



Virtual Launch of the Report: Eliminating Gender-based Violence: Governance and Survivor/Victim-centred Approaches

Tuesday, 7 December, 2021

14:00 – 15:30 (Paris CET) / via Zoom webinar

Register: <https://meetoecd1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtde2urTgtHNDOATfi6E9yDC5MQBDgQxpK>

Background:

Gender-based violence (GBV) represents a global issue. Worldwide, at least one out of three women report being victims of some kind of GBV in their lifetime. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated gender inequalities and created conditions where women and girls face even higher risks of GBV, especially during periods of confinement and social distancing. This complex phenomenon is pervasive and it can cost individuals their jobs; their homes; physical and mental health, or even their lives. At societal level, it can reduce economic prosperity and well-being.

What is more important, GBV is rarely an isolated, one-time incident. Rather, it is usually part of structural patterns of discrimination and abuse. Therefore, it is crucial that governments address the cycle of GBV in a comprehensive and sustainable way. This requires that all relevant institutions and services work together to prevent and eliminate GBV. Unfortunately, long-standing cultural, institutional, and communication barriers between public institutions and other relevant actors, such as non-governmental institutions and civil society, often prevent this from happening. Uncoordinated responses across line ministries and levels of government not only result in a failure to address GBV comprehensively, but also put at risk the lives of individuals and may generate secondary victimisation, as victims and survivors navigate complicated legal, social, and justice processes.

This event will feature global leaders from across sectors discussing how to prevent, address, and end GBV. Answering and debating questions such as: What are the key challenges today in addressing GBV? What are governments doing to address this crisis – and what else can they do? How to strengthen the implementation of government commitments to eliminate GBV? How can policy makers respond to this crisis and take into account the needs and experiences of victim/survivors?

Finally, the event will introduce and launch the OECD Report: ***“Eliminating Gender-based Violence: Governance and Survivor/Victim-centred Approaches”***. This framework is the response to the 2020 Call to Action for the OECD to address and eliminate GBV. The Report aims to provide countries with specific recommendations in order to establish a whole-of-state and survivor/victim centred approach to addressing GBV.

Programme:

14:00 – 14:10	Welcoming Remarks by Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen , OECD Deputy Secretary-General
14:10 – 14:20	Keynote Speech by Elena Bonetti , Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities, Italy
14:20 – 14:35	Presentation of the OECD GBV Report by Elsa Pilichowski , OECD Public Governance Director
14:35 – 15:15	Interactive Panel Discussion
15:15 – 15:30	Q&A session



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Welcome Remarks:

- **Ulrik Vestergaard Knudsen**, OECD Deputy Secretary-General

Keynote Speech:

- **Elena Bonetti**, Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities, Italy

Presentation of the Report:

- **Elsa Pilichowski**, OECD Public Governance Director

Panellists:

- **Elena Bonetti**, Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities, Italy (TBC)
- **Sandra Ribeiro**, President of the Citizen and Equality Commission, Portugal
- **Bárbara Tardón Recio**, Advisor to the Minister of Equality, Spain
- **Robyn Mazyr**, Director of Gender and Justice Initiatives, Center for Court Innovation
- **Nicolette Naylor**, International Program Director, Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice, Ford Foundation

Moderated by:

Monika Queisser, Head of Division and Senior Counsellor, OECD Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate