

An intersectional, feminist perspective on empowerment of women

Steps to erase the poverty of women and girls



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UN CSW68 Parallel Event

Poverty is one of the main causes of gender inequality. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by poverty in all parts of the world. To fight poverty sustainably, the structural causes of poverty need to be erased. Limited access to free education, lack of sexual and reproductive rights, legal and structural disadvantages for women and girls in all their diversity - especially in the labor market, gender stereotypes and lack of participation in decision-making bodies increase the risk of poverty and violate the right of women and girls to live a life free from poverty and injustice. The complex interaction between poverty and gender inequalities deepens existing discrimination.

Many women and girls have less access to education and higher educational qualifications, health care, economic resources, political participation, and opportunities. The resulting poverty further hinders women's access to resources and rights. Without economic resources, women and girls have less opportunity to lead self-determined lives and escape dependency and (domestic) violence. This can lead to a vicious circle of poverty and violence.

PES Women and UN Women Germany join forces for a parallel event on the occasion of the CSW68 to raise awareness that there can be no gender equality without ending poverty. At the same time, comprehensive approaches to gender equality contribute to poverty reduction. Through collaborative efforts at the local, national, and international levels, we can create a more equitable and inclusive society in which women and girls, in all their diversity, can realize their full potential. All efforts for gender equality and poverty reduction need an intersectional perspective that overcomes intersecting and multiple forms of discrimination. Furthermore, we demand gender justice as a guiding principle in all policy fields.

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Agenda

Overall Event Moderation: **Ana Pirtskhalava**, PES Women coordinator

14:30

Introduction

14:45

Welcome remarks

Elke Ferner, PES Women Vice President, UN Women Germany President

14:45

Roundtable discussion

Ann Linde, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Lesia Radelicki (tbc), Member of Cabinet (Gender Advisor), European Commissioner for Equality Helena Dalli

Esther Omam, Director of the NGO Reach Out Cameroon and a member of the Council of the Wise of the Women's Peace Platform

Book presentation

Monica Green former MP from Sweden: "You are needed: a guide to gender equal power-sharing"

Closing remarks

Ursula Schäfer-Preuss Vice President, UN Women Germany