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UN Security Council Discussed Libyan Elections



Libya: Gender inclusive elections-enabling mechanism proposed by UN envoy Libya during open briefing Security Council

We strongly support the gender inclusive elections-enabling mechanism proposed by UN envoy Bathily yesterday at UN security Council and urge the international community to ensure enhanced representation of Libyan women in political and decision-making processes.

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International Gender Champions 2023 Commitments



International Gender Champions 2023 Commitments – Director Sabra Bano, IGC

The commitment for International Gender Champions are online

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Sierra Leone: Ground-breaking Gender Equality Bill Signed



Sierra Leone: New Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Bill Introduced

The new gender equality bill to ensure that 30 percent of parliamentary seats and cabinet positions are held by women signed in late January. The new laws were hailed as globally unprecedented.

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Belarus: She Survived a Nightmare



She Survived a Nightmare: A film about the situation of Belarusian Women

The number of Belarusian women seeking refuge in neighbouring Lithuania has been increasing significantly in the past few months. The majority of these women are journalists and opposition activists, targeted by the state authorities due to their outspoken criticism of the government.

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Tunisia: Call for the Return of Electoral Gender Parity



Wider protest against lower number of elected women parliamentarians

As an organisation that since 2011 is supporting gender and democracy in Tunisia and in the wider MENA region, we endorse the demand for the return of full democracy and the Electoral Gender Parity by the CSOs in Tunisia.

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Arab States Report Urges Quotas for Women's Representation



Arab States Report: Reforms urged for women's political participation despite progress on legal status

A recent UN Arab States Report urges states to adopt quotas for women's political representation, laws that criminalise violence against women in politics and elections and protect women's sexual and productive health rights.

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CSW67- NGO Briefing at OCW



Update from NGO Briefing at OCW

The Dutch Civil Society Organisations shared a variety of perspectives and recommendations, including representatives from women of colour, women with disabilities, sex workers, LGBTQ community, and youth held at the Ministry of OCW.

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Feminist National Policy, NVR New Year's Reception



Feminist National Policy: New Year's Reception commemorating 125 years of NVR

At the occasion of the New Year's Reception commemorating 125 years of Nederlandse Vrouwen Raad (NVR) director Bano spoke and emphasized the need for complementing Feminist Foreign Policy with a Feminist National Policy. Read her full speech here.

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COP28: Dutch Cabinet Invites CSOs for Roundtable Meeting



Call for Climate Summits to be independent from the Fossil Fuel Industry

Together with 35 other directors of Dutch NGOs, director Bano signed a letter in joining 450 international CSOs to address the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) procedures concerning upcoming COP28.

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Blended Finance for Sustainable Development

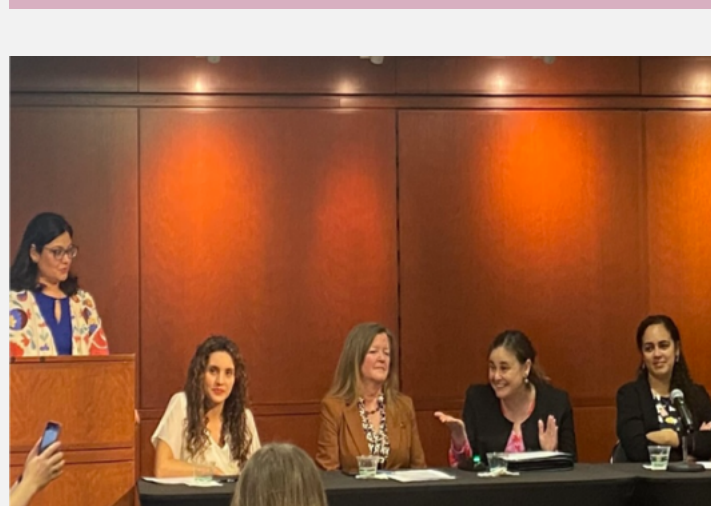


Mobilizing Blended Finance for Sustainable Development: Insights from the OECD Meeting

Blended finance is vital for sustainable development and innovative solutions that ensure positive outcomes as discussed during an OECD conference.

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Justice for Adolescent Sexual Violence Survivors



Paving Pathways to Justice for Adolescent Sexual Violence Survivors in the Americas

Discussing the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ruling in favour of Brisa de Angulo, survivor of child sexual abuse, who has been fighting for justice for more than 20 years.

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Upcoming Events



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Commission on the Status of Women & International Women's Day (6-17 March 2023)

International Women's Day (8 March 2023): #EmbraceEquity

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