

GQUAL

CONFERENCE AGENDA



CHANGING THE PICTURE OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE
THE HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE
OCTOBER 3 TO 5 + THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Dear GQUALizers,

Two years ago, GQUAL started as a global campaign for gender parity in international tribunals and monitoring bodies. The campaign was crafted as a response to the critical under-representation of women within these entities. With the support of diplomats, internationally renowned scholars, lawyers, jurists, activists and members of international bodies from all over the world, the launch took place on September 17th, 2015 at UN Headquarters in New York City. Since then, GQUAL has become a leading platform advocating for gender parity in international justice.

Hosted by the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), the campaign deploys three main strategies:

- +Changing how States nominate and vote for international candidates by promoting the adoption of national mechanisms, guidelines, and practices that take gender into account and parity as the objective.
- +Developing legal standards, guidelines, and mechanisms at the international level that include gender as mandatory criteria of selection processes, and parity as the desired result of elections.
- +Fostering an engaged and active network to coordinate, strengthen and globalize the campaign's actions through targeted research, advocacy and communications.

These strategies are highlighted in the GQUAL Declaration, which has been signed by more than 1,500 people working on international justice from more than 90 countries. On the second anniversary of the campaign, our Conference seeks to bring together a diverse group of people from all over the world to discuss and approve an Action Plan that will further build upon these strategies.

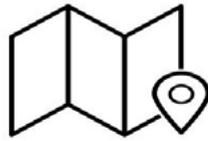
Through the Action Plan, we hope to create a document that will assist us in drafting concrete policies and proposals which nations, International Organizations, civil society, and other stakeholders can use to improve the representation of women across international bodies. By doing so, we will collectively #ChangethePicture within these institutions that have been historically affected by a dearth of women.

From October 3 to 5, our conference will bring together participants with an array of expertise, professional and personal backgrounds. We expect this will lead to a lively, goal-oriented discussion that will nurture future academic research and public policy proposals. Our hope is that these conversations continue beyond The Hague and take us one step closer to "Changing the Picture of International Justice."

Best Wishes,

The GQUAL Secretariat





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WHAT & WHEN

OCTOBER 3

OPENING CEREMONY 5:00 TO 6:30 PM
(BY INVITATION ONLY)

OCTOBER 4

REGISTRATION 8:30 AM
PANEL SESSIONS 9:00 - 4:15 PM
WORKSHOPS 4:15-5:30 PM
INFORMAL RECEPTION 5:30-6:30 PM

OCTOBER 5

PANELS 9:00 - 12:00 PM
WORKSHOPS 1:45 - 4:00 PM
PLENARY 4:00-5:00 PM
INFORMAL RECEPTION 5:00-6:00



OTHER INFO

COFFEE AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON-SITE AT THE INSTITUTE.

OCTOBER 3

OPENING CEREMONY (BY INVITATION ONLY)
5:00 - 6:30 PM
THE PEACE PALACE

Speakers:

Philippe Cuvreur, Registrar of the International Court of Justice.

Viviana Krsticevic, Executive Director, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL).

Ana Helena Chacón, Vicepresident of Costa Rica.

Astrid Bronswijk, Head of International Affairs, Municipality of The Hague.

Silvia Fernández de Gurmendi, President of the International Criminal Court.

Theresia Degener, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Irene Khan, Director General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO).

OCTOBER 4

REGISTRATION
8:30 AM
THE HAGUE INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE

PANEL 1: THE DIMENSIONS OF THE UNDERREPRESENTATION
OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE
9:00 - 9:50 AM

This is the first panel of the GQUAL conference. The presentations will introduce some of the most recent data on the current and historic underrepresentation of women among several core international justice entities. This panel will also show disaggregated information on the geographical representation of female vs. male candidates, correlations between international representation; and the political participation of women within the national level.

Moderator: **Héctor Olásolo**, Chairperson of the Ibero-American Institute of The Hague for Peace, Human Rights and International Justice; Chair in International Law, El Rosario University (Colombia)

Speakers:

María Noel Leoni, Member, GQUAL Secretariat & Senior Lawyer, Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL).

Liliana Ronconi, Program Coordinator, Center for Human Rights at the University of Buenos Aires.

Mireze Philippe, Special Counsel at the ICC International Court of Arbitration, Founding Co-president & Board Member, ArbitralWomen.

Verónica Birga, Chief of the Women's Human Rights and Gender Section, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

PANEL 2: WHY DOES THE EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN MATTER?

10:00 - 11:10 AM

This panel will expand on how the equal participation of women in international bodies can shape their impact, mandates, jurisprudence, and contributions. It will also analyze the reasons why gender parity should be an issue of public concern and how it relates to the achievement of gender equality in other areas.

Moderator: **Margareta Grape**, President, Swedish Foundation for Human Rights (MR-Fonden).

Speakers:

Christine Chinkin, Emeritus Professor of International Law, Center on Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics.

Justice Mary Sey, Justice of the Supreme Court of The Gambia.

Verónica Hinestroza, Senior Programme Lawyer, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI).

Shanti Dairiam, Founding member and former Executive Director, Board Member, International Womens' Rights Action Watch (IWRAP) Asia Pacific.

Avril Martindale, Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, & Member, Steering Committee of The 30% Club.

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 11:45 AM

PANEL 3: INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

11:50 - 1:00 PM

This session explores whether gender equality is actually an obligation for States under international law. It will discuss the scope of these obligations; the challenges for their implementation, and possible accountability measures to ensure compliance.

Moderator: **Marie Jacobsson**, Principal Legal Adviser on International Law at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Former Member International Law Commission

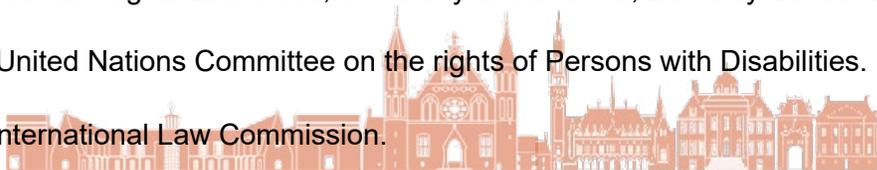
Speakers:

Claudia Martin, Co-Director, Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law. Member, GQUAL Secretariat.

Laurel Fletcher, Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, University of California, Berkeley School of Law.

Theresia Degener, Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on the rights of Persons with Disabilities. (CRPD)

Concepción Escobar, Member of the International Law Commission.



LUNCH BREAK

1:00– 2:00 PM

PANEL 4: EXPLORING THE CAUSES OF GENDER UNDER-REPRESENTATION

2:00 - 3:10 PM

This panel explores some of the causes of women's underrepresentation in international tribunals and bodies, including the monopoly of States over nomination and voting procedures, the lack of transparency and participation in nomination and voting procedures, among others. The panel will also address the nature of some of the explanations given to justify the underrepresentation of women across these entities, such as the "insufficient pool of female candidates" myth.

Moderator: **David Tolbert**, President of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)

Speakers:

Michelle Jarvis, Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Karuna Nundy, Lawyer & Advocate, Supreme Court of India.

Sheila Keetharuth, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights situation in Eritrea.

Josephine Dawuni, Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for African Women in Law, Howard University.

Laura Dupuy, Ambassador of Uruguay.

PANEL 5: BEST PRACTICES AND IDEAS FOR IMPROVING GENDER EQUALITY: EXAMPLES FROM SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVES

3:15 – 4:15 PM

This panel will provide an opportunity for participants to present and comment on successful and creative initiatives that have improved the levels of representation of women in different areas, or have helped raise awareness and trigger action.

Moderator: **Nani Jansen**, Associate Tenant at Doughty Street Chambers.

Speakers:

Caitlin Kraft-Buchman, Women@theTable and Co-founder International Gender Champions.

Vincent Ploton, Director of development and treaty body advocacy, International Service for Human Rights (ISHR).

Boris Kasolowsky, Partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP & Member, Steering Committee, Equal Representation in Arbitration (ERA) Pledge.

Tamara Box, Managing Partner EME Reed Smith, Member of the Steering Committee of the 30% Club.

Claudia Hoefler, Focal Point for Women, Senior Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

WORKSHOPS (BY INVITATION ONLY)

4:15-5:30PM

WORKSHOP 1: HOW TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY AT THE SPECIAL PROCEDURES

Rapporteurs:

Marta Mauras, Ambassador for Chile before the Human Rights Council

Marina Brilman, International Human Rights Policy Adviser, Law Society of England & Wales, London School of Economics.

Claudia Martin, Co-Director, Academy of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law & GQUAL Secretariat Member

Jurate Guzeviciute, Program Lawyer, International Bar Association Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI).

WORKSHOP 2: HOW TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY AT THE TREATY BODIES

Rapporteurs:

Anna-Karin Holmlund, Senior UN Advocate, Amnesty International

WORKSHOP 3: HOW TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY IN THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM

Rapporteurs:

Alejandra Vicente, Senior Legal Advisor, Center for Justice and International Law.

Elizabeth Salmón, Director, Democracy and Human Rights Institute, Universidad Católica del Perú.

These workshops will be followed by an Informal reception,
courtesy of the **Government of Argentina**
from 5:30-6:30 pm



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PANEL 1: FIXING THE UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN: GUIDELINES FOR ACHIEVING GENDER PARITY THROUGH IMPROVED NATIONAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES

9:00 – 10:15 AM

This panel will explore how States could help improve the levels of representation of women in international bodies through the development of transparent and participatory national selection procedures that include gender parity and diversity as a selection criteria.

Moderator: **Marina Brilman**, International Human Rights Policy Adviser, Law Society of England & Wales, London School of Economics.

Speakers:

Ana Helena Chacón, Vicepresident of Costa Rica.

Christian de Vos, Advocacy Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative.

Nienke Grossman, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law.

Brigid Inder, OBE, Executive Director, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice.

COFFEE BREAK

10:15 – 10:45 AM

PANEL 2: FIXING THE UNDERREPRESENTATION OF WOMEN: GUIDELINES FOR ACHIEVING GENDER PARITY THROUGH IMPROVED VOTING PROCEDURES

10:55 – 12:05 AM

This panel will explore how States and international organizations could help improve the representation of women in international bodies through the development of procedures, guidelines, and practices, at the international level, that include gender parity and diversity as a voting criteria.

Moderator: **Maria Teresa Infante**, Ambassador of Chile before The Netherlands.

Speakers:

Marta Mauras, Ambassador of Chile before the UN Human Rights Council.

Margarette May Macaulay, Commissioner & Rapporteur for Women's Rights, the Rapporteur for the Rights of Afro-Descendants, the Rapporteur against Racial and all forms of Discriminations, Inter-American Commission of Human Rights.

Osai Ojigbo, Nigeria Country Director, Amnesty International.

Alix Vuillemin, Senior Legal Officer, International Coalition for the ICC.

LUNCH BREAK

12:00 – 1:30 PM

WORKSHOPS (BY INVITATION ONLY)

1:45 – 4:00 PM

WORKSHOP 4: HOW TO IMPROVE NATIONAL NOMINATION PROCEDURES TO REFLECT GENDER PARITY

Rapporteurs:

Christian De Vos, Advocacy Officer, Open Society Justice Initiative.

WORKSHOP 5: HOW TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY IN THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS

Rapporteurs:

Sergio Ugalde, Ambassador of Costa Rica, Vice-President of the Assembly of States Parties, ICC

Claudia Hoefler, Focal Point for Women, Senior Legal Officer at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Alix Vuillemin, Senior Legal Officer, International Coalition for the ICC.

WORKSHOP 6: HOW TO ACHIEVE GENDER PARITY AT THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Rapporteurs:

Nienke Grossman, Associate Professor of Law, University of Baltimore School of Law.

Jessica Corsi, Law Lecturer, Assistant Director of Post Graduate Research, Brunel Law School

Speakers:

Judge Xue Hanqin, International Court of Justice.

Ruth MacKenzie, Senior Lecturer in International Law, Faculty of Law, Westminster University.

Patricia Galvao Teles, Member of the UN International Law Commission.

Amb. Carlos Argüello-Gomez, Ambassador of Nicaragua to the Netherlands.



P L E N A R Y : DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF THE
ACTION PLAN
4:00-5:00PM

This session will be followed by an informal reception,
courtesy of the **Government of Chile**, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM

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