



Agenda

Examining 25 Years of Constitution-Making: Gains, Gaps and Implications for
Gender Equality

Manhattan Room, 2nd floor East Tower, Millennium Hotel (adjacent to the UN)

10th March 2020, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

10:00– 10:15	<p>Brief opening remarks</p> <p><i>UN Women:</i> Beatrice Duncan, Rule of Law Advisor Focal Point on Indigenous and Minority Issues, UN women</p> <p><i>International IDEA:</i> Erin Houlihan, Programme Officer Constitution Building Processes</p>	<p>The scene for the event is set with a portrait of developments related to constitution-making and constitution-building, both broadly and from a gender perspective. Speakers will provide context and touch on key milestones and developments of the past 25 years.</p>
10:15– 10:55	<p>Panel I: Process, participation and inclusion</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Rangita de Silva de Alwis, Associate Dean, International Affairs, University of Pennsylvania Law School</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honourable Mariam Jack-Denton, Speaker of the National Assembly, The Gambia • Fiona de Londras, Chair of Global Legal Studies Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham • Nanako Tamaru, Peace and Security Consultant and Former Senior Program Officer, Research and Training, Inclusive Security 	<p>This segment examines developments, trends and typologies of women’s inclusion in constitutional reform processes as well as opportunities, entry points and challenges. Different case studies to be presented by panellists will highlight promising practices, links between women’s process participation and constitutional design choices, and lessons learned for future action in forging greater visibility for and engagement of women in constitution building processes.</p>
11:00– 11:40	<p>Part II: Country experiences in constitutional design</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i></p>	<p>This segment examines the extent to which gender equality principles, norms and standards have been taken into</p>

	<p>Jody Heymann, founding Director, WORLD Policy Analysis Centre, and Distinguished Professor, University of California Los Angeles</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aili Marie Tripp, Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies and Chair of the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison. • Mehrezia Labidi, Member, Assembly of the Representatives of the People; Former First Vice-President, Constituent Assembly, Tunisia • Bassma Kodmani, Founder and Former Executive Director, Arab Reform Initiative; Associate Professor, International Relations, Paris University; Former Board Member, International IDEA • Claudia Marie Flores, Associate Clinical Professor of Law and Director, International Human Rights Clinic, University of Chicago Law School. 	<p>account in constitution framing and design experiences. Different case studies to be presented will provide comparative overviews of, for example, the intentional inclusion or exclusion of specific clauses and provisions related to women’s substantive equality, the position of such clauses in constitutions and issues of justiciability and accountability, institutional design and national women’s machineries, and the use of language, among others.</p>
<p>11:45– 12:00</p>	<p>Part III: Brief plenary discussion and wrap up by Moderators</p>	