SIDE EVENT
63rd SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Women’s Rights and the 2030 Agenda
40 YEARS OF EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH A VIEW OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

— OBJECTIVES
This high-level panel discussion, which is also being held as part of the series of events to celebrate the 40th anniversary since the adoption of the Convention, and 10 years since the creation of the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, will address the nexus between the CEDAW Convention and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Goals 5 and 16) at international, regional and national levels. The objectives of the panel discussion are to:

• Highlight the necessity of ensuring a convergence between the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and national strategies of the CEDAW Convention;
• Highlight the collaboration between the CEDAW Committee and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict through the signature of a Framework of Cooperation, including in the context of the implementation of Goals 5 and 16;
• Examine international and regional intergovernmental efforts to integrate women’s rights within the broader architecture of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in national implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, including on women, peace and security;
• Review information on national strategies of the CEDAW Convention and draw lessons learned on ensuring the interrelated links between women’s rights and sustainable development;
• Explore the contribution of civil society organizations and the private sector in supporting national implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 5;
• Define ways of cooperating with the private sector to ensure sustainable economic growth that integrates women’s human rights;
• Ensure the integration of a gender perspective in development assistance, peace and security.

— MODERATOR
• Mr. Craig Mokhiber, Director to OHCHR New York

— PANELISTS
• Ms. Nicole Ameline, Vice Chair, CEDAW Member (Opening Remarks)
• Ms. Åsa Regnér, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women (Opening Remarks) (tbc)
• Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary General on sexual violence in conflict
• Ms. Anne-Claire Berg, Danone Group
• Ms. Cristina Lunghi, NGO Arborus
• Ms. Anne Gueguen, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of France

— OUTCOME
The panel discussion aims to generate recommendations on ensuring a convergence between the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals and national strategies of the CEDAW Convention, based on good practices and current opportunities. A summary report may inform additional work in this area including CEDAW’s submissions to the High-Level Political Forum. The panel will also provide an opportunity to begin celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the Convention and 10 years since the creation of the mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

— FORMAT
The opening statement and presentations by panelists will be followed by an interactive discussion. The panel discussion shall be in English.