



HIGH-LEVEL LAUNCH EVENT

EQUALITY IN LAW FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS BY 2030: A MULTISTAKEHOLDER STRATEGY FOR ACCELERATED ACTION

Wednesday 20 March 2019, 9.45 a.m.-11.15 a.m.
Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters

MODERATOR:

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Over 2.5 billion women and girls around the world are affected in multiple ways by discriminatory laws and the lack of legal protections (McKinsey Global Institute, 2015). In response, UN Women, African Union, the Commonwealth, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and Secretaría General Ibero-Americana have jointly issued *Equality in Law for Women and Girls by 2030: A Multistakeholder Strategy for Accelerated Action* in close collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Equality Now, Global Citizen, Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights, International Association of Women Judges, International Development Law Organization, Muslims for Progressive Values, and Women's Learning Partnership to tackle persisting discrimination in law. The Strategy seeks to fast track the repeal of discriminatory laws in 100 countries between 2019 and 2023, focusing on six thematic areas and will address the legal needs of over 50 million women and girls.

The event will launch the strategy and include conversations on experiences, solutions and commitments towards the elimination of discriminatory laws. This interactive dialogue brings together government representatives, civil society organizations and UN partners with the primary objective of generating awareness on the important role of gender equal laws in the achievement of gender equality and reinforcing the importance of eliminating discriminatory laws in all countries.

KEY HIGHLIGHT

Ms. Jakomba Jabbie, young gender activist, The Gambia