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Side Event Organized by the Ministry of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ministry of Social Welfare, Family Care and Demography of Montenegro, Ministry of Gender and Children's Affairs of the Republic of Sierra Leone, UN Women, and Women and Democracy Foundation (KADEM - a national NGO)

### Future of Justice: Technological Pathways for Women's Access

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ECOSOC Chamber

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## Background

In the current global context marked by deepening inequalities, multiple crises, and increasing risks, access to justice for women and girls has once again emerged not merely as a legal matter, but as a strategic priority situated at the intersection of development, security, and human rights.

Access to justice constitutes a fundamental prerequisite for the protection of women's human rights and the achievement of equality between women and men, encompassing not only access to judicial bodies, but also access to legal information and to supportive mechanisms that enable the effective exercise of rights.

Within the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goals 5 and 16, address women's access to justice in the context of combating discrimination, strengthening the rule of law, and promoting strong and accountable institutions. Similarly, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women emphasizes that the right of access to justice is a fundamental element for the realization of women's human rights and an integral component of the rule of law and good governance.

However, women and girls, particularly survivors of violence against women, still face significant barriers in accessing justice mechanisms in a full and effective manner due to limited access to legal information, economic constraints, geographic distance, language barriers, and institutional bias.

In this context, digitalization and technological innovation are making justice systems more functional and responsive, thereby facilitating women's access to justice and helping to overcome physical, economic, and time-related barriers, particularly for those living in rural areas, with limited income, with disabilities, or with restricted mobility.

Türkiye treats access to justice as a strategic priority within the framework of protecting women's human rights and strengthening equality between women and men, and adopts a comprehensive approach at both legislative and implementation levels. In this context, Law No. 6284 on the Protection of the Family and the Prevention of Violence against Women, grounded in preventive and protective measures in combating violence against women, stands out as one of the key legal instruments supporting women's rapid, safe, and effective access to justice.

Digital transformation enhances the practical effectiveness of the legal and institutional framework in addressing violence and protecting victims, enabling women to reach protective and supportive justice mechanisms in a timely, secure, and accessible manner through technology-based tools.

The event will focus on enabling victims of violence against women to access protective and supportive mechanisms safely and effectively through technological tools, and will examine the impact of digital applications on access to justice, alongside the opportunities they present, with due regard to data security, privacy, and ethical considerations. In this context, it aims to enhance the visibility of the role of digitalization in strengthening women's access to justice and to identify avenues for cooperation through the sharing of national experiences with international stakeholders.



## Objectives

- To highlight the role of legal mechanisms developed under protective and preventive approaches to combating violence against women in strengthening women's access to justice at the international level
- To assess the transformative role of digital tools in women's access to justice in light of international norms and policy frameworks
- To examine the impact of digital and online applications on women's access to legal information, participation in justice processes, and utilization of protective and supportive mechanisms
- To raise awareness of emerging risks, ethical requirements, and rights-based approaches in the process of digitalization
- To promote policy dialogue and cooperation opportunities through the sharing of national experiences with international stakeholders
- To share good practices from Türkiye's digital justice infrastructure in combating violence against women, including digital application channels, early warning systems, and electronic monitoring mechanisms developed particularly under Law No. 6284

## Content and Methodology

### 1- Panel Discussions

Statements and interventions by the Minister of Family and Social Services of the Republic of Türkiye, the Ministers of the co-host countries, Heads of NGOs, Relevant Ministers, Representatives of the United Nations (UN Women), and Other Panelists.

#### Discussion Topics

- The effectiveness of preventive and protective legal mechanisms in combating violence against women
- The impact of digital transformation on justice services
- Accessible online application and support mechanisms for survivors of violence
- Access to justice in the context of technology-supported responses to violence
- Digitalization of electronic monitoring and protective measures
- The role of public institutions in strengthening digital infrastructure
- Data security, ethical principles, and privacy
- The digital divide, including disparities related to rural areas, age groups, disability, and socioeconomic conditions

### 2- Contributions of Participants

Exchange of recommendations from participants and a general evaluation

#### Duration

Total duration of the event: 75 minutes

Opening Remarks (30 minutes) – Panel Discussion (40 minutes) – Contributions of Participants (5 minutes)

#### Expected Outcomes

To contribute to the development of legal mechanisms, digital legal support platforms, and electronic tools and methods that facilitate women's access to justice, through the sharing of experiences, and to promote international cooperation in this field.