



Gender Justice: Launching a Platform for Partnership

8 March 2022 | 10:00am – 11:30am EST

Online presentation and discussion
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On International Women’s Day, UNDP and UN Women are pleased to present the Gender Justice Platform to reinforce cooperation for gender justice and equality. Women’s empowerment is essential to achieve the 2030 Agenda, especially in the context of climate crisis, global justice emergency and political turbulence.

In most conflicts and crises, women and girls are disproportionately affected. They suffer from violence, lose livelihoods, face insecurity, human rights violations, and lack of access to justice. At the same time, women are often at the forefront of the battle for human rights and freedoms. Women’s engagement in crisis responses tends to result in more sustainable peacebuilding efforts and transformative changes in a society. It is essential to apply innovative approaches and work together for women’s access to justice and thus greater gender equality.

To reaffirm their commitment to cooperate for gender justice, women’s rights and representation, UNDP and UN Women are launching the Gender Justice Platform, as a leverage of their partnership to galvanize progress in joint implementation of gender justice initiatives. Implemented through UNDP’s *Global Programme for Rule of Law, Human Rights, Justice and Security for Sustainable Peace and Development*, the platform seeks to empower women to know their rights and have access to fair, people-centred justice services, particularly in contexts affected by conflict, crisis, and fragility.

UNDP and UN Women partnered on gender justice in April 2020. Within the partnership, including under the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP), UNDP and UN Women have combined their efforts to increase access to justice for the most vulnerable women and girls, address their immediate justice needs, and strengthen institutional effectiveness and accountability of judicial systems and legislative frameworks. During the first phase of the partnership, access to justice was enabled for over 42,000 of individuals (89,4 percent women). In 14 conflict-affected contexts, support was provided to gender sensitive security sector reform processes and advocacy initiatives for women leadership.

UNDP and UN Women extend an invitation to this event to present the Gender Justice Platform’s priorities, reflect on its perspectives and challenges and to discuss avenues to advance women’s meaningful participation in crisis prevention, response and peacebuilding.

This event will also serve to launch the most recent joint publication ‘Women’s Meaningful Participation in Transitional Justice: Advancing Gender Equality and Building Sustainable Peace’. Developed within the Gender Justice Platform, this study presents lessons from various contexts where entire groups and societies benefitted from women’s influence on transitional justice processes. UNDP and UN Women will share recommendations for UN policy and programming on how to promote women leadership in transitional justice. Colleagues from country offices will reflect on their successes and challenges on the ground.

The event is open to everyone interested in joining efforts to improve access to justice for women and girls in complex contexts affected by conflict, crisis, and fragility.

PROGRAMME

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10:00-10:15am	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asako Okai, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Crisis Bureau, UNDP Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women (via video message)
10:15-10:25am	<p>The future for gender justice in crisis settings: the Gender Justice Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorena Mellado, Policy and Programme Specialist, Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP HQ
10:25-10:50am	<p>An approach to Women’s Meaningful Participation in Transitional Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily Kenney, Policy Specialist, Rule of Law and Transitional Justice Specialist, UN Women HQ Moussa Balla Kanoute, Transitional Justice, UN Women Mali Speaker TBC, UNDP Colombia
10:50-11:00am	<p>A people-centred approach to women’s access to justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanan Kamar, UN Women Palestine
11:00-11:20am	<p>Q&A and discussion</p>
11:20-11:30am	<p>The Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katy Thompson, Head of Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights, UNDP Crisis Bureau Paivi Kannisto, Chief, Peace, Security and Humanitarian and Resilience Section, UN Women