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Concept Note

UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 70 High-Level Side Event

Setting Global Standards on Tech-Facilitated Violence Against Women and Girls: A Multistakeholder Discussion

Tuesday, March 10, 2026; 13:00 to 14:30

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Background & Purpose

Technology-facilitated violence against women and girls (TFVAWG) impacts the rights, safety, health and wellbeing of women and girls globally. Since the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2023, when member states agreed on the need for “legislation that prohibits violence against women and girls that occurs through or is amplified by the use of technology”¹, a growing number of national, regional, and multilateral bodies have enacted laws and regulations to protect women and girls from online harms, including the non-consensual distribution and sharing of intimate images, (NCII), which member states recognized as a crime² in the UN Convention on Cybercrime, opened for signature since October 2025. While the growth in legal frameworks addressing TFVAWG is welcome progress, the policy landscape across countries varies greatly, leading to a patchwork of national standards that offer varying levels of protection for victims, often lack sufficient guardrails and duties of care for technology platforms and AI developers, and undermine effective criminal justice responses and transnational coordination³.

In line with the 70th Commission on the Status of Women priority theme, “ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls,” this high-level side event will convene senior government officials and an expert panel to discuss the evolution of global standards for legislation to prevent and address TFVAWG, and highlight two new resources to enhance national and global responses to combatting online harms: the Supplement to the Handbook for Legislation on Violence Against on Addressing TFVAWG jointly

¹ Para. 58, CSW67 Agreed Conclusions (E/CN.6/2023/L.3)

² Article 16, UN Doc. A/RES/79/243

³ Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: Technology-facilitated violence against women and girls: Report of the Secretary-General (2024)

developed by UN Women and UNFPA, and a preliminary blueprint for a Model National Framework for NCII, co-created by a multistakeholder working group led by the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse (Global Partnership), UN Women, the UN Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and SWGfL, home to the UK's Revenge Porn Helpline and StopNCII.org. The side event is co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of the United Kingdom, Australia, Spain, and Kenya, along with additional country members of the Global Partnership, in collaboration with UN Women, UNFPA, UNODC and SWGfL.

Proposed Agenda & Speakers*

Welcome from the Moderator, Karen Davila, UN Women Goodwill Ambassador

Welcome from Senior UN Leadership

- High-level UN representative to welcome guests, thank country co-sponsors, and introduce UK Special Envoy Baroness Harman.

Keynote from UK Special Envoy for Women and Girls

- Baroness Harriet Harman, UK Special Envoy for Women and Girls

Setting the Stage: Youth Leader Opening Remarks to Kick-Off Expert Panel

- Remarks from Mona Cho, Plan International USA Youth Advisory Board Member

Expert Panel on Model Legislative Frameworks & Multi-Sector Solutions

- Moderated discussion to provide overview of the *Supplement to the Handbook for Legislation on Violence Against Women and Addressing TF VAWG* and preview the *Model National Framework for NCII*, alongside a dialogue on cross-sector solutions and partnerships to address TFVAWG, with speakers:
 - Moderator, Cailin Crockett, SWGfL/StopNCII.org
 - Civil society experts engaged in developing both the *Supplement to the Handbook for Legislation on Violence Against Women and Addressing TF VAWG* and the *NCII Model National Framework*
 - Karla Velasco, Policy Advocacy Coordinator, APC
 - Antonia Kirkland, Director, Legal Equality & UN Liaison, Equality Now
 - Anne Wang'ombe, Principal Secretary, Kenya Ministry of Gender, Culture, and Children Services
 - Glen Wise, CEO, Cinder AI

High-level Reflections on Driving Progress

- Tarana Burke, Founder, 'Me too.' Movement; Chief Vision Officer, 'Me Too.' International, and Leader, All In: Global Leaders for Ending Gender-Based Violence
- The Honorable Michelle O'Byrne, Australia Ambassador for Gender Equality

Closing Remarks

- Eva Maria Granados, Spain Secretary of State for International Cooperation

* Additional speakers to be announced.