

Women's Rights at the Crossroads: Strengthening International Co-operation to Close the Gap between Legal Frameworks and their Implementation

Conference organised by the Council of Europe
in co-operation with the United Nations Special Rapporteur
on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences and
with the French Presidency of the Committee of Ministers

: **PROGRAMME**
: **Council of Europe**
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Mandate of the Special Rapporteur
on Violence against Women, its
Causes and Consequences



9:30 – 10:45 am Opening Session

Moderator: Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Marlène Schiappa, Minister of State for Gender Equality and the Fight against Discrimination, France

Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe

Dubravka Šimonović, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences

Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

10:45 – 11:00 am

Coffee break/Networking

11:00 – 12:30 pm Session 1 - Strengthening international co-operation between United Nations and independent international and regional mechanisms on violence against women and women's human rights to close the gap between legal frameworks and their implementation including feedback from the meeting of international and regional mechanisms to combat violence against women

Moderator: Elisabeth Walaas, Chair of the Committee of the Parties to the Istanbul Convention

Presentation of the Platform of independent international and regional mechanisms on violence against women and women's human rights

Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences

Hilary Gbedemah, Chair of Committee for the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW)

Feride Acar, President of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe (GREVIO)

Sylvia Mesa Peluffo, President of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI)

Lucy Asuagbor, Special Rapporteur on the rights of women in Africa, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

Ivana Radačić, Chair of the Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and Practice of the United Nations

Margarette May Macaulay, former Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Rapporteur on women's rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Discussion and questions

12:30 – 2:00 pm

***Lunch offered by the French authorities
Parliamentarians Bar – 1st floor – Palais de l'Europe***

2.00 – 3.30 pm

Session 2 - Putting victims' safety first: Child custody and domestic violence in national and international jurisprudence

Moderator: Maria-Andriani Kostopoulou, Chair of the Council of Europe Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child

Keynote speaker: Ruth Halperin-Kaddari, Council of Europe expert, Bar-Ilan University, former member of the Committee for the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW)

Marko Bošnjak, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights

Margarette May Macaulay, former Judge at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Rapporteur on women's rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Françoise Brié, member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

Carmen Comas-Mata Mira, Head of International Affairs, Office of the Spanish Ombudsman

Discussion and questions

3:30 – 3:45 pm Coffee break and networking

3:45 – 5:15 pm

Session 3 - Ending violence against women and girls: a condition and accelerator towards the achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda

Moderator: Charles Ramsden, Chair of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission

Keynote speaker: Bianca Pomeranzi, Council of Europe expert, former member of the Committee for the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW)

Nicole Ameline, Vice Chairperson, Committee for the elimination of discrimination against women (CEDAW)

Meglana Kuneva, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Council of Europe

Alia El-Yassir, Regional Director, UN Women, Europe and Central Asia

Katarzyna Wolska-Wrona, Seconded National Expert, Gender-based violence, European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)

Jacqui Hunt, Director Europe and Eurasia office, Equality Now

Discussion and questions

Moderator: Claudia Luciani, Director of Human Dignity, Equality and Governance, Council of Europe

Dubravka Šimonović, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences

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