

Addressing sexism: speaking up, preventing, co-operating

Sexism has made a comeback on the political agenda and this time, more than ever, it needs to be addressed in the context of historically unequal power relations between women and men and in close relation with issues of violence against women, gender-based discrimination and gender stereotypes. Acts of everyday sexism - both online and offline - are part of a continuum, starting with sexist comments and jokes and culminating in acts of sexual abuse, rape and murder. Sexist acts, including the accumulation of acts of everyday sexism create a climate of fear, exclusion and insecurity and limit life opportunities and freedom, primarily for women. Addressing sexism as a serious cultural and social phenomena preventing the advancement of gender equality is therefore one of the priorities of the Council of Europe's work in the area of gender equality.

■ You are invited to join a side event to discuss the causes and forms of sexism, its targets and its impact, and measures needed to curb it. Organised by the Council of Europe and the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations on the occasion of the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the side event aims at raising awareness and knowledge of the Council of Europe standards and action to tackle sexism – including work on a Committee of Ministers draft Recommendation on preventing and combating sexism; to encourage a debate on the issue and strengthen partnerships to increase the impact of the work and efforts in this area.

THE PANEL CONSISTS OF:

- ▶ **Karen Ellemann**, Minister for Equal Opportunities of Denmark
- ▶ **Charles Ramsden**, Vice-Chairperson of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission
- ▶ **Purna Sen**, UN Women Policy Director
- ▶ **Emma Holten**, activist and expert

Moderator:

Marja Ruotanen, Director of Human Dignity and Equality, Council of Europe

Date: Monday, 12 March 2018

Time: 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm

Venue: ECOSOC Council Chamber,
UN HQ, New York

Contacts:

The event will be streamed live and recorded. For guests not part of an official UN delegation and without a UN ground pass, please RSVP to cpeter@um.dk before Wednesday, 7 March 2018.

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