



*The Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights  
invites you to the CSW Parallel Event:*

## **“Achieving Gender Equality in Nationality Laws”**

**4:30-6:00 PM, Thursday, March 12**  
Armenian Convention Center, Ballroom B  
630 2nd Avenue (at 35th street), New York, NY

**THE PROBLEM:** Nationality laws in **28 countries worldwide prevent mothers from passing their nationality to their children** on an equal basis with fathers. **Over 60 countries deny female citizens equal rights** with male citizens in their ability to **acquire, change and retain their nationality, and to confer nationality to non-national spouses**. This discrimination results in significant human rights violations and suffering for individuals and families, contributing to numerous problems, including: **statelessness; lack of access to public education, health care and other services; child marriage; increased risk of gender-based violence; unemployment and poverty**. These laws are also **in contradiction to state commitments to a number of international conventions**, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action.

During our March 12<sup>th</sup> event, **leading activists and scholars will discuss** the costs of these damaging laws, lessons learned from successful advocacy efforts, and **the path to achieving equal nationality rights for women and men**. We hope you will join us for this important discussion.

### **PANELISTS:**

**Zahra Albarazi**, Co-founder, Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, The Netherlands

**Rena Herdiyani**, Executive Director, Kalyanamitra Foundation, Indonesia

**Jacqui Hunt**, London Director, Equality Now, United Kingdom

**Noelle Khalila Nicolls**, Coalition for Constitutional Equality Steering Committee Member, Bahamas

**Dimitrina Petrova**, Executive Director, Equal Rights Trust, United Kingdom

**Introductory remarks:** Catherine Harrington, Campaign Manager, Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights

***Equal nationality rights for equal citizens, women and men.***

TO RSVP OR LEARN ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN PLEASE CONTACT: [CatherineH@wrcommission.org](mailto:CatherineH@wrcommission.org)

The Global Campaign for Equal Nationality Rights is a coalition of international and national organizations that promotes gender equality in nationality laws, so that women and men can confer, acquire, change and retain their nationality on an equal basis. The Campaign includes a Steering Committee of Equality Now, Equal Rights Trust, the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, UNHCR, UN Women and Women’s Refugee Commission.

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