



**United Nations**  
**Office of the Victims'**  
**Rights Advocate**

**"A victims' rights approach to sexual exploitation, abuse or harassment"**

**A panel discussion with Ms. Suzie Miller, author of 'Prima Facie'**

**United Nations Headquarters, New York,**  
**ECOSOC Chamber**  
**Monday, 29 January 2024**  
**1.15 to 2.30 p.m.**

***Opening remarks***

Ms. Jane Connors, Victims' Rights Advocate

***Challenges faced by victims/survivors of sexual abuse and exploitation***

Ms. Maria Nakabiito, Senior Victims' Rights Officer, South Sudan

***Background to 'Prima Facie' and scene 1: a barrister's role***

Ms. Suzie Miller

***Scene 2: a police interview***

Ms. Suzie Miller

***An overview of challenges faced by victims/survivors of sexual harassment***

Ms. Catherine Pollard, Under-Secretary-General,  
Department of Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance

***Open discussion***

facilitated by the Victims' Rights Advocate

***Scene 3: barriers to accessing justice***

Ms. Suzie Miller

***Closing remarks***

Ms. Kirsi Madi, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director  
for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships, UN Women

**The Victims'**  
**Rights**  
**Statement**





## United Nations Office of the Victims' Rights Advocate

### Biographies



Ms. Jane Connors is the United Nations Victims' Rights Advocate. Previously, she served as the Amnesty International Director of International Advocacy. From 1996 to 2015 she held increasingly responsible positions at the United Nations. Before joining the United Nations, she held academic posts in the United Kingdom and Australia.



Ms. Maria Nakabiito is the Senior Victims' Rights Officer in South Sudan. She has 30 years of experience as a gender specialist at national and international level. She has served the Government of Uganda, several United Nations peacekeeping missions and four agencies, funds and programmes.



Ms. Suzie Miller is a playwright, screenwriter and novelist. Her work has been produced around the world, winning multiple awards, including the Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play 2023 for her one-woman play *Prima Facie* and earning actor Jodie Comer the 2023 Tony Award for 'Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Play.' Ms. Miller has degrees in science and law, a doctorate in drama and mathematics and practised as a human rights lawyer before turning to writing full-time. She was selected as one of six writers the Australian Writers' Guild and Screen Australia supports as 'The Creators' – a group of top-tier international Australian screenwriters.

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Ms. Catherine Pollard of Guyana assumed her role as Under-Secretary-General for Management Strategy, Policy and Compliance in September 2019. Since 2022 she has served as Chair of the High-Level Committee on Management for the United Nations system. Ms. Pollard's previous roles were as Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management; and Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management. She was also Chief of Staff in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, and Director of the Peacekeeping Finance Division. In each of her assignments, she helped to effect real improvements in management practices by moving away from the status quo.



Ms. Kirsi Madi assumed her role as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for Resource Management, Sustainability and Partnerships at UN Women on 4 December 2023. Previously she served as Chief of Staff and Director of the Office of the UNICEF Executive Director and Director of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction. A long-time champion for women and girls, she has advocated for gender equality and women's empowerment throughout her career in international development. Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Madi served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland.