

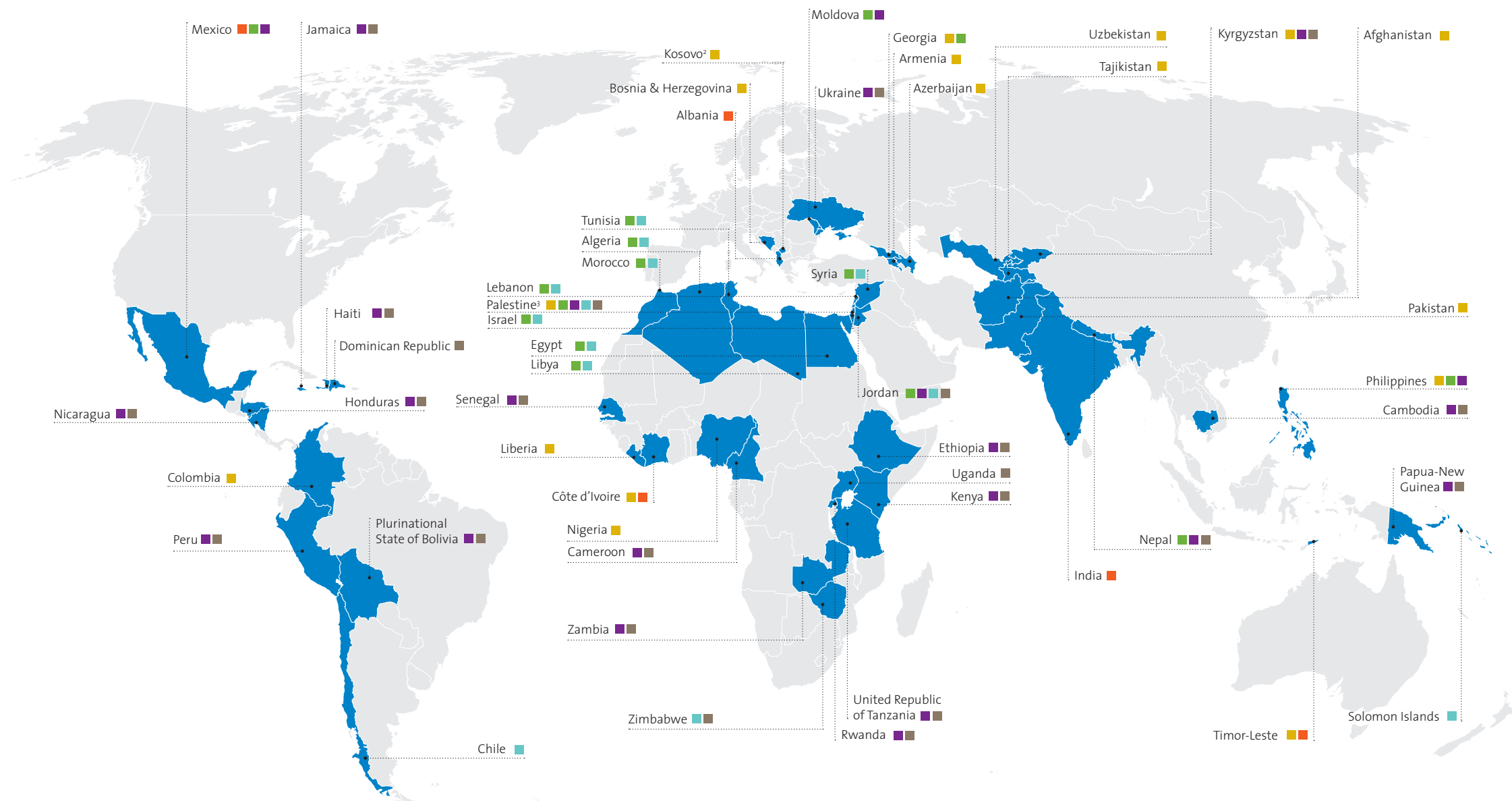


WORKING TOGETHER FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The EU – UN Women Partnership

