



CROSS-COUNTRY LEARNING ON EMPOWERING YOUTH TO ADDRESS ONLINE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

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Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality,
Seoul, the Republic of Korea

END OGBV



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CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Gender-based violence (GBV) refers to harmful acts directed at an individual or a group of individuals based on their gender. It is rooted in gender inequality, the abuse of power and harmful norms. As the COVID-19 pandemic deepened economic and social stress coupled with restricted movement and social isolation measures, gender-based violence has increased exponentially. During COVID-19, GBV is manifested in different forms, including domestic violence and online and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilitated violence. These forms of violence and abuse take place in a context of widespread systemic gender-based discrimination.

Online gender-based violence (OGBV) is deeply rooted in discriminatory social norms, gender inequality, and often connected to offline violence. It is an active barrier against women, girls and gender-diverse people's freedom of speech and their involvement in the public agenda. Research has shown OGBV undeniably widens the gender digital gap and ultimately is a threat against peaceful, sustainable and gender equal societies.

OGBV can occur in intimate or non-intimate relationships. Perpetrators may be current or former partners, family members, colleagues, friends, state representatives, or people unknown to survivors. Unlike 'offline' GBV, [abusers online can assemble in the](#)

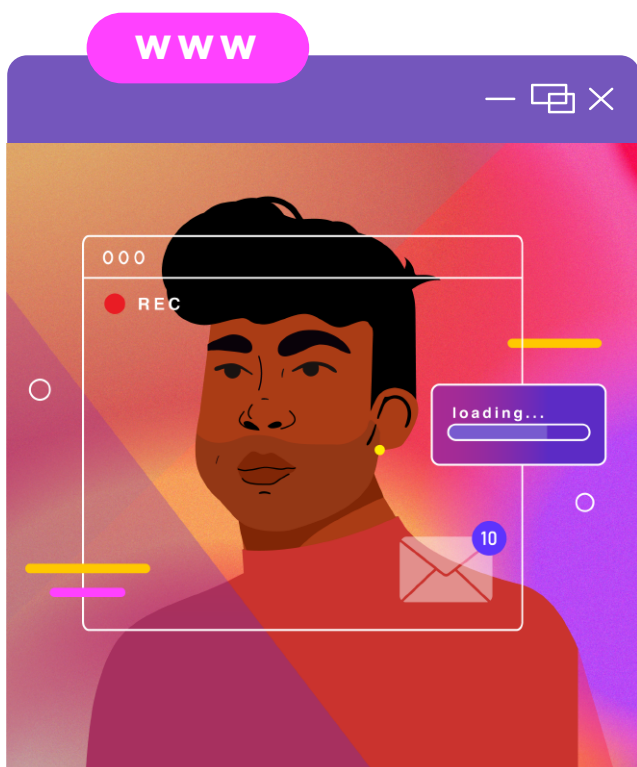
[thousands or millions and can harm someone with just one click.](#) While the former creates a space for them to learn, build on their knowledge and share in freedom of expression, the latter has provided a stable platform for abusers to target girls and women worldwide. COVID-19 exacerbated this situation; during lockdown, there was a [50 - 70 per cent internet increase globally](#) and in turn, the rate of OGBV against girls and women grew. OGBV has become increasingly prevalent, with [statistics showing](#) almost 9 in 10 Asia-Pacific women experienced or knew someone that has experienced online violence. With more internet use and unreported cases, this number is likely higher and still growing today. Unfortunately, adolescent girls, and those from vulnerable backgrounds are [the most affected](#).

Globally, the majority of current efforts to counter OGBV focus on post-experience response rather than prevention. Without immediate action, OGBV against girls and women will persist as more and more people move to the online space. Research shows that tailored prevention efforts aimed at all levels, including governments, private sector, tech companies, communities and individuals; along with adequate response services to survivors [can lead the way to ending OGBV](#). Girls and women need a larger presence in STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics, Engineering) fields, specifically in the decision-making levels, more investment is needed for supporting women-led tech companies, and mainstreaming gender in our current tech ecosystem including artificial intelligence (AI), would further help to deconstruct

gender-blind and gender biased tech ecosystems, and ultimately help to build a gender-transformative ecosystem.

Youth have increasingly demanded more just, equitable and progressive opportunities and solutions in their societies. The need to address the multifaceted challenges faced by young people, such as, access to education, health, employment and gender equality have become more pressing than ever. Youth have been a positive force for development when provided with the knowledge and opportunities they need to thrive. UN Women has actively engaged youth in addressing GBV, specifically through engaging men and boys in prevention and responding to violence against girls, women and gender-diverse people. In December 2022, [the 30 for 2030 Network](#), UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality launched the [Youth Guide to End Online Gender-Based Violence Toolkit](#). The toolkit is an actionable learning and knowledge product, easily accessible for anyone to read and understand, to raise awareness and empower all. One of the main aims of the toolkit is for it to be updated regularly so that the information provided in the toolkit reflects current times and technology.

In this context, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality based in Seoul, Republic of Korea and UN Women Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, in partnership with the 30 for 2030 Network will organize the country-cross learning on addressing OGBV. The event is funded by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea, with additional resourcing provided by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).



OBJECTIVES

- 1. Share knowledge**, evidence, tools, and promising practices to prevent and address OGBV; to engage a range of stakeholders, including youth-based organizations, women's organizations, policy makers, technology providers and developers;
- 2. Actively engage** youth leaders, academic experts, UN Women Country Offices, policy makers and other stakeholders to develop, implement and monitor policies, and programmes on youth engagement in addressing OGBV;
- 3. Plan** for the launch of the second edition of the Youth Guide to End Online Gender-Based Violence Toolkit; and
- 4. Identify and document** the lessons learned and ways to move forward to engage youth in addressing OGBV in Asia and the Pacific region.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

About 45 participants from the [30 for 2030 Network](#), youth representatives in Asia and the Pacific, including representatives from the Republic of Korea, experts working to address OGBV and UN Women country offices.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1. Increased knowledge:** Heightened understanding among participants regarding the complexities of OGBV. Participants will gain knowledge about the current evidence, trends, patterns, and manifestations of OGBV.
- 2. Skill enhancement:** Participants, especially youth leaders, will be equipped with tools, techniques, and good practices for preventing and responding to OGBV. This includes effective utilization of the Youth Guide to End Online Gender-Based Violence Toolkit.
- 3. Cross-country collaboration:** Enhanced dialogue and shared learning among countries in Asia and the Pacific region. The symposium will facilitate the exchange of experiences, successful strategies, and innovative solutions for addressing OGBV.
- 4. Policy and legal framework enhancement:** Identification of gaps in existing legal frameworks and policies related to OGBV in the region, leading to concrete recommendations for reform and improvement.
- 5. Partnerships and networking:** Establishing and fostering strategic partnerships and networks among different stakeholders, including NGOs, UN Women, policymakers, and youth leaders.

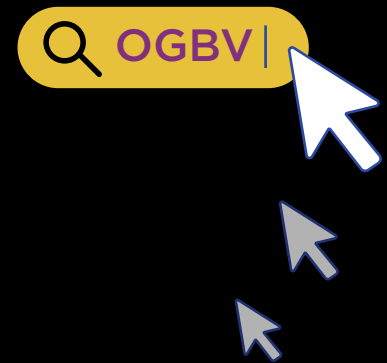
- 6. Actionable recommendations:** Development of a set of actionable recommendations for governments, private sector, tech companies, communities, and individuals to prevent and address OGBV.
- 7. Revamped toolkit:** Review and prepare for the launch of an updated and more effective toolkit, reflecting current trends, laws, policies, and technologies, to aid in the prevention of OGBV.
- 8. Follow-up actions:** Establishment of a post-symposium action plan, which outlines the next steps for taking forward the commitments, recommendations, and collaborations initiated during the symposium.

EVENT FORMAT

Cross-country learning will ensure broad and inclusive participation from across Asia and the Pacific.

- 1. Plenary sessions:** To feature keynote addresses from prominent speakers, and experts in the field of online gender-based violence (OGBV). These discussions will provide insights into OGBVs current environment, successful strategies, and future challenges.
- 2. Panel discussions:** Will comprise of experts, policymakers, youth leaders, and survivors who will discuss a range of topics related to OGBV. These discussions will allow for interactive dialogue and shared learning among panelists and participants.
- 3. Workshops and breakout sessions:** Interactive dialogue will provide opportunities for more focused discussion and hands-on learning. These sessions will facilitate deep dives into specific topics, such as the importance of the OGBV Toolkit, youth advocacy, and legal reforms.
- 4. Country exhibition:** Exceptional session will allow different countries to share their experiences, lessons learned, and successful interventions related to OGBV. It will promote cross-country learning and collaboration.
- 5. Toolkit-focused discussion:** Session tailored to the toolkit, its usage, updates, and the role it plays in combating OGBV.
- 6. Group activities:** Aimed at equipping participants with tools to combat OGBV. These activities will also serve to build solidarity and foster a sense of community among participants.
- 7. Feedback and reflection:** At the end of each day, there will be a recap and reflection session where participants will share their learnings, insights, and feedback.

The learning will ensure a safe and inclusive space for all participants, respecting diverse perspectives and experiences, and promoting respectful and constructive dialogue.



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8.30 - 9.00	Participant registration				
9.00 - 9.10	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeongshim Lee Director, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality • Bora Shin President, Women's Human Rights Institute of Korea 				
9.10 - 9.20	<p>Introduction of the participants and agenda</p> <p>Lauren Da Silva Advocacy and Innovation Consultant, UN Women ROAP</p>				
9.20 - 10.00	<p>Session 1: Understanding technology facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) This session aims to provide an understanding on the OGBV concept, its current evidence, trends, patterns, manifestations of OGBV and key challenges in addressing OGBV</p>				
	<p> Moderator: Melissa Alvarado, Regional Programme Manager on Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW), UN Women</p>				
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<p>Discussion, Q&A</p>					
10.00 - 10.20	Tea break				
10.20 - 12.00	<p>Session 2: Legal framework in addressing OGBV This session provides a review of the existing regulatory and legal framework in addressing OGBV through country experience and recent research findings.</p>				
	<p> Moderator: Ayesha Amin, Founder and CEO, Baithak</p>				
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	<p>Policy and legal framework in addressing online gender-based violence in the Republic of Korea</p>	<p>Seongmi Oh, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea</p>
	<p>Supporting Safer Digital Spaces</p>	<p>Professor Suzie Dunn, Senior Fellow, CIGI</p>
	<p>A new international regime in addressing online GBV</p>	<p>Kirthi Jayakumar, Founder, The Gender Security Project</p>
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break	
13.00 -14.00	<p>Session 3: Initiatives by governments and other stakeholders and lessons in preventing and addressing OGBV This session presents the selected interventions conducted by governments and CSOs to address OGBV in some countries</p>	
	<p> Moderator: Melissa Alvarado, Regional Programme Manager on Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women</p>	
		<p>Carolyn Wilkes, Manager, Gender and Technology Section, Australia Office of the eSafety Commissioner</p>
	<p>The case study from Viet Nam in addressing online GBV</p>	<p>Jolly Nguyen, Founder, EVOL Vietnam Social Enterprise</p>
		<p>Tran Quang Tho, Independent Consultant</p>
	<p>Huong Luu, Advocacy Consultant, UN Women</p>	
	<p>Introduction to Digital Sexual Crime Prevention Education for Youth and Counseling Program for Preventing Recidivism of Adolescent Offenders</p>	<p>Ham Kyoung Jin, Aha Sexuality Education & Counseling Center for Youth, The Republic of Korea</p>

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14.00 - 15.30

Session 4: OGBV prevention through boys and men's engagement

This session will present the promising practices on OGBV prevention through the engagement of boys and men



Moderator: **Michael Flood**, Professor at QUT
(Queensland University of Technology)

Sidhant Bali Maharaj,
Intersectional Queer Feminist Activist

Jenna-Lee Strugnell,
Project Manager, heCareZA/CABC

Discussion, Q&A

15.30 - 15.50

Tea break

15.50 - 16.50

Session 5: Bystander approaches to address OGBV

This session will focus on bystander approaches that seek to build shared individual and community responsibility for responding to and preventing OGBV



Moderator: **Sanjana Chhantyal**, Deputy Project Lead, SDSN-Youth,
Co-founder, Stree-Shakti Project

**Approaches to response and
prevention of OGBV**

Lauralyn, Head of Digital Operations,
VivaValet

S M Shaikat, Executive Director,
SERAC-Bangladesh

16.50 - 17.00

Recap and closing of Day 1

- **Kirthi Jayakumar** Founder, The Gender Security Project

Daily evaluation and reflection

- **Emad Karim** Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, UN Women

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DAY 2 : WEDNESDAY, 23RD AUGUST 2023

9.00 - 9.15

Opening and highlights from Day 1

- **Lauren Da Silva** Advocacy and Innovation Consultant, UN Women

9.15 - 10.30

Session 6: Country exhibition on current initiatives to prevent and respond to OGBV

This session aims to create a space to present ideas and experiences. Each country will learn from the successes and failures of others. The goal is to foster regional cooperation, spur innovative solutions, and amplify the collective effort in addressing OGBV. It is expected that lessons learned from selected countries (Awareness, Programmes, Legal framework, Stakeholder engagement)



Moderator: **Vu Phuong Ly**, Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality

Online gender based violence in China: efforts made and proposed solution by Grassroot Women's Rights Organizations

Chunzi Yuan, Director, Justice for Her

Youth e-engagement in addressing online GBV in Eastern Indonesia: A community-based approach from Sa Perempuan Papua

Faransina Olivia Rumere, Economic & Research Specialist, Indonesia

Empowering youth to address online GBV: Thailand and Deep South of Thailand Case study

Maruf Chebueraheng, Director, Digital4Peace Foundation

Ms Fatin Jamjuree, Programme Coordinator, The Network of Civic Women, Thailand

10.30 - 10.50

Tea break

REMINDER

ONLINE SAFETY IS NOT A DREAM!

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10.50 - 12.00

Session 7: Showcase of innovation and technology initiatives

This session seeks to create a space for sharing and learning from existing interventions, with the ultimate aim of enhancing collective efforts against OGBV. Presentations from a few interventions and measurements on OGBV. The speakers will be from the selected country offices and international organizations.



Moderator: **Rhea See**, Co-Founder & Co-CEO, She Loves Tech

Amy Lamoin, Global Programs Director, Child Fund Australia

Jenna-Lee Strugnell, Project Manager, heCareZA/CABC

Natalie Au, Programme Manager, 2X Global

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch

13.00 - 14.30

Session 8: Making digital spaces safer and more inclusive to prevent and respond to OGBV



Moderator: **Nathaniel Diong**, CEO, Future Minds Network

Gender discriminative digital spaces and OGBV: Korean women's response, achievement and the remaining challenges

Ranhee Song, Representative, Korea Women's Hotline

OGBV against women and non-binary people with disabilities: Need for an intersectional perspective on digital safety and inclusion

Divya Goyal, Fellow at The Missing Billion Initiative


Understanding the challenges and needs of rural girls and women for OGBV prevention

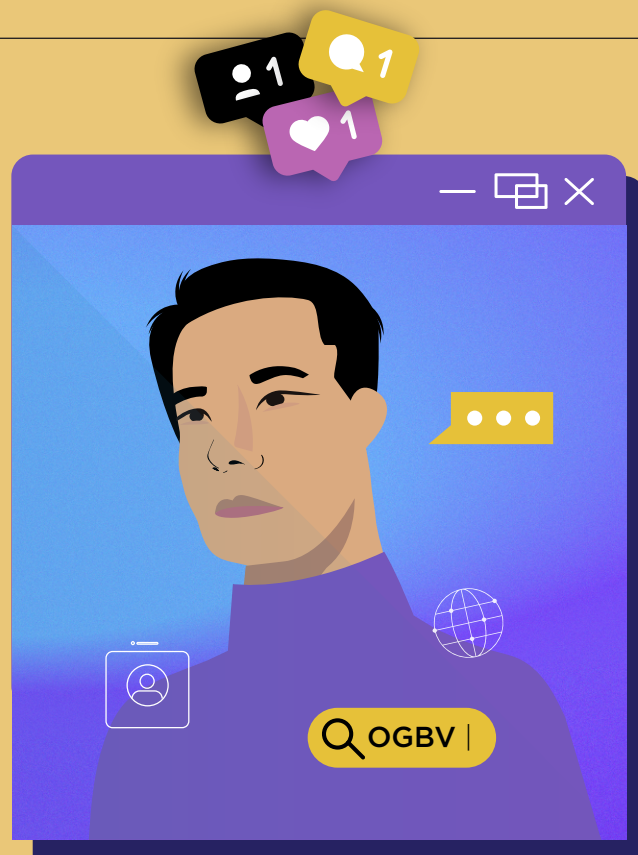
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14.30 - 14.50	Tea break
14.50 - 16.30	<p>Session 9: Networking space with experts and synergies This session will provide space for the experts and the participants to exchange ideas, resources, opportunities and synergies for collaboration.</p> <p> Facilitator: Emad Karim, Advocacy and Campaign Coordinator, UN Women</p>
16.30 - 16.45	<p>Recap and closing of Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirthi Jayakumar Founder, The Gender Security Project <p>Daily evaluation and reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emad Karim Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, UN Women



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DAY 3 : THURSDAY, 24TH JUNE 2023	
9.00 - 9.15	<p><u>Opening and highlights from Day 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lauren Da Silva Advocacy and Innovation Consultant, UN Women
9.15 - 10.30	<p><u>Session 10: The Youth Guide to End Online Gender-Based Violence toolkit</u> This session will present and discuss version #2 of the toolkit, facilitation about its contents, usage, and potential impact</p>
	<p> Advocacy to Action: Youth Toolkit to Empower Leaders Against OGBV</p>
	<p>Lauralyn, Head of Digital Operations, VivaValet</p>
	<p>Jolly Nguyen, Founder, EVOL Vietnam Social Enterprise</p>
	<p>Hafsah Muheed, Founder, Amplifying Impact</p>
	<p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
10.30 - 10.50	Tea break
10.50 - 12.00	<p><u>Session 11: Action Planning</u> The session will be guided through an action planning exercise where the participants identify specific actions that they will take to prevent and address OGBV through policies, programme and initiatives in their respective roles. Participants will be encouraged to identify areas where they need additional support or resources and to develop strategies for overcoming any challenges they anticipate.</p>
	<p> The participants will create an Action Plan that presents collaborative work on the development of the 2023 action plan for the toolkit activation, outlining clear steps for its implementation, distribution, and evaluation.</p>
	<p>The participants will come up with the monitoring and evaluation framework for the online tool kit.</p>
	<p><u>Facilitators:</u> Emad Karim, Advocacy and Campaign Coordinator, UN Women</p> <p>Hala Makhoulf, Creative Advocacy Consultant, UN Women</p> <p>Lauren Da Silva, Advocacy and Innovation Consultant, UN Women</p>

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12.00 - 13.00	Lunch break
13.00 - 14.00	<p>Session 12: Monitoring and Evaluation framework Based on the Action Plan, the participants will discuss methods for monitoring and evaluation to ensure the toolkit's effectiveness and ongoing relevance.</p> <p>Facilitator: Emad Karim, Advocacy and Campaign Coordinator, UN Women Vu Phuong Ly, Gender Training Specialist, Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality</p>
14.00 - 15.00	Session 13: COs presentations
15.00 - 15.30	<p>Evaluation and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeongshim Lee Director, UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality • Melissa Alvarado Regional Programme Manager on Ending Violence Against Women, UN Women

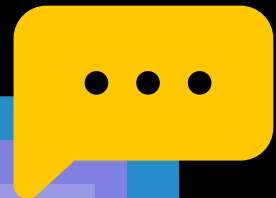
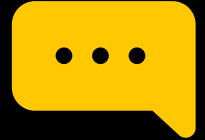


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SESSION 1:

UNDERSTANDING OGBV AND KEY CHALLENGES IN ADDRESSING OGBV



MELISSA ALVARADO

Regional Programme Manager on Ending Violence Against Women (EVAW), UN Women ROAP

Melissa has been working specifically on ending violence against women and children for 25 years, through programme management and design, policy and legislation development and implementation, direct service, developing interagency response systems, technical assistance, capacity building, advocacy and research.



HAFSAH MUHEED

Founder, Amplifying Impact

Hafsa is an intersectional feminist, human rights advocate & sustainability practitioner with 7+ years of grassroots experience on gender, wellbeing, climate change, peacebuilding and human rights. She serves on the Board of Sri Lanka Unites, a member of the Members Advisory Group of CIVICUS; Secretary for the Adolescent & Youth Constituency, and member of the Global Steering Committee at PMNCH & as the Vice Curator of the Global Shapers Hub Colombo 2022/23 at the World Economic Forum. Hafsa founded Amplifying Impact, a feminist organization that focuses on being inclusive by being accessible. She was recognized as a Women Deliver Young Leader and represented Sri Lanka at YOUNGA 2020.



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SESSION 2: LEGAL FRAMEWORK IN ADDRESSING OGBV



AYESHA AMIN | MODERATOR

Founder and CEO at Baithak

Ayesha is a social and tech entrepreneur and a gender justice activist. She is the Founder and CEO of 'Baithak - Challenging Taboos' that has impacted lives of over 200K girls and women in the field of SRHR. Her most recent initiative is 'Gul', an AI powered voice assistant to educate young men and women about their SRHR in local languages using WhatsApp. She has been honored with several awards by the President of Pakistan, Ministry of IT, and Youth Ministry of Pakistan.



VU PHUONG LY

Gender Training Specialist, Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality

Vu Phuong Ly is Gender Training Specialist at UN Women Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality. Ly has more than 18 years of working experience on gender and development, social and development policies with international organizations and the United Nations. Ly has been working specifically on the capacity development for relevant stakeholders on CEDAW, Beijing Platform for Actions, gender responsive budgeting and empowerment of indigenous women.



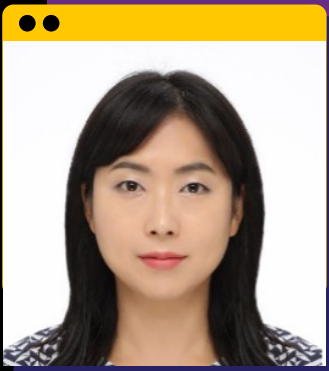
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SEONGMI OH

Deputy Director, International Cooperation Division, Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, the Republic of Korea

Former Deputy Director, Family Policy Division, Children and Youth Protection from Sexual Crimes Division at Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, and Visiting Research Fellow at University of Oxford. MA in Gender, Society and Representation, University College London.



SUZIE DUNN | JOINING VIRTUALLY

Senior Fellow, CIGI

Suzie Dunn is a senior fellow at CIGI, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Ottawa and an Assistant Professor of Law & Technology at Dalhousie University. She teaches courses on Contracts and Law and Technology, and Contracts and Intellectual Property. Her research centres on the intersections of gender, equality, technology and the law, with a specific focus on the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, deepfakes and impersonation in digital spaces. Suzie is contributing to Supporting a Safer Internet: Global Survey of OGBV, a two-year research project supported by the International Development Research Centre.



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KIRTHI JAYAKUMAR | JOINING VIRTUALLY

The Gender Security Project, Founder

Kirthi Jayakumar is a feminist researcher working in the areas of Women, Peace, and Security, Transitional Justice, and Feminist Foreign Policy. She founded and runs The Gender Security Project, which works on the WPS Agenda and Feminist Foreign Policy through research, reportage, and documentation. Kirthi set up the CRSV Observatory, which documents conflict-related, systemic, and mass sexual violence across time and space. She is an advisor to the Women7 (W7) under the German Presidency of the G7. She formerly coded an app for survivors of gender-based violence called Saahas, which works as a web and mobile app, and has trained over 7,000 individuals in bystander intervention, over 20,000 children and 1,000 teachers on child sexual abuse prevention and response

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CAROLYN WILKES | JOINING VIRTUALLY

Manager, Gender and Technology Section, Office of the eSafety Commissioner

Carolyn Wilkes is a Manager in the Gender and Technology team in Australia's Office of the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety). eSafety and the Gender and Technology team provide a wide range of resources and training focused on reducing the occurrence and impact of technology-facilitated gender-based violence.



JOLLY NGUYEN

Founder at EVOL Vietnam Social Enterprise

Jolly Nguyen is an entrepreneur, founder, country leader, and mentor. Jolly's works concentrate on ASEAN regional sustainable development, and she has worked on social impact initiatives for the past nine years. Jolly led different projects which advocate for youth empowerment and environmental development. Her social venture intends to enhance people's awareness while also taking steps to eliminate single-use plastic in the ocean. Through her professional and social work, she is dedicated to promoting inclusion, diversity, and positive impact.



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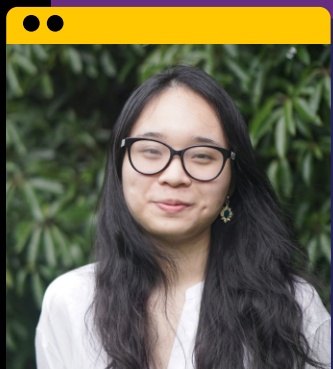
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TRAN QUANG THO

Independent Consultant

Quang Tho got a Bachelor of Medicine from Tianjin University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, China in 2016. After returning to Vietnam, he spent most of his time working in development field, focus on youth development, education, and gender equality, particularly equality for LGBTI community. He has extensive expertise in a variety of areas, including social research, policy advocacy, and project execution and coordination for small and medium-sized initiatives. He is interested in developing and utilizing data for policy advocacy, as well as resolving community concerns and advancing meaningful gender equality in Vietnam. Quang Tho is also concerned with the intersectional and special needs of the LGBTI community, such as Sexual and Gender-Based Violence against GBT (gay, bisexual, and transguy people), how gender stereotypes affect men's roles in promoting gender equality, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), and so on.



HUONG LUU

Advocacy Consultant, UN Women

Based in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, Huong Luu currently serves as the National Junior Communications Consultant for UN Women and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Viet Nam. She has 4 years of volunteering and professional experience advocating for sustainable development through communications and advocacy and youth mobilization. Her area of interests include gender equality, data for development and youth leadership. Before joining the UN agencies in Viet Nam, Huong was active in the youth leadership movement in Australia, where she volunteered for the youth-run, not-for-profit organization AIESEC to raise young Australians' awareness on the Sustainable Development Goals and amplify youth voices on social issues.



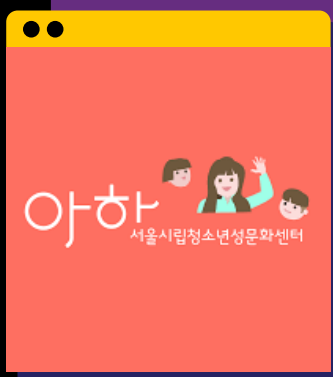
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SESSION 3: INITIATIVES BY GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS AND LESSONS IN PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING OGBV



HAM KYOUNG JIN

**Aha Sexuality Education & Counselling Center for Youth,
The Republic of Korea**

I am a person who works hard to become an adult who is not ashamed of by teenagers. For the past 16 years, I have been communicating with youth, caregivers, and teachers on the subject of gender equality and sexuality education. After school child protection center, female youth shelter, Seoul Gender Equality Culture Expansion Project, etc., I am currently working as a general manager (business planning and promotion, center operation management) at the Aha Sexuality Education & Counseling Center for Youth. In addition, I am conducting advisory activities related to sexual violence and human rights violations that occur in youth institutions and education offices. In recognition of my contributions to helping teenagers grow healthy and preventing violence against children and women, I received the Seoul Metropolitan Government Excellent Youth Leader Award in 2012 and the Minister of Gender Equality and Family commendation in 2021.

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SESSION 4: OGBV PREVENTION THROUGH BOYS AND MEN'S ENGAGEMENT



MICHAEL FLOOD | MODERATOR

Professor at QUT (Queensland University of Technology)

Professor Michael Flood is an internationally recognised researcher on men, masculinities, and violence prevention. He has contributed to national and international frameworks for violence prevention, explored community understandings of domestic violence, and led international research and advocacy on engaging men and boys in prevention. Michael also is a trainer and community educator with a long involvement in pro-feminist advocacy and education.



SIDHANT BALI MAHARAJ

Intersectional Queer Feminist Activist

Sidhant Maharaj is an Intersectional Queer Feminist Activist with over 8 years' experience working in the areas of Women, Girls, LGBTQI+ rights, and Youth Empowerment. He is also a feminist researcher and works with organizations focused on gender equality in the Pacific, India, Sri Lanka and the United States in conducting, designing, and facilitating training programs and policy development. With multiple international leadership trainings, Sidhant continuously advocates for intersectional policies while increasing visibility and amplifying marginalized voices.



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BYSTANDER APPROACHES TO ADDRESS OGBV



SANJANA CHHANTYA | MODERATOR

Deputy Project Lead, SDSN-Youth, Co-founder, Stree-Shakti Project

Sanjana Chhantya is a Fulbright Scholar and MBA graduate from Emory University. She co-founded the Stree-Shakti Project that was awarded the Alumni Engagement Innovation Fund. The Project aims to encourage and prepare young women to pursue a career in and take on leadership roles in Nepal's Energy sector. She is a USAID Youth Excel's Global Youth Advisory Council member. She currently works in the Private Equity and Venture Capital industry in Nepal. She is the Deputy Project Lead of the Youth Solutions Program at SDSN-Youth, a program of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network that supports SDG-focused young innovators globally.



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S M SHAIKAT

Executive Director at SERAC-Bangladesh

SM Shaikat is the Executive Director of SERAC-Bangladesh, a youth focused organisation advancing access to SRHR, civic engagement, healthcare, and gender-based violence prevention in Bangladesh. He was nominated as a Women Deliver Young Leader in 2012. Shaikat was elected to the UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board and spoke in several events at multiple UNGAs and the 62nd CSW. He was nominated by the U.S. State Dept. to the 2013 IVLP, a Bayer Scholar, 120Under40 Champion, ICFP Youth Trailblazer by the Gates Institute and selected to the Swedish Institute's 2023 Leadership Lab.

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CHUNZI YUAN

Director at Justice for Her

Chunzi Yuan has been working on development projects on sexual reproductive health rights for youths and gender-based violence against female migrant workers in China for over seven years. Since 2020, she has dedicated herself to cyber security issues and just finished another master's programme on information and computing technology, with a focus on information and technology ethics. Early this year, she initiated a "TFGBV-Bot" project to empower young women and stakeholders to tackle technology-facilitated gender-based violence in China. Chunzi held a master's degree in political and development communication.



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FARANSINA OLIVIA RUMERE

Economic & Research specialist, Indonesia

Faransina Olivia Rumere previously worked as a data science manager in an IT firm in Jakarta. Aside from her full-time employment, she is the co-founder of Sa Perempuan Papua (In English translation: I am Papuan Women), an online platform that providing a virtual safe space and capacity building for Papuan Women. She is also a program manager for the Papua Youth Creative Hub, a venture hub that focuses on developing MSMEs, startups, and social enterprises for indigeneous people of Papua through training, monitoring, promotion, and access to business capital services.

Her passion is to contribute back to the society by utilizing the data and digital technology use, to reduce inequalities and serve the needs of Indigenous youth in Indonesia, spesifically on the island of Papua.

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RHEA SEE | MODERATOR

Co-Founder & Co-CEO at She Loves Tech

Rhea See is the Co-Founder and Co-CEO of She Loves Tech, a global platform committed to closing the funding gap for women tech entrepreneurs through its annual global start-up competition held in 70+ countries, education and events including a flagship conference. She Loves Tech has the world's largest pipeline of women tech founders with 13,000+ tech start-ups from 100+ countries. Rhea is a recognized thought leader in the diversity, innovation, and entrepreneurship space.



AMY LAMOINE | JOINING VIRTUALLY

Global Programs Director, Child Fund Australia

Amy is a senior executive with twenty years of professional experience in social and human rights policy, research, and systemic advocacy. She is the Global Programs Director at ChildFund Australia and currently co-chairs the ChildFund Global Advocacy Taskforce and the Australian Child Rights Taskforce. Formerly employed by UNICEF, the UNHCR and the Australian Human Rights Commission Amy has applied experience in the East Asia Pacific region, the Middle East, West Africa and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia. Amy's thematic expertise includes children's rights, Disaster Risk Management, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander policy, refugee protection, and the prevention of sexual and gender-based violence.



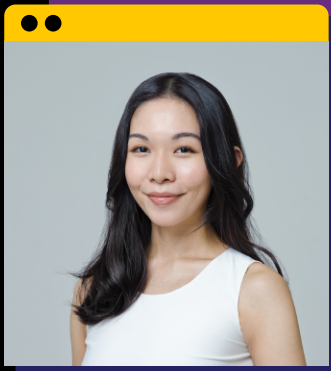
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NATALIE AU

Programme Manager at 2X Global

Natalie is Program Manager at 2X Global, the worldwide network building towards a vision of global sustainability and equal opportunity, powered by inclusive, equitable, and gender-smart systems of finance. Natalie was previously a Senior Associate at AVPN, Asia's largest network for social investors where she led AVPN's gender lens investing work and supported the Asia Gender Network, a community of philanthropists and thought leaders moving capital to causes for women and girls.



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PRIYANK MATHUR | JOINING VIRTUALLY

CEO, Mythos Labs

Priyank Mathur is Founder and CEO of Mythos Labs, a global company that uses technology and media to combat gender inequality, violent extremism and mis/disinformation. On behalf of clients including UN Women, the US Department of State and the European Commission, Priyank has led WPS-themed projects in over 20 countries across Asia, Africa and Europe.

He has authored multiple research reports investigating online misogyny and hate speech as well as a chapter in the book *Gender and Security in Digital Space: Navigating Access, Harassment, and Disinformation* edited by the Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore. Priyank is host of acclaimed documentaries and podcasts about terrorism, including the United Nations' docu-series "ExtremeLives" and the podcast "Let's Talk About ISIS in India." Previously, he served as a Policy Analyst and Intelligence Officer in the Office of the Secretary at the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Priyank also served as Global Consulting Director at Ogilvy and Mather and as a comedy writer at The Onion. Priyank holds an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management, as well as an M.A. and B.A. in International Relations from Boston University.

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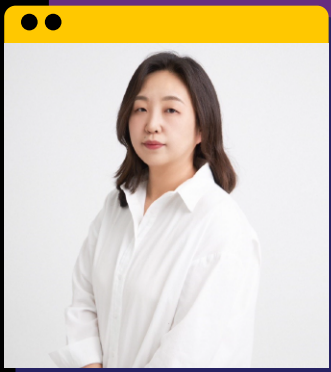
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NATHANIEL DIONG | MODERATOR

CEO, Future Minds Network

Nathaniel Diong is the CEO of Future Minds Network, where he helps disadvantaged youth secure their dream jobs or create their own employment; including founding 3D-printing businesses, mobile apps, and national charities. Nathaniel works with government to run employment programs, and design lived experience models that legitimise youth participation in solutions-building and decision-making. He works with school and universities to deliver entrepreneurial and life skills training. He advises corporations on how to attract diverse talent and establish youth investment boards.



RANHEE SONG

Representative at Korea Women's Hotline

Ranhee Song is a representative of Korea Women's Hot-Line. She has supported survivors of gender-based violence against women, monitored and proposed relevant policies, and conducted awareness campaigns through Film festivals for women's rights (FIWOM) and various trainings for 20 years. She is a co-author of South Korea Women's White Paper, A Story No One Knew, Spanking for Love; Written as Discipline, Read as Violence, That is Not Trivial at All and etc.



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DIVYA GOYAL

Fellow at The Missing Billion Initiative

Divya is a young disabled feminist, researcher and activist from India working in the areas of digital inclusion, social policy, and the intersection of gender and disability. She is a graduate of MPhil in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge on a Commonwealth Scholarship. She is an international development consultant and has worked with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UNDP, and UNICEF. She is also a Fellow at the Missing Billion Initiative where she is working on enhancing the inclusivity of national health plans and health insurance policies.



AYESHA AMIN

Founder and CEO at Baithak

Ayesha is a social and tech entrepreneur and a gender justice activist. She is the Founder and CEO of 'Baithak - Challenging Taboos' that has impacted lives of over 200K girls and women in the field of SRHR. Her most recent initiative is 'Gul', an AI powered voice assistant to educate young men and women about their SRHR in local languages using WhatsApp. She has been honored with several awards by the President of Pakistan, Ministry of IT, and Youth Ministry of Pakistan.



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SESSION 9: NETWORKING SPACE WITH EXPERTS AND SYNERGIES



EMAD KARIM

Advocacy and Campaigns Coordinator, UN Women

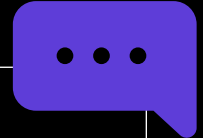
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SESSION 10: THE YOUTH GUIDE TO ENDOFFLINE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE TOOLKIT



HAFSAH MUHEED

Founder, Amplifying Impact

Hafsah is an intersectional feminist, human rights advocate & sustainability practitioner with 7+ years of grassroots experience on gender, wellbeing, climate change, peacebuilding and human rights. She serves on the Board of Sri Lanka Unites, a member of the Members Advisory Group of CIVICUS; Secretary for the Adolescent & Youth Constituency, and member of the Global Steering Committee at PMNCH & as the Vice Curator of the Global Shapers Hub Colombo 2022/23 at the World Economic Forum. Hafsah founded Amplifying Impact, a feminist organization that focuses on being inclusive by being accessible. She was recognized as a Women Deliver Young Leader and represented Sri Lanka at YOUNGA 2020.



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JOLLY NGUYEN

Founder at EVOL Vietnam Social Enterprise

Jolly Nguyen is an entrepreneur, founder, country leader, and mentor. Jolly's works concentrate on ASEAN regional sustainable development, and she has worked on social impact initiatives for the past nine years. Jolly led different projects which advocate for youth empowerment and environmental development. Her social venture intends to enhance people's awareness while also taking steps to eliminate single-use plastic in the ocean. Through her professional and social work, she is dedicated to promoting inclusion, diversity, and positive impact.



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SESSION 11: ACTION PLANNING

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LAUREN DA SILVA

Advocacy and Innovation Consultant, UN Women

As an International Consultant in Advocacy and Innovation at UN Women Asia and the Pacific Regional Office, Lauren has worked on multiple challenges affecting girls and women in the region, including: climate change, gender-based violence, technology and innovation, women peace and security, economic justice and feminist leadership. More specifically, her work involves advocating for gender equality in the civil society and youth space.



HALA MAKHLOUF

Creative Advocacy Consultant, UN Women

Hala is a creative director and documentary photographer who has over a decade of experience in the world of branding, creative strategy, advertising and design. With a background of working with institutions globally, she now focuses on collaborating with grassroots and local NGOs to help connect them with their audiences & donors as well as strategise their messaging for a bigger impact. Her work in documentary photography utilizes storytelling that combines imagery, illustration, writing and digital media to highlight social and economical issues of marginalised communities, with a focus on women's rights & spiritual practices.

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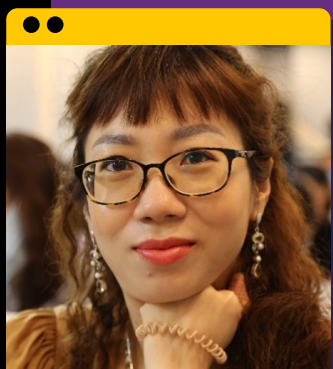
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JEONGSHIM LEE

Director of Centre of Excellence for Gender Equality

Jeongshim brings to the role over three decades of experience in developing innovative gender equality policies that empower women and girls. She has worked for ministerial-level national machineries as well as the Office of the President (2008-2010), most recently as the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family. Jeongshim also served as Senior Advisor for intergovernmental support and focal point for women and girls with disabilities at UN Women headquarters from 2012 to 2015. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, a Master of Public Policy from Kyung Hee University, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Sungkyunkwan University in the Republic of Korea.



MELISSA ALVARADO

**Regional Programme Manager on Ending
Violence Against Women (EVAW), UN Women ROAP**

Melissa has been working specifically on ending violence against women and children for 25 years, through programme management and design, policy and legislation development and implementation, direct service, developing interagency response systems, technical assistance, capacity building, advocacy and research.



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