:** Teams

**Registration via:** Istanbul Convention Website [here](#)

## Keynote speaker:

- ▶ **Ilze Brands Kehris**, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights

## Panelists:

- ▶ **Iris Luarasi**, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO), Council of Europe
- ▶ **Janet R. Sallah Njie**, Special Rapporteur on Rights of Women in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights
- ▶ **Zita Gurmai**, General Rapporteur on Violence against Women from the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- ▶ **Navina Mutabazi**, Program Coordinator at Pollicy (Tanzania)

## Moderator:

- ▶ **Claudia Luciani**, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe



■ With increasing access to the internet and ICT technologies, gender-based violence against women is no longer restricted to real-world forms of violence: there is an ever-growing digital dimension of this violation of women’s human rights. Perpetrators now use technology to control or spy on the victims, blackmail them, disseminate their intimate pictures or videos, steal their identity and send them threatening or insulting messages.

■ The phenomenon of online and technology-facilitated violence against women is complex and far-reaching. Bringing together representatives from the EDVAW Platform, international organisations, parliamentarians and civil society on the panel, this high-level side event will present initiatives and strategies to address online and technology facilitated violence against women on the basis of existing international legal instruments. It will draw upon promising research, policies and initiatives from across the world.

■ The side event is organised by the Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Discrimination and Violence against Women (EDVAW Platform) on the occasion of the 66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66).

