

Violence against women in gender-equal societies

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UN North Lawn Building, Conference Room D

Gender equality is a highly valued principle in many gender equality friendly societies, such as Norway, where the public discourse and the development of public policy is anchored within an equal opportunities framework. While the equal opportunities agenda has paved the way for significant advances for women and girls in the public sphere, it has not been equally effective in addressing gender based-violence. Sexual harassment and violence against women and girls is a matter of particular concern.

What are the strategies and measures that can effectively address the root causes that underlie the persistence of gender based violence?

How can Governments, together with civil society, achieve this?

Program

Welcome by Ms. Elisabeth Lier Haugseth, Deputy Ombud, and Ms. Rachel Eapen Paul, Senior adviser, The Equality and Anti-discrimination Ombud's Office in Norway

Panel moderated by Ms. Gro Lindstad, Executive Director, FOKUS, Norway:

- H.E. Ms. Inga Marte Thorkildsen, Minister of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion, Norway
- Dr. Michael Kaufman, Writer, Educator, Co-founder of the White Ribbon Campaign, Canada
- Ms. Rashida Manjoo, UN special rapporteur on Violence against Women, its Causes and Consequences
- Ms. Jean Enriquez, Executive Director, Coalition against Trafficking in Women Asia Pacific – CATWAP

Organizers

The Equality and Anti-discrimination Ombud's Office in Norway and FOKUS – Forum for Women and Development, Norway

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