



Draft CSW70 CSO recommendations for the Dutch delegation

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Priority theme CSW70

“Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers”

EU priorities

1. Equal access to justice
2. Inclusive, gender-responsive legal systems
3. Women's participation and leadership in justice systems
4. Eliminating discrimination in all spheres, laws and procedures in practice
5. Ensure access to justice for victims and survivors of sexual and gender-based violence
6. Improve women's and girl's effective access to justice in times of digital transformation
7. The gender dimension in transitional justice.

Context

- Stalled and uneven progress, backsliding
- Normalisation of conservative, far right, nationalist and anti-gender movement
- Undermining democracy, rule of law, universal human rights and international agreements and solidarity
- Budget cuts in social services and international cooperation, incl UN
- Shrinking civil space and coordinated disinformation campaigns, hate speech and attacks on feminist organisations and WHRD
- Climate crisis and disasters, armed conflicts, humanitarian crises

- Beijing+30, CEDAW GR33

1. Inclusive and gender-transformative legal frameworks and systems

- Tackle root causes of women's criminalisation
- Legal reform to decriminalise offences due to feminisation of poverty and eliminate harmful practices
- Strengthen state and private sector accountability and compliance
- Protect human rights, international law and civil space
- Ensure gender-transformative transitional justice mechanisms and processes
- Invest in disaggregated data, research and monitoring

2. Equal access to justice

- Remove structural and financial barriers
- Ensure access to quality, independent and impartial, gender-responsive and survivor-centred services, support systems, legal aid and procedures
- Invest in capacity building and training of law enforcement officials and legal professionals
- Address the rights, protection, and needs of women in detention
- Guarantee access to effective and adequate remedy and grievance mechanisms in cases of SGBV, and SRHR violations
- Invest in legal empowerment and education on rights, including SRHR
- Access to land rights and labour justice

3. Prevent and eliminate (online and technology-facilitated) sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and discrimination

- Develop policies, systems and tools to identify and address risk factors and root causes of (online) SGBV
- Eliminate stigma, gender stereotypes and negative social norms
- Guarantee that SGBV can be reported through safe, accessible, confidential and supportive mechanisms
- Guarantee inclusive, gender-responsive and specialized services for victims/survivors of SGBV, including in conflict situations.
- Ensure a survivor-centered and survivor-led approach
- Prioritize and protect rights of groups most at risk

4. Full, effective and meaningful participation and decision making

- Ensure representation of women in all their diversity in highest levels of judicial systems
- Ensure full, effective participation of young women and girls in all their diversity in justice and policy processes, incl UN
- Strengthen community-led solutions to justice
- Respect and protect the human rights of women and girls
- Ensure sustainable, predictable and flexible funding for human rights, gender equality, youth-led, and feminist organizations

5. Strengthen international mechanism to ensure human rights of women in all their diversity

- Connect international and national advocacy mechanisms that further justice, incl CSW and CEDAW
- Urge ratification and implementation of existing international commitments and treaties at UN and EU level
- Raise awareness about these commitments, especially CEDAW and Istanbul conventions

Other suggestions and ideas?

- Climate crisis and intergenerational justice
- Transitional justice
- Access to safe abortion care, incl in conflict situations
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Help draft the CSO recommendations!

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Note: we ideally want to present our recommendations in a 2-pager! So please keep it brief and concise