

Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

Consultation between international and regional independent mechanisms on women's rights within the context of the SRVAW initiative on strengthening cooperation

CSW New York, *Monday, 12 March 2018*

2:00 pm- 6:00 pm, Room S-2723

Agenda

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm **Introduction by Ms. Dubravka Simonovic, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (SRVAW)**

2:15 pm - 3:10 pm **Plenary discussion: Towards institutionalizing cooperation between international and regional independent monitoring mechanisms on women's rights (7 minutes)**

Issues in focus:

- *Development of the linkages and cooperation between global and regional independent mechanisms on women's rights and gender based violence against women, with the aim to establish the institutionalization of such cooperation at the UN and regional levels*
- *Address current priorities and upcoming issues by developing harmonized positions, practices and guidelines aimed at ending violence against women and develop a **joint work plan on thematic cooperation***
- *Improve implementation of mechanisms' recommendations relating to global and regional legal and policy instruments on ending violence against women at all levels*

Speakers:

- Ms Dalia Lenairte, Chair, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Ms Feride Acar, President, Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe (GREVIO)
- Ms Sylvia Mesa Peluffo, President, Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI)
- Ms Soyata Maiga, Chairperson, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR)
- Ms Margarett May Macaulay, Rapporteur on the Rights of Women of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (OAS - IACHR)
- Ms Liz Broderick, Member of the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women in Law and Practice (WGDAW)

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**3:15-4:30 optional
spotlight initiative**

Attendance to side event on Spotlight initiative/Preparation of work plan on future cooperation

4:45pm -5:30 pm

Members of the mechanisms' secretariat viewpoint

- *Stakeholders' cooperation (among others: CSOs and relevant mechanisms, such as the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children, as well as UN mechanisms such as the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, the UN Victims' Rights Advocate, as well as executive directors of UN agencies (UN Women)*
- *Future key meetings and initiatives*

5:45pm - 6:00pm

Adoption of a work plan and closing remarks by Ms. Dubravka Simonovic, Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences
