

Expert Group Meeting Biographies | CSW70 – 70th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Priority theme: “Ensuring and strengthening access to justice for all women and girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers”

Day 1 – September 8: Formal legal systems, traditional justice mechanisms, and justice service delivery

Professor Julissa Mantilla Falcón, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, and former President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Julissa is a Peruvian lawyer with a degree and a Diploma in Gender Studies from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). In 2000, she earned an LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) with a full grant from the World Bank and LSE.

She is a professor at the Academy of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law at American University (Washington, DC) and teaches at PUCP in the Faculty of Law and in the Master’s programs in Gender Studies and Human Rights. She received PUCP’s Research Recognition Award for her academic contributions. From 2024 to 2025, she was an Eleanor Roosevelt Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School’s Human Rights Program.

Julissa was a Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), where she served as Rapporteur on the Rights of Women, Migrants, Older Persons, and on Memory, Truth, and Justice. She was President of the IACHR in 2022.

In 1999, she led investigations into forced sterilizations at the Peruvian Ombudsman’s Office. From 2001 to 2003, she worked at Peru’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, focusing on sexual violence during the armed conflict. From 2008 to 2015, she was UN Women’s Gender and Transitional Justice Consultant in Colombia and was elected Amicus Curiae before the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP).

She has joined human rights missions in Colombia and El Salvador and contributed to UN-endorsed principles on missing persons. She consults for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Honduras and is an expert with Justice Rapid Response.

Piyumi Samaraweera, Director of Programmes, CREA and Co-Chair of Generation Equality Feminist Movements & Leadership Action Coalition

Piyumi is the Program Director – Feminist Leadership and Movements at CREA, where she supports programs focused on feminist leadership and movement-building, including the Women Gaining Ground consortium and work in East Africa. Her role contributes to CREA’s mission to advance human and sexual rights by strengthening the leadership of activists, allies, and organizations. Piyumi leads cutting-edge initiatives on legal empowerment, feminist leadership, and civic space protection for women, girls, and gender-diverse people in restrictive and high-risk contexts. She is also the Co-Chair of the Generation Equality Feminist Movements and Leadership Action Coalition

Piyumi holds an MSc in Politics and Communications from the London School of Economics and brings over 15 years of experience designing and implementing rights-based gender and community development programs. Previously, at Womankind Worldwide, she played a key role in building resilient partnerships in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Nepal through co-designed programming and grant management. She recently led a team delivering a land rights-focused program in Uganda funded by the FCDO and authored the learning paper *Solidarity through Sisterhood: Learning from the eco-feminist project, Participation and Opportunities for Women’s Economic Rights (POWER)*.

A Sri Lankan-British feminist, Piyumi brings a global perspective shaped by her experiences living, studying, and working across Asia, the US, and the UK. Beyond her professional work, she has a deep love for the arts and starred as the lead in *Aksharaya*, a feature film that premiered at the San Sebastian Film Festival in 2005.

Session 1 – Background Paper

Lee Waldorf, Independent Consultant

Lee is a Canadian lawyer and global gender justice expert with over two decades of experience advancing women’s access to justice through legal, constitutional, and institutional reforms. She has served as Rule of Law and Human Rights Advisor with UN Women and UNIFEM, where she provided technical guidance to country offices, governments, and civil society on advancing gender equality in justice systems. Lee played a pivotal role in conceptualizing and providing editorial oversight to *Progress of the World’s Women: In Pursuit of Justice*, UN Women’s first flagship publication focused on access to justice, and led inter-agency initiatives on informal justice systems and gender justice programming

Session 2 – Legal Frameworks

Dr. Jody Heymann, UCLA and Founding Director of WORLD Policy Analysis Center

Jody, a distinguished professor at UCLA on gender and public policy and founding director of the WORLD Policy Analysis Center (UCLA), which monitors health, social, and legal policies across all 193 UN member states. The WORLD Center systematically collects and analyzes laws and policies—covering gender, disability, caregiving, and legal frameworks—that affect access to justice and social rights worldwide. Led data-driven research such as the No Ceilings Initiative, which documented global commitment to gender equality across 190+ countries

Amy Raub, Principal Research Analyst, WORLD Policy Center

Amy is the Principal Research Analyst of the WORLD Policy Analysis Center and is responsible for the translation of WORLD's comparative policy research on all 193 UN countries to findings for policymakers, citizens, civil society, and researchers. Amy has been deeply involved with the development of WORLD's databases on constitutional rights, laws, and policies since 2008. She has presented WORLD's findings to UN human rights committees, civil society groups, and at international conferences. Her publications include statistical analyses of the relationship between policies and outcomes, overviews of the status of constitutional rights globally, and assessments of whether countries are meeting their international commitments in human rights conventions.

Professor Bonita Meyersfield, Wits Law School

Bonita, Professor of Law at Wits Law School, South Africa, worked on addressing gender-based violence and expanding access to justice. She founded Lawyers Against Abuse (LvA) in Diepsloot, a groundbreaking legal-psychosocial service that has supported hundreds of survivors with protection orders, legal representation, and therapy; Bonita has contributed to national and international legal discourse—authoring high-impact commentary (e.g., analysis of defamation use to silence GBV survivors) and providing amicus curiae in ICC sexual and gender-based crimes cases—demonstrating her transformative influence on both practice and policy .

Florence Nannyanzai Butegwa, Independent Consultant and founding CEO of Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF)

Florence is an independent consultant who was part of the African Union Reference Group of Legal and Gender Experts; she was appointed to provide technical expertise throughout the different stages of the development of the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (2024-2025). As the former head of the UN Women Liaison Office to the African Union, Florence supported efforts towards the universal ratification of the AU Protocol on Women's Rights in Africa (Maputo Protocol), playing a key advocacy role to ensure synergy and complementarity in member states commitment to the AU and UN normative frameworks on women's rights and gender equality (2007-2013).

Hyshyama Hamin, Global Campaign for Equality in Family Law

Hyshyama, Manager for the Global Campaign for Equality in Family Law, is an experienced women's rights campaigner and researcher from Sri Lanka, currently serving as Campaign Manager for the Global Campaign for Equality in Family Law (GCEFL) at Equality Now. With more than 15 years of advocacy in the Global South, she has led international campaigns—formerly with Musawah—to challenge discriminatory Muslim family laws by building coalitions across UN agencies, local civil society, and policy-makers. Hyshyama co-authored the influential study “Unequal Citizens – Muslim women’s struggle for equality and justice in Sri Lanka” (2016), which inspired the creation of the Muslim Personal Law Reforms Action Group (MPLRAG) to advocate legal reform in Sri Lanka’s Quazi court system

Session 3 – Justice Service Delivery

Samantha Marshall, Lawyer and Former Minister for Social Transformation, Human Resources, Youth and Gender Affairs for Antigua and Barbuda

Samantha is by profession, an Attorney-at-Law. Samantha first entered the political arena in 2007 and was first elected to political office in June 2014 to serve the people of St. Mary’s South and also appointed as a Member of the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda. She was appointed Minister of Social Transformation and Human Resource Development, with responsibility for Youth and Gender Affairs added to her portfolio. Samantha is the first of two elected women of the Majority in the Lower House and the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda.

Under leadership within the Ministry of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development, Youth and Gender Affairs, Samantha spearheaded a number of transformative programmes, to include the Home Advancement, Programme for the Poor and Indigent (HAPPI), The Youth, Education and Empowerment Programme, and the Support and Referral Support Centre for victims of rape and sexual assault.

Dr. Rebecca Sandefur, Arizona State University

Rebecca is a Professor in the Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics and (by courtesy) in the Sandra Day O’Conner College of Law at Arizona State University. She is a past Director of the Sanford School.

Rebecca investigates access to civil justice from every angle -- from how legal services are delivered and consumed, to how civil legal aid is organized around the nation, to the role of pro bono, to the relative efficacy of lawyers, nonlawyers and digital tools as advisers and representatives, to how ordinary people think about their justice problems and try to resolve them. In addition to her appointment at ASU, Rebecca is Faculty Fellow

at the American Bar Foundation, where she in 2010 founded the Access to Justice Research Initiative.

In 2013, Rebecca was The Hague Visiting Chair in the Rule of Law. In 2015, she was named Champion of Justice by the National Center for Access to Justice. In 2018, she was named a MacArthur Fellow for her work on inequality and access to justice. In 2020, she was awarded the Warren E. Burger Award by the National Center for State Courts. In 2024, she was elected to the Sociological Research Association, an honor society of sociological scholars. She has also advised the OECD's Global Program on Access to Justice.

Rebecca was born in and spent her early years in Oklahoma, and is an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Professor Aida Kemelmajer de Carlucci, Former Justice of Argentine Supreme Court for Mendoza, lawyer and author

Aída is an Argentine jurist from the province of Mendoza, where she was a member of the Provincial Supreme Court of Justice. She holds a Doctorate in Law from the University of Mendoza and is a member of the National Academies of Law and Science of Buenos Aires and Córdoba, the Argentine Academy of Medical Ethics, and the Argentine Association of Comparative Law. She is also an honorary member of the Royal Academy of Law and Legislation in Madrid, Spain. In 2016, she received the Konex Brillante Award as the most outstanding personality in the humanities in Argentina in the last decade, one of the highest distinctions awarded in that country in the field of social sciences.

Session 4 – Traditional Justice Systems

Professor Fareda Banda, SOAS/University of London

A Zimbabwean legal scholar at SOAS University of London, Fareda has dedicated her academic career to focusing on women's rights, legal pluralism, and access to justice across Africa. Her seminal book, *Women, Law and Human Rights: An African Perspective* (2005), critically analyzes how legal frameworks on issues—from land inheritance to domestic violence—systematically disenfranchise women and erode their substantive rights, while spotlighting the potential of instruments like the Maputo Protocol to drive normative and legal reform. With two law degrees from the University of Zimbabwe, she completed her doctorate at Oxford University on access to justice (in an impressive 3 years!).

Fareda has been commissioned to produce reports on diverse topics for UN agencies as well, including the [UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights \(OHCHR\), Project on a Mechanism to Address Laws that Discriminate against Women, 6 March 2008](#). This report built on the work of Equality Now post Beijing agenda and was

key to the setting up of a UN Working Group on Laws and Practices that Discriminate against Women.

Session 5 – Gender Based Violence

Dr. Adilia de las Mercedes, Association of Women in Guatemala

Adilia is a Guatemalan feminist legal scholar and activist specializing in gender-based violence—particularly femicide— including within conflict-affected environments. She holds expertise in comparative law, public health, and critical criminology, and serves as a lecturer for master’s programs at various universities in Spain. As the Director of the Association of Women of Guatemala (AMG), she leads pioneering research and community initiatives aimed at transforming legal responses to sexual violence and femicide in Guatemala’s post-conflict society.

Dr. Patsili Toledo, CEDAW Committee Member

Patsili is a feminist activist, academic, and consultant specializing in women’s human rights, with a focus on gender-based violence and criminal justice systems. She holds a PhD in Public Law from the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where she is affiliated with the Antígona Research Group on Gender and Law. She earned her law degree from the University of Chile, where she also completed a postgraduate diploma in Women’s Human Rights. Since 2014, she has served as Associate Professor of Gender and Criminal Justice at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona. She has worked as a consultant on legal and institutional responses to femicide and sexual violence, particularly in Latin America and South Asia, for several United Nations agencies. She also served as a consultant to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) in the drafting of General Recommendation No. 35 on gender-based violence against women (2017), and led the first global assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on justice responses to gender-based violence for UNODC (2021). In addition, Patsili has advised the Department of Equality and Feminisms of the Government of Catalonia on women’s and LGBTIQ+ rights.

Jane Townsley and Gerry Campbell’s Joint Paper on Gender Responsive Policing:

Jane Townsley, Former President of the International Association of Women Police & Independent Consultant,

Jane is a retired senior police officer with over 30 years’ policing experience in the UK and former president of the International Association of Women Police from 2009-2015. Since retirement, she has established her own consultancy specializing in capacity building for gender-responsive policing and service delivery to local communities. She is the co-author of the UN Women Global Handbook on Gender-responsive Policing Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, and, since 2019, has been providing

technical advice and training on the implementation of Gender Responsive Policing to numerous countries on behalf of the UN and other international organizations, including within conflict and post-conflict affected regions. Jane has a Master of Science degree (MSc) in Security, Conflict & International Development during which she carried out research into the impact of Gender Responsive Policing on women officers, police organizations, and local communities.

Gerry Campbell, Independent Advisor & Former Scotland Yard

Gerry is a former Detective Chief Superintendent with 30 years' experience at Scotland Yard, London, and 9 years in International Development, leading statutory domestic abuse homicide reviews, and chairs a UK NGO. He was the Deputy UK lead for honor-based violence and harmful practices. Gerry has a recognized expertise in the UK and internationally in tackling GBV, and gender responsive policing, worked in many jurisdictions, more recently in Ukraine and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh with the UN providing technical support in community safety, improving security and access to justice for Rohingya refugees and host community members.

Day 2 – September 9: Structural barriers, social norms, and intersectional discrimination

Session 1 – Background Paper 2 & Conflict/Post-Conflict/Crisis Contexts

Dr. Shuvai Busuman Nyoni, African Leadership Center

Shuvai is the Executive Director of the African Leadership Centre (ALC), Nairobi, Kenya. She is also a Gender, Peace, and Security researcher and practitioner. Prior to joining the Centre, Shuvai worked as the Director of Interventions and before that, she was Regional Advocacy Specialist for the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSV) in Johannesburg, South Africa. She has worked extensively with a range of regional and national policy makers, civil society actors, and academics in post-conflict and transitional countries on the African continent. Through her work, Shuvai has engaged with issues about post-conflict reconstruction, governance, social and economic justice, transitional justice, reconciliation, and national and community healing. Shuvai has also served as a gender advisor and investigator for sexual and gender-based violence as crimes in conflict in several Commissions of Inquiry, including the Obasanjo-led African Union Commission of Inquiry on South Sudan and the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan. Shuvai also serves in various board and advisory capacities as a member of the Tana Forum Technical Committee, and she represents the ALC on the Steering Committee of the African Union's Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation – FemWise-Africa. She is also a member of the United Nations Trust Fund on Human Security Advisory Board.

Shuvai is an alumna of the ALC's Peace, Security and Development Fellowships for African Women and has a PhD in Leadership and Security Studies at the University of Pretoria.

Session 2 – Intersectional Identities and Access to Justice

Ana Peláez Narváez, Former Chair and Current Member of UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Ana served as an expert on the CEDAW Committee since 2019 and was Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2021-2022, and as Chair. She is Secretary General of the European Disability Forum and chair of its Women's Committee. In addition, she is an Executive Vice-President at CERMI Women's Foundation.

Ana became the first woman expert with a disability on the CEDAW Committee in 2018, where her mandate renewed last year until 2026. She was a member of the Committee of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 2009 to 2016 and from 2010 to 2014 she was a member of the Board of the European Women's Lobby. Ana was a representative of the Spanish Government in the International Commission that prepared the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, focusing on the cross-cutting theme of the gender issue.

Tanvi Patel, HelpAge International

Tanvi is currently a Global Gender Policy Adviser at HelpAge International. Tanvi Patel held previous roles at HelpAge International and PwC. She holds a 2014 - 2015 Master's degree, International Relations and Diplomacy from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Thilaga Sulathireh, Justice for Sisters, Malaysia

Thilaga initially joined the struggle for LGBTI rights in Malaysia in response to her own experience of discrimination and harassment on the grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity. As the founder of several LGBTI campaigns, such as Justice for Sisters, Thilaga and her colleagues aim at raising awareness about the violence experienced by the LGBTI community and how to access justice. Together with the trans community, they organise workshops and performances, which aim to raise both awareness and funds.

Session 3 – Legal Aid and Community-Based Workers

Salma Waheedi, Harvard University

Salma is a lawyer, Lecturer on Law, and Executive Director of the Harvard Program on Law & Society in the Muslim World. Salma's research and legal practice focus on gender, social and economic justice, comparative constitutional law, Islamic law, and human rights, with extensive expertise in the Middle East and North Africa. She represented and advised individual and organizational clients seeking legal accountability and remedies for human rights violations in both domestic and international forums and has long been an advocate on behalf of multiple regional initiatives and coalitions for the advancement of legal equality for women and minorities.

Arrita Reznqi, Coordinator of the Free Legal Aid Center, Kosovo

Arrita is the Coordinator of the Free Legal Aid Center at the Kosovo Law Institute (KLI). Arrita has spearheaded several pioneering initiatives to extend access to justice, especially for women, survivors of domestic violence, and marginalized communities. Arrita leads a team of lawyers providing free legal aid to vulnerable groups in Kosovo in criminal, civil, administrative, and minor offence cases, in order to provide equal opportunities to them regarding access to justice. She leads the Education Program at KLI, where young lawyers are trained and pursue a Legal Clinic Program.

Professor Claudia Flores, Chair of the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls

Claudia is the Chair of the UN Working Group on discrimination against women and girls. She assumed her functions as a member of the Working Group on 1 November 2023. She is a Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School and Director of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. She is also Director of the Law School's Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights. Claudia's teaching, scholarship and law practice have focused on international human rights, constitutional reform, global inequality, and state accountability for failures of good governance. She is co-host of Entitled, a podcast that explores global debates around human rights. Prior to joining YLS, Claudia was a Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School and Director of the Global Human Rights Clinic. Before joining academia, Claudia's legal practice included both domestic litigation and international advocacy.

Day 3 – September 10: Drivers for Change: Autonomous Feminist Movement, Legal Support, Technology, and Research

Session 1 – Innovation, Technology and Research

Dr. Tania Soudin, Emeritus Professor, University of Newcastle Law School

Tania is an Emeritus Professor and former dean at the University of Newcastle Law School . She specializes in justice processes, court reform, legal technology and access to justice. Tania explores how e-justice systems support—or threaten—access to justice amid digital transformation and argues for a broader view of justice delivery beyond traditional courtrooms, including alternative dispute resolution mechanism. With an extensive career focusing on justice, litigation, conflict avoidance and dispute resolution, Tania has influenced legislative reform initiatives, standards and cultural change for dispute resolution.

Caitlin Kraft Buchman, Women at the Table

Caitlin is CEO/Founder of Women at the Table – a systems change think tank based in Switzerland and Co-Founder/Leader of <A+> Alliance for Inclusive Algorithms – a global coalition of technologists, activists, and academics. Caitlin leads the <AI & Equality> Human Rights Toolbox initiative of workshops and community designed for those shaping the future of technology. She is Co-Founder and Global Board member of the International Gender Champions.

Session 2 – Structural Barriers and Social Norms

Dr S. Laurel Weldon, Simon Fraser University

Laurel is the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) and Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Simon Fraser University, where she works on the traditional, unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples. Previously, Laurel was a Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Director of the Purdue Policy Research Institute at Purdue University. Laurel’s work examines when and why do governments promote women’s rights? Her books and articles unpack this question with respect to policies on women’s rights, focusing on violence against women, but also ranging across issues from economic empowerment to family law. Laurel combines statistical analysis of original, global datasets with fieldwork and case studies.

She works on understanding how structural conditions, legal institutions, and social movements converge to shape women’s ability to claim and enforce their rights. Laurel co-wrote, with the late Dr. Mala Htun, *The Logics of Gender Justice – State Action on Women’s Rights Around the World* (2018), which undertook a quantitative and qualitative analysis of over 40 years of data covering 70 countries to assess trends for achieving gender justice.

Dr. Marwa Sharafeldin, Musawah

Marwa is a scholar activist based in Egypt. Her research and work lies in the intersection between Islamic law, international human rights law and feminist activism in the Muslim world.

Marwa holds a PhD from Oxford University, Law Faculty's Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. Her doctorate examined how Islamic law and human rights discourses interact in the work of family law reformers in Egypt to produce new reform propositions, which sometimes conflict with one another when it comes to gender equality. Her work explored how activists' own beliefs and positions in Muslim contexts affect the reform process, as they attempt to stretch the current limits of Shari'a, and appropriate human rights to suit the local context.

Marwa's work on the ground involves supporting governmental and non-governmental agencies globally in their work on gender justice and equality, including Muslim family law reforms. She co-founded and worked with several feminist organizations and networks in Egypt, the Arab world and globally. She served on the Board of Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family, and works on its capacity and knowledge-building activities worldwide. She also serves on the UN's various Expert Advisory Boards that produced the 2019 Progress of the World's Women Report on the Family, and the 2019 Gender Justice and the Law Arab Regional Report.

Professor Kate Bedford, University of Birmingham

Kate is an interdisciplinary scholar with a background in political economy, development, socio-legal studies, and gender/sexuality studies. She joined Birmingham Law School as a Professor of Law and Political Economy in 2018.

Kate's first book (*Developing Partnerships: Gender, Sexuality and the Reformed World Bank*, 2009) explored the World Bank's gender and development lending in Latin America, with case studies of Ecuador and Argentina. More recently, Kate's research is on the increasing role played by law within debates about gender, sexuality, and development.

Gabriela Kletzel, Democracy and Human Rights Program, Heinrich Böll Stiftung/Argentina

Gabriela is the Coordinator of the Democracy and Human Rights Program at the Heinrich Böll Stiftung, Regional Office for Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. She is a feminist lawyer and human rights expert with extensive experience in strategic litigation, international advocacy, and democratic institution-building. She previously served as National Director of International Legal Affairs on Human Rights at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Argentina, and as Head of the International Team at the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS). Gabriela holds a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and was awarded a Fulbright scholarship. Her work has focused on the application of international human rights standards, with a particular emphasis on reparations for gross human rights violations, including gender-based violence. She has contributed to national and international debates on victims' rights to truth, justice, and reparation, especially in contexts of state violence and systemic discrimination.

Session 3 – Feminist Legal Activism

Dr. Amrita Basu, Amherst College

Amrita, Professor of Political Science and Women’s & Gender Studies at Amherst College, specializes in South Asian politics, women’s movements, and religious nationalism. Amrita’s work explores how women’s access to justice is deeply influenced by the forms their activism takes—whether through institutional engagement, state collaboration, or radical grassroots mobilization—and the broader political and communal contexts they navigate. She edited *The Challenge of Local Feminisms: Women’s Movements in Global Perspective* which emphasized that women’s movements must be understood as both universal in aspiration and local in manifestation.

Professor Claudia Martin, Latin American Network for Gender-Based Strategic Litigation and Co-Director of the Academy of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, American University/Washington

Claudia is the Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Professorial Lecturer in Residence at American University Washington College of Law. She specializes in international law, international and comparative human rights law, and Inter-American human rights law. She is also a founding member and serves in the Secretariat of GQUAL, a campaign to promote gender parity representation in the international court and organs. Claudia is a founding member and one of the coordinators of the *Red Latinoamericana de Litigio Estratégico en Género* (ReLeG). In that role, she has submitted several amici curiae and expert briefs before international and domestic courts to ensure justice for victims of sexual violence and other forms of gender-based violence in Latin America. Most recently, she has served as an independent expert member of the International Mission to Observe the Selection and Appointment of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Honduras (MIO).

Keren Dunaway, International Community of Women (ICW) Living with HIV

As Global Program Officer at ICW Global, Keren leads efforts to tackle HIV-related stigma, empowering networks of people living with HIV to create evidence-based advocacy for dignity and justice. She is a passionate advocate for gender equality and human rights. At Llanto, Valor y Esfuerzo (LLAVES), she works to elevate the rights of women living with HIV within Latin American political agendas, spearheading initiatives focused on youth empowerment and women’s rights. Keren also supports the youth volunteer network in Honduras, where she fosters collaborations with feminist organizations and sexual and reproductive health rights (SRHR) groups across the region. As a dedicated community researcher, her influential work on gender equity has significantly shaped policy dialogue and advocacy efforts.