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The Role of Climate Change in Exacerbating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence against Women

ONLINE WORKSHOP

25 September 2023

09:00 – 14:30 CEST

Climate change has emerged as the predominant 'world problematique'. Though entire populations are affected by climate change, women and girls suffer the most. As already seen, as a consequence of natural disasters and during Covid-19 pandemic, women faced heightened real-life challenges, especially being vulnerable to different forms of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). Women are exposed to SGBV due to weak or absence of social, economic, political security and the culture of widespread impunity to the perpetrators.

According to a report of 28 April 2022 by S&P Global, 'climate change could see 4% of global annual economic output lost by 2050'. IMF (2019) has estimated that climate change presents major threats to the long-term economic growth of the countries. In conditions driven by events such as pandemics, epidemics and climatic conditions, there is heightened risk of violence against women. It is clear that SGBV due to climate change imposes double economic burden on States. Climate change and SGBV cause economic loss for States, societies and families both individually and jointly. International law does not yield any international legal instrument that deals with SGBV against women during and after climate change-induced disasters. It is a new challenge for international law that needs to be duly addressed in a timely manner.

Online Workshop via Zoom.

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Workshop

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Online Workshop @ Zoom: Meeting-ID: 673 9262 1017 | Kenncode: 965765

Programme

Please note: All times indicated in the programme are CEST.

Monday, 25th September 2023

09:00-09:15 Welcome and introduction

09:15-10:15 **PANEL 1 A: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE RISE OF ECO-FEMINISM.**

The Right to Life with Dignity in the Climate Crisis: Human Rights Law, Mobility, and SGBV

Erin Thomas

Scope of Ecofeminism in the Biodiversity-Climate Nexus

Susan Ann Samuel

10:15-10:30 Short Break

10:30-11:30 **PANEL 1 B: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE RISE OF ECO-FEMINISM.**

Patriarchy and Women Vulnerability to Adverse Climate Change in Nigeria

Chidiebere J. Onwutuebe

Gender Perspective in Addressing Climate Change: "Her City ToolBox"

Ferlanda Luna

11:30-12:00 **COFFEE/ LUNCH BREAK**

12:00-13:30 **PANEL 2: WHETHER GENDER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN LEGALLY BINDING INSTRUMENTS REGARDING ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE: CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTATION.**

Guidelines According to the 2030 Agenda for the Defense of Indigenous Women Facing the Devastation of Their Lands in Brazil

Carolina Ferro Trigueiro de Sousa

Need for a Special Law & Implementation of Legally Binding Instruments at the Global and National Levels to End SGBV against Women

Bharat H. Desai

Role of Climate Change Exacerbating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in International Law: In Search of a Solution

Moumita Mandal

13:45-14:30 **CONCLUSIONS AND WRAP-UP**

Moumita Mandal

14:30 **END OF WORKSHOP**



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