



Online Conference

Sexual and Gender-Based Violence: migrant women's perspective

Thursday, 26th November 2020, 2pm – 4.30pm

2pm	Welcome
2.05pm	<p><i>Introduction to AkiDWA and SGBV</i> from moderator</p> <p>Salome Mbugua, Head of Operations and Strategy, AkiDWA</p>
2.15pm	<p><i>Presentation of latest AkiDWA research on trafficking</i></p> <p>Sharon Etokhana, legal researcher and convenor of AkiDWA's Young Migrant Women</p>
2.45pm	<p><i>Global and European efforts to eliminate trafficking in persons</i></p> <p>Prof. Siobhán Mullally, Director Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway and UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons</p>
3.05pm	<p><i>UK best practice in GBV and forced marriages</i></p> <p>Hannana Siddiqui, Head of Policy, Research and Fundraising, Southhall Black Sisters</p>
3.25pm	<p><i>Q&A and Plenary</i></p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Anna Zobnina, Strategy & Policy Coordinator, ENOMW</p> <p>Respondents:</p> <p>Dr Nusha Yonkova, Gender & Anti-Trafficking Expert, Immigrant Council of Ireland</p> <p>Wanjiku Ngotho-Mbugua, Regional Director, BAWSO</p>
4.20pm	Closing remarks



Speaker Biographies

Salome Mbugua, Head of Operations and Strategy, AkiDWA

Salome Mbugua is a researcher, gender equality activist and human right advocate. She is the founder and Head of Operations & Strategy at AkiDWA. She has over 20 years' experience of working with under-represented groups, in particular with women, children, and young people, in Europe, Africa and internationally. In September 2018 Salome was appointed to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission by the President of Ireland Michael D Higgins. She is the chairperson of European Network of Migrant Women and she has a seat on the EU Expert group on Economic Migration. She also sits on the Observatory Experts Group on Violence against Women with European Women Lobby.

Sharon Etokhana, legal researcher and organiser of AkiDWA's Young Migrant Women

Sharon Etokhana is a Lawyer with a masters in Human Rights in Criminal Justice. A member of the Nigerian Bar working with Akidwa as a research consultant and a Community Health Ambassador against Female Genital Mutilation. Her passion is to influence policy through advocacy, policy and research. She is a member of the Akidwa Youth Migrant Women Network and an advocate against all forms of gender-based violence. Sharon is also the founder of Empwr'd tribe, an online community for the empowerment of women. She is an advocate for human rights for marginalized communities especially women.

Prof. Siobhán Mullally, Director Centre for Human Rights, NUI Galway and UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons

Siobhán Mullally is Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway. She has published widely in the fields of gender, women's rights, migration, asylum and multiculturalism. She is currently the President of the Council of Europe anti-trafficking body, the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking (GRETA). She is a Commissioner with the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission, and is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague.

Hannana Siddiqui, Head of Policy, Research and Fundraising, Southall Black Sisters

Hannana Siddiqui was one of the founders of Southall Black Sisters and has remained one of the group's key campaigners in their struggle against racism and sexism, including campaigns for justice for women driven by abuse into killing either themselves or their abusers, campaigns around 'honour' based violence and against racist and sexist spousal visa laws. Hannana has written numerous publications on violence against minority ethnic women and consults on policy and research for organisations including the Angelou Centre.



Anna Zobnina, Strategy & Policy Coordinator, ENOMW

Anna is the Strategy & Policy Coordinator of the European Network of Migrant Women (ENOMW)- a pan European migrant women led feminist platform that advocates for the rights and freedom of migrant and refugee women and girls in Europe. She has over 10 years of experience in the area of intersectional feminist analysis of violence & discrimination against women, with the focus on migrant women, sexual exploitation and domestic work. She is a former Research Analyst with Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies, a selected expert with European Institute for Gender Equality and currently is a member of executive committee of European Women's Lobby. She served as ENOMW chair in 2014-2017 and currently works on capacity building of ENOMW, strategic advocacy and inclusion of migrant women in the EU decision-making.

Dr Nusha Yonkova, Gender&Anti-trafficking Expert, Immigrant Council of Ireland

Nusha oversees policy, research, advocacy and campaigns relating to anti-trafficking and gender-related migration issues for Immigrant Council of Ireland. She became a Doctor of Philosophy at University College Dublin in 2019 with her work 'A Study of Gender Specific Approaches to Assistance of Trafficked, Sexually Exploited Women in Ireland, Bulgaria, Croatia and the UK'. Nusha was the first migrant woman elected onto the board of the National Women's Council of Ireland in 2008. She was also elected as chair of the European Network of Migrant Women.

Wanjiku Ngotho-Mbugua, Regional Director, BAWSO

Wanjiku Mbugua holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and Postgraduate degree in Education from University of Nairobi and a Masters Degree programme in Community Development at Bangor University. She is currently Bawso's North Wales Regional Manager with over ten years experience leading the Domestic abuse service delivery functions of Bawso. Wanjiku has managed and supported staff members working with clients suffering from all BME -specific forms of Domestic Abuse including; FGM, Forced Marriage, Honor based violence and Human trafficking. She is recognized for ability to offer safe shelter, crisis intervention, advocacy, and education and prevention programs for BME families faced with domestic abuse in North Wales.