

# March on Gender

## *Towards Gender Equality Before the Law*

10 March 14.00 - 17.00

OECD Conference Centre Auditorium

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While decades of progress towards equality of women before the law has helped to remove most discriminatory legal provisions, equality in opportunity is far from a reality. What mechanisms prove effective in enabling women to protect their rights before the law? In redressing discriminatory treatment from pay gaps to unequal access to finance, employment and education? What role does access to justice play in improving gender equality? What are the specific legal needs of all women and girls, particularly those from indigenous, migrant and refugee groups? How can policy makers better understand and address them? What specific obstacles do women and girls face in accessing the justice system? What are the current challenges and solutions to advance gender-responsive and -diverse justice systems? What is the impact of enhanced gender diversity in justice and legal systems?

The Organisation of Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) will convene an event on 10 March 2017 at its Conference Centre in Paris as part of the OECD week on *International Women's Day*. The meeting will bring together high-level government officials and non-governmental experts to discuss people-centred and gender-responsive solutions in the justice sector to promote Inclusive Growth and gender equality for all. The objectives of the meeting are three-fold:

- Explore the relationship between gender equality and access to justice in OECD and non-OECD countries
- Highlight legal and policy tools that can better support gender equality outcomes and reduction of violence against women and girls across different social groups
- Showcase country practices and approaches and discuss the remaining challenges in putting the needs of all women and girls at the centre of legal and justice systems

These objectives support the implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16.3 to promote access to justice for all women and girls, including from marginalised groups.



#### 14.00 Welcoming Remarks

- **Ms Mari Kiviniemi**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

#### 14.15 Keynote Address: Women, Justice and a Fairer Global Integration

- **Ms Ragnhildur Arnljótsdóttir**, Permanent Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Iceland

#### 14.30 Special Address

- **Ms Catalina Crane**, Director of Relations with the OECD, Embassy of Colombia in France

#### 14.40 Panel Session: Advancing Gender Equality and Improving Access to Justice for Inclusive Growth

The discussions will highlight the importance of empowering all women and girls to enjoy their legal rights and address disparities in accessing public services, such as health, justice, employment, education as well as entrepreneurship.

**Moderator: Mr Rolf Alter**, Director, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate

- **Ms Laura Cox**, Former High Court Judge, Queen's Bench Division, England and Wales, United Kingdom
- **Ms Karine Gilberg**, Head, Expertise and Institutional questions, Secretary General, International and European Affairs, Ministry of Justice, France
- **Ms Carolina Lasén Díaz**, Head of the Gender Equality Unit, Council of Europe
- **Ms Pamela Murphy**, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and External Relations Directorate, Status of Women, Canada
- **Ms Daniela Piana**, Professor of Political Science, University of Bologna; Associate Fellow, Institut des Hautes Etudes sur la Justice

Panel presentations will be followed by group discussion.

#### 16.45 Closing remarks

- **Ms Gabriela Ramos**, Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General, Chief of Staff, and Sherpa, OECD

#### 17.00 Cocktail reception