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## CSW63 Side Event

*The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Commission cordially invite you to*

# **“Sexual harassment in the workplace – a global perspective”**

Monday 11 March 2019, 1.15-2.30pm  
UN Headquarters, Conference Room 11

### **Key Note Speakers**

The Hon. Kelly O’Dwyer MP, Minister for Women, Australia

### **Moderator**

Purna Sen, the UN Spokesperson on Addressing Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Discrimination

### **Panellists**

- Kate Jenkins, Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Australia
- Feride Acar, Chair of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence of the Council of Europe.
- Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro, Special Representative to the United Nations and Director, International Labour Organisation.

The #MeToo movement has shone a light on the pervasiveness of sexual harassment at work across the globe, which disproportionately affects women and girls. It impacts women’s workforce participation and economic security as well as their health and well-being.

Sexual harassment at work is a global phenomenon that requires cooperation across borders to drive durable change.

The Australian Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Kate Jenkins, is currently leading a world first National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces. The findings will guide the development of robust social protection systems to promote the full and equal participation of women in the Australian labour force, and reduce their exposure to the negative health and economic impacts of sexual harassment.

This side event will focus on the Australian Human Rights Commission’s National Inquiry from a global perspective. It will bring together experts from a cross-section of jurisdictions, and take a comparative approach to initiatives to prevent and address sexual harassment at work.