



OFFICIAL COMMEMORATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

DRAFT AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Time: 10:00 am through 11:30 am (1hour 30minutes)

Location: ECOSOC Chamber I and online

Theme: *“UNiTE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls!”*

Outcomes:

- Greater visibility and awareness of the key role that women’s rights activism and feminist movements play in ending violence against women and girls.
- Strengthened linkages between women’s rights activists, the civil society led 16 days campaign and the UNiTE campaign to achieve a more impactful campaign on ending violence against women.
- More support and investments in women’s rights movements, by inviting donors and stakeholder to make commitments linked to action 4 of the Action Coalition on GBV and through donations to CSO’s through the UN Trust Fund.

Participants: *TBD*

Language Interpretation: Arabic, English, French and Spanish

Sequence of events:

10.00 am Event opens

Opening – Host Welcome (6 mins)

- Host, **Femi Oke**, welcomes participants, goes over logistics and introduces UNTF video (2 min)
- **UNTF video** (3 mins)
- Thanks activists in video; introduces and hands over to CdC for opening remarks. (1 min)

Segment 1 – High level Speeches (20 mins)

- **Chef de Cabinet opening speech** (3 mins)
- **Deputy Secretary General keynote Speech** (3 mins)
to focus on the importance of women’s movements, celebrating women’s rights activism and its achievements but raising his concern about current context (align to some of the key themes in SG report on EAW (crisis, backlash, online VAWG) to provide scene setting introduction to the event) and call to action to member states, development community etc. to prioritize funding to women’s movements, to put in place protection mechanisms.
- **UNW ED Welcome Speech** (3 mins)



speaks about the power of women's movements in ending VAWG and provides some examples of key achievements through UN Women's work illustrating that UN Women is an extension of the women's movement. Reiterates the SG's message about greater support to women's movements

- **Moment of silence** in honour of the WHRDs that have been killed, reading out of names, Femi Oke (2 mins)
- **UNODC ED Remarks** (1.5 mins)
presents key highlights from the UNODC-UN Women global femicide report and outlines the key work that feminist women's movements play in monitoring of femicides through collecting data, through observatories etc.
- **UNFPA ED Remarks** (3 mins)
- **EU Speech** (3 mins) Ambassador Olof Skoog (*TBC*)
highlights their commitment to women's movements and how much they have invested, and results achieved through Spotlight and other key initiatives such as Pacific Partnership, WHRD projects etc.
- **Iranian Activist Speech** (3 mins) Mana Shooshtari (*TBC*)

1st Performance (3 minutes) – Sing for Hope

A performance.

-----End of segment 1-----

Special Rapporteur on EAW : (4 mins)

contextualising remarks on the importance of women's movements in ending violence against women, bringing the voices and the perspectives of the human rights mandate holders including the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly, as the scene setting and opening of the discussion on the "transformative impact of feminist movements".

Segment 2 – Conversational (20 mins)

Transformative impact of feminist movements – A conversation with feminist activists from around the world. This segment will be moderated by a young woman feminist from African region

- **1st panelist: Charlotte Bunch** (3 mins)
what are the main achievements since Beijing and what is the unfinished business and challenges presented through global contexts.
- **2nd panelist: Sonita Alizadeh**, rap artist activist from Afghanistan (3 mins)
A young voice who will be able to speak to the youth led grassroots movement in the region and conflict settings.
- **3rd panelist: Janette Mbuguya**, Inua Dada Foundation from Kenya (3 mins)
How activism through storytelling can lead to legislative and social norms shift; the art of pushback against the pushback.
- **4th panelist: Leila Mnekbi** from MENA –Tunisia (3 mins)



how digital activism has provided women in the Arab world with a platform for feminist mobilization and movement building but highlight the risks they face in online spaces.

- **5th Panelist: Ingrid Beck** #NiUnaMenos movement (3 mins)

Video from Comms (3 minutes)

-----End of segment 2-----

Closing – Call to action (10 mins)

- **Activism: Bronwyn Kili** - PNG climate change youth activist, youth ambassador for UNFPA (3 mins)
Spoken word poetry to demonstrate her activism through the arts
Bring a call to action as a closing remark for the event
Mark the initiation of 16 days of activism and beyond.
- Host closes the event with wrap up remarks,
- Host leads chant with feminists in the chambers: “Tell me what an Activist looks like?” “This is what an Activist looks like!” “Tell me what a feminist looks like?” “This is what a feminist looks like!” (3 mins)

11:21 am Event closes

DRAFT RUN OF SHOW:

*** a one-minute buffer in some transitions to account for real time changes ***

Time	Duration	Segment	Speakers	Content (details below)	Placement
Opening					
10:00 – 10:07	2 min	Host Welcome	Femi Oke	LIVE	Lectern
	3 min	Opening Video	UNTF Video	Video	Screen
Segment 1					
10:07 – 10:41	4 min	Chef de Cabinet Speech	Earle Courtenay Rattray	LIVE	Dais
	4 min	DSG Keynote remarks	Amina J. Mohammed	Video	Screen
	4 min	UN Women ED Opening Remarks	Sima Bahous	LIVE	Dais
	2 min	Moment of silence in honour of the WHRDs who have been killed	Femi Oke	LIVE	Lectern
	4 min	UNODC ED Remarks	Ghada Fathi Waly	Video	Screen
	4 min	UNFPA ED Remarks (TBC)	Natalia Kanem		
	4 min	European Commission Speech (TBC)	Ambassador Olof Skoog		
	4 min	Youth led grassroots movement in Iran - Iranian diaspora (TBC)	Mana Shoostari	LIVE	Dais
	4 min	1st Performance - Sing for Hope	Sing for Hope	LIVE	In front of dais
Segment 2					

10:41 – 10:46	5 min	Special Rapporteur on ERAW	Reem AlSalem	LIVE	Lectern
10:46 – 11:07	20 min	<i>Transformative impact of feminist movements - a conversation</i>		LIVE	<i>In front of dais</i>
	4 min	Main achievements since Beijing and the unfinished business and challenges presented through global contexts.	Charlotte Bunch	LIVE	In front of dais
	4 min	Activism in conflict settings	Sonita Alizada	LIVE	In front of dais
	4 min	Digital activism in Arab world-platform for feminist mobilization and movement building but highlight the risks they face in online spaces.	Leila Mnekbi	LIVE	In front of dais
	4 min	#NiUNaMenos	Ingrid Beck	LIVE	In front of dais
	4 min	Activism through storytelling, pushback against the pushback	Janet Mbuguya	LIVE	In front of dais
11:07 – 11:11	4 min	Video Comms	Comms Video	Video	Screen
Closing					
11:11 – 11:21	4 min	PNG climate change youth activist, youth ambassador for UNFPA	Bronwyn Kili	LIVE	Lectern
	3 min	Wrap up	Femi Oke	LIVE	Lectern
	3 min	Chant	Everyone	LIVE	Chambers