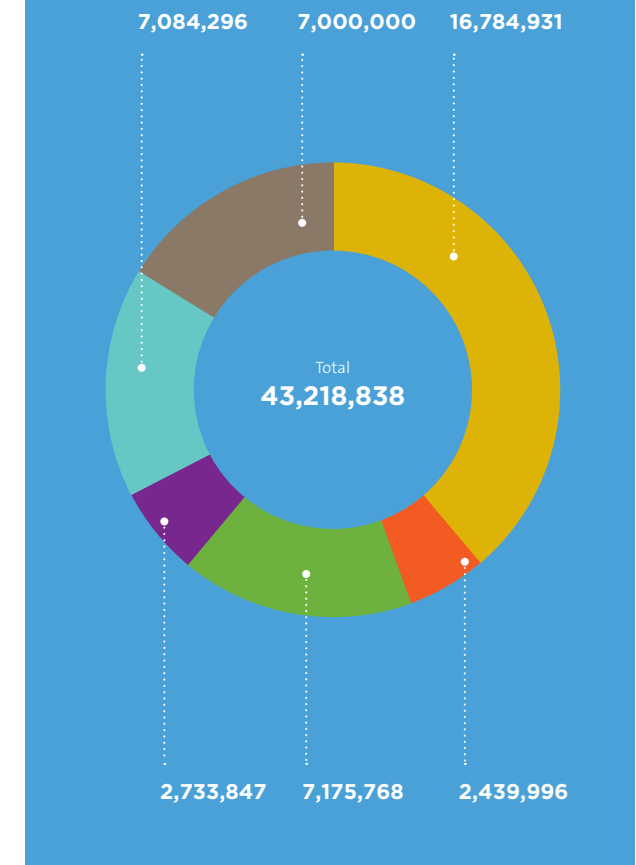


JOINT EU-UN WOMEN PROGRAMMING AROUND THE WORLD¹



EU contributions to UN Women programmes per thematic priority area in EUR.⁴

4. 2010-2015 estimates based on contractual value.



Legend:

- Engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes
- Ending violence against women
- Enhancing women's economic empowerment
- Including gender considerations in global processes
- Increasing women's leadership and participation
- Making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting

1. Including programming taking place at the regional level.

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SHARED PRIORITIES

Successful collaboration for women and girls around the world is a hallmark of the partnership between the European Union and UN Women. Since UN Women's establishment in 2010, we have developed a close partnership, signalled by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding in April 2012. Working in concert, we have made great strides to promote gender equality across the globe through shared dialogue, advocacy, and programmes on the ground. Cooperation is vital if we are to make a difference in the lives of women and girls.

The EU-UN Women partnership focuses on five priorities: **increasing women's leadership and participation; ending violence against women; engaging women in all aspects of peace and security processes; enhancing women's economic empowerment; and making gender equality central to national development planning and budgeting.**

RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

In 2015, gender equality garnered much-needed attention through several key agreements and events including the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; the 15th anniversary of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (UNSCR 1325) and its High Level Review; the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; the Third International Conference on Financing for Development; and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Also, the Strategic Engagement on Gender Equality within the EU for 2016-2019 as well as an ambitious and robust new EU Gender Action Plan in External Relations 2016-2020 were adopted by the EU in 2015, both of which place the empowerment of women at the core of EU action and are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In each of the above initiatives, the EU and UN Women worked together to champion women's empowerment and gender equality. We moreover used the momentum to identify key priorities to deepen and strengthen our cooperation to more effectively deal with current and future global challenges around refugees and migration, violent extremism, lack of gender statistics and climate change. We agreed to build on the universality of the 2030 Agenda and the strength of SDG 5, the gender equality goal, as well as gender targets in other goals.

Our partnership will continue to protect women's and girls' rights and fulfil their needs through the promotion of robust policies, laws, institutions,

data-collection and financing. **Together, we will heed the call of UN Women's "Step it up for gender equality" campaign, to reach Planet 50-50 and to achieve a decent life for all by 2030.**



TIMOR LESTE

Two young women participate in a pop-up event at a festival in Timor-Leste to rally against gender-based violence. The event took place in the context of the EU-UN Women programme on Ending Violence against Women which also targets Mexico and Albania.



EGYPT

An Egyptian woman in Banha District receives her National ID card on the first day they were issued as part of the Women's Citizenship Initiative. In Egypt, UN Women and the EU partner to create new pathways for Arab women under a programme focusing on citizenship, leadership and participation.



PRODUCTIVE POLICY EXCHANGE

Over the past four years, the EU and UN Women have developed a dynamic dialogue on international, regional and national gender equality policies. Highlights of our ongoing rapport included joint policy dialogue and activities around the 20th anniversary of the

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the 2030 Agenda as well as the European consultation for the High-level Review of UN Security Council resolution 1325. At the consultation, the EU and its Member States exchanged on national and regional experiences

in implementing the Women, Peace and Security agenda and provided extensive input to the Global Study on UNSCR 1325.

Today, it is natural for the EU and UN Women to come together around gender equality. EU and UN Women senior management routinely meet for policy exchanges on women’s rights issues including on humanitarian affairs, climate diplomacy, and peace and security issues. Strong cooperation between the EU and UN Women exists for the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women where we join forces to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women. Another valued

tradition is the engagement of UN Women in EU staff training. UN Women is a member of the EU’s Informal Task Force on UNSCR 1325 and shares its expertise as needed. The organization also sits as an observer to the EU Advisory Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men.

Through joint activities, we will continue this vital and productive policy dialogue as we exchange expertise for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the EU Gender Action Plan in External Relations, the Strategic Engagement on Gender Equality and the promotion of gender equality at high-level summits.



REGIONAL

Arab Parliamentarians and Members of the European Parliament meet at conference in Brussels in 2015. The conference was organized as part of the EU-UN Women Spring Forward for Women programme and resulted in the establishment of the Arab Women Parliamentarians Network “Ra’edat”.



PALESTINE*

Wafa Khaleel Ayyad Muammar was among the first generation of women to enter the Palestinian Civil Police (PCP) after its establishment less than 20 years ago. Today, UN Women and the European Union together are working to advance the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in Palestine.

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EFFECTIVE JOINT ADVOCACY

As global champions for gender equality, our collaboration has resulted in significant initiatives and achievements. For instance, UN Women was a key partner in the European Year

for Development (EYD) in 2015 through both online and offline activities. Our story on a joint programme in Solomon Islands was chosen as the EYD story of the week and translated into

all EU languages for International Women’s Day. The same year, the President of the European Commission as well as all male Commissioners joined UN Women’s HeForShe movement that encourages men to become agents of change for the achievement of gender equality.

Following the call of the UNiTE campaign and of UN Women to “orange the world” on the International Day to End Violence against Women, the European Union buildings were lit aglow in orange. The same day, EU Delegations engaged in scores of activities using colour orange to symbolize a brighter future without violence. Also in November 2015, the UN Women Country Office in Georgia, together with the EU Delegation to Georgia and other partners supported the

organization of an international high-level conference where around 250 participants endorsed the Tbilisi Declaration, which reinforces commitments towards promoting gender equality and women’s rights in the European Neighbourhood.

Our partnership also helped bring youth into efforts to promote gender equality. Through the “Gender Equality: Picture It!” competition, Europeans aged 18 to 28 were invited to submit cartoons and comics celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2015. The winning submissions have since been exhibited widely and the contest has been replicated elsewhere.



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

On the International Day to End Violence against Women, the EU Delegation in Bosnia and Herzegovina and European Union Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina lights up in orange to symbolize the EU’s support to the #orangetheworld campaign.



BRUSSELS

Ahead of International Women’s Day on 8 March 2015, all male members of the European Commission give their support to the HeForShe movement reflecting the EU’s strong support for women’s empowerment.



PROGRAMMING FOR CHANGE



GEORGIA

Lela Tchintcharauli from Gudani, a village in a mountainous region of Georgia, wants to make a difference for youth in her community. Her ambition is supported by the EU-UN Women programme on Innovative Action for Gender Equality which inter alia benefits women and girls from ethnic minorities, women residing in isolated settings and conflict-affected women.



In more than 50 countries, the EU-UN Women Partnership makes a difference in the lives of girls and women. Together, we have pushed for gender-sensitive legislation and budgeting, provided life-saving services for women survivors of violence, and worked with communities to break down gender stereotypes. **Moreover, joint EU-UN Women programmes have led to measurable results across a variety of other important concerns at global, regional and country level.**

For instance, we jointly advocated more financing for gender equality across 16 countries. In Nepal, the programme helped increase gender-specific allocations from EUR 1.01 billion in 2013-2014 to EUR 1.22 billion in 2014-2015. The Financing for Gender Equality programme also supported the inclusion of gender equality priorities in the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa in July 2015. Further, it developed an online Resource Package on Gender Mainstreaming in EU Development Cooperation.

We have also worked hand-in-hand for better protection of women migrant workers' rights around the world. In Moldova, for example, we helped the Government increase the capacity of local service providers to aid migrants and establish a one-stop shop prototype to better serve users, including women migrants.

Our joint programme in Georgia led innovative actions for gender equality. An important goal was to empower teachers in ethnic minority schools to benefit equally from professional development opportunities and to improve their knowledge about equality in the education process. To achieve this, the programme supported the training of 18 teacher-trainers and more than 200 teachers of ethnic minority schools in gender-sensitive teaching approaches.

With EU support, in Timor-Leste, UN Women forged partnerships with the Government and civil society stakeholders for the prevention of gender-based violence, including the "Safe Dili" campaign to raise awareness at home and in public.

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Our joint programmes also reinforce the implementation of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in at least ten countries. For example, we are supporting women and girls to play an active role in conflict prevention, peacemaking and peace building in Northern Nigeria, including in Plateau, Adamawa and Gombe States. We also facilitate that transitional justice processes, such as in Colombia, Philippines and Kosovo*, incorporate gender equality principles and specifically address conflict-related gender based violence.

In the context of the EU-UN Women Spring Forward for Women programme promoting women's economic and political empowerment, the Arab States agreed to adopt gender equality as a priority through the 2014 Cairo Declaration. In addition, the partnership supported the establishment of the Arab Women Parliamentarians Network for Equality, "Ra-edat", which includes more than 130 former and current women parliamentarians from 12 countries. We also helped establish "Khadija", the Arab Network for Economic Empowerment of Women which facilitates knowledge exchanges between women entrepreneurs.

In addition to our ongoing partnership, we aim to broaden our collaboration thematically and geographically and to undertake concrete steps to achieve gender equality by 2030. In the frame of

the EU Gender Action Plan in External Relations, we will together address gender inequality in partner countries. Building on a brief but robust history of successful cooperation, the EU and UN Women will continue to complement each other's strengths and work towards their common vision of a world that is equal for all.



NIGERIA

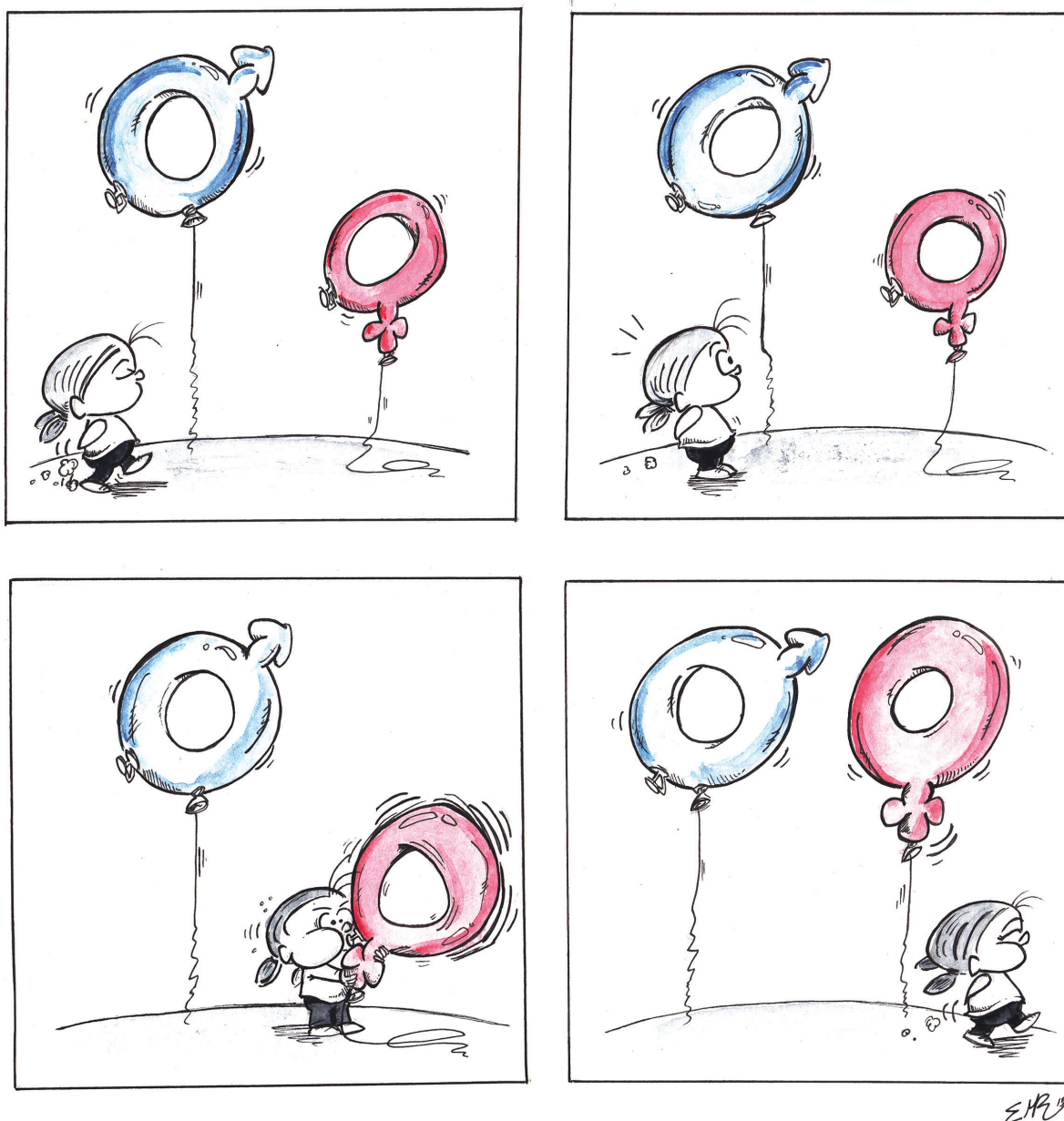
In northern Nigeria, a UN Women staff member facilitates a Community Dialogue for increased participation of women in conflict resolution. The dialogue took place under the EU-UN Women programme on Promoting Women's Engagement in Peace and Security.



SOLOMON ISLANDS

One of only four female members of parliament in Solomon Islands, Hon. Jocelyn Weslyn Ipei participates in a radio dialogue on women in politics broadcasted in 2015. The radio programme is part of the EU-UN Women project on the protection of human rights in Solomon Islands.





This cartoon of Emilio Moralez Ruiz from Spain won the first Prize of the comic competition “Gender Equality: Picture It!” organized by UN Women, the European Union, the Belgian Development Cooperation, and UNRIC which commemorated the 20th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in 2015.

Picture on the front page: In Chiapas, Mexico, migrant workers from Central America benefit from the EU-UN Women global programme on promoting and protecting women migrant workers’ human rights. The project is also implemented in Moldova and the Philippines.

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