

IT'S TIME: SURVIVORS' HEARING ON REPARATIONS

Kinshasa, 22-24 November 2021

» Monday 22 November 2021 Framing the Discussion and Identifying Approaches

Facilitators: Thésée-Aurore Makaba, Project Coordinator, Global Survivors Fund/Panzi Foundation (GSF/PF); Jacqueline Namuye Mutere, Founder and Director of Grace Agenda (GA); and Sandrine Lusamba, Coordinator, Solidarité Féminine pour la Paix et le Développement Intégral, (SOFEPADI)

8:30-9:10 Opening Session and Introductory Remarks (Live Streaming available)

Chair: Sandrine Lusamba, Coordinator, SOFEPADI

Opening video

Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (video); Mme Chantal Yelu Mulop, Special Advisor to the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo on Youth, Gender and Violence against Women; Prof. Alphonse Ntumba Luaba, Coordinator of the Panel to accompany the DRC in the Chairmanship of the African Union (2021-2022); Julienne Lusenge, Conjugal Slavery in War (CSIW), SOFEPADI; Esther Dingemans, Executive Director, Global Survivors Fund; Gisèle Ndaya Luseba, Minister of Gender, Family and Children, Democratic Republic of Congo (tbc)

9:10-9:40 Keynote Panel – The Right to Reparations of Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence (Live Streaming available)

Chair: Thésée-Aurore Makaba, Project Coordinator, Global Survivors Fund/Panzi Foundation, Democratic Republic of Congo
Tonderai Chikuhwa, Chief of Staff and Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict; Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (video); Ms. Michelle Ndiaye, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the Commission and Head of AU DRC Liaison Office

9:40-10:55 Panel on Access to Reparations and Justice

Chair: Jacqueline Namuye Mutere, GA

Local activists who advocate on behalf of and work with and accompany survivors, talk about the context/situation on the ground in the various countries represented at the hearing, and about how survivors struggle to obtain reparations and justice. This panel frames and sets the stage for testimonies. Questions to be considered include: What is the national reparations context in each country? How does it affect or impact survivors of CRSV? What are the interventions with and for survivors?

Presenters: Evodie Ndémardé, Plateforme des Associations de Victimes (PAV, Central African Republic); Amelia Cooper, Aiding Abused Women and Girls Association (ADWANGA, Liberia); Godelieve Mukasarasi, Solidarité pour l'Epanouissement des Veuves et des Orphelins visant le Travail et l'Auto promotion (SEVOTA, Rwanda); Fatoumata Dicko Traoré, Femmes Droit et Développement en Afrique (WILDAF, Mali); Rosaline McCarthy, Women's Forum (WF, Sierra Leone); Solomy Awiidi, Refugee Law Project, Programme Manager- Conflict, Transitional Justice and Governance (CTJG) (RLP Uganda)

10:55-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:30 Session 1 – Harms and Challenges to Justice and Reparation

This session considers the diverse types of harms suffered by survivors, their families, and communities (as applicable) and the challenges that ensue to ensure justice and reparation.

Presenters: 3 survivors (Central African Republic, Mali and South Sudan)

Responder: Christine Alai, Transitional Justice Advisor, UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13:30-14:40 Session 2 – Meeting the Needs of Survivors of Conflict-related Sexual Violence Through Reparations

This session aims to answer a series of questions, such as what survivors need as reparation? What do survivors understand by transformative reparations or holistic or comprehensive reparations? How should those forms of reparation be tailored to survivors of different forms of sexual violence? Forced Marriages and children born out of rape?

Presenters: 3 survivors (Kenya, Nigeria and Sierra Leone)

Responder: Sandrine Lusamba, SOFEPADI

14:40-15:00 Coffee break

15:00-16:15 Session 3 – Timing and Provision of Reparations

This session considers access to reparations through different remedies: judicial, administrative reparation programmes and addresses the often forgotten but essential element of guarantees of non-repetition.

Presenters: 3 survivors (Guinea, Nigeria and Uganda)

Responder: Yasmin Sooka, Former member of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa and Sierra Leone and current member of the Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan (via Zoom)

Break

16:30-17:30 Exhibition – Launch of the Ododo Wa Traveling exhibit

Facilitator: Sandrine Lusamba, SOFEPADI

Presenters: Benoît-Pierre Laramée, Ambassador of Canada to the Democratic Republic of Congo; Isabelle Masson, Curator, Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR); Grace Acan, Refugee Law Project, Uganda ; Evelyn Amony, Women's Advocacy Network, Uganda

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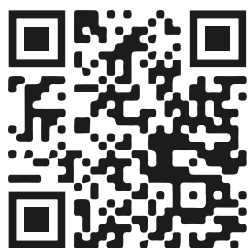
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» Tuesday 23 November 2021

Survivors Participation and the Co-designing of Reparations

Facilitators: Thésée-Aurore Makaba, GSF/PF; Jacqueline Namuye Mutere, GA; and Sandrine Lusamba, SOFEPADI.

8:30-9:30 Dialogue on Transformative Reparations

Many survivors expect reparations that can transform their living and life conditions and that could change the continuum of violence that allowed their violations to take place. How can reparations for survivors of conflict related sexual violence be used to generate meaningful transformations? What is necessary for reparations to be truly transformative? What is the relationship between transformative reparations and guarantees of non-repetition?

Dialogue between Ruth Rubio Marín, Professor at the University of Sevilla, and at the European University Institute, and member of the GSF Board and Patricia Sellers, Professