

# THE PLATFORM OF INDEPENDENT EXPERT MECHANISMS ON DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## What is the EDVAW Platform?

- ▶ The Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Discrimination and Violence against Women (EDVAW Platform) is a Platform for thematic and strategic collaboration between independent UN and regional expert groups on violence and discrimination against women.
- ▶ It aims at improving the implementation of existing international and regional legal and policy frameworks by creating synergies and amplifying the recommendations of the different mechanisms to combat discrimination and violence against women and promote accountability.

## What does the EDVAW Platform do?

- ▶ The Platform hosts and engages in a series of consultations, information exchanges, and follow-up discussions around common concerns of global relevance and thematic areas of priority in different regions hosted through the regional mechanisms, with the participation of civil society and other stakeholders.
- ▶ The Platform also develops joint positions, in the form of joint statements, enhances information sharing and intends to intensify its outreach through communication tools and materials.



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## Engaging with partners

— The EDVAW Platform is seeking to build partnerships with, inter alia:

- ▶ Civil society and other stakeholders interested in discussing issues of common interest and priority;
- ▶ UN entities and bodies;
- ▶ International and regional organizations, governments, national institutions, and other stakeholders.

— Expert mechanisms making up the EDVAW Platform:

- ▶ UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences ([SR VAW](#))
- ▶ UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women ([CEDAW](#))
- ▶ UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls ([WGDAW](#))
- ▶ Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women – Belém do Pará Convention ([MESECVI](#))
- ▶ Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ([GREVIO](#))
- ▶ African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa ([SR RWA](#))
- ▶ Inter-American Commission on Human Rights Rapporteur on the Rights of Women ([RWA-IACHR](#))



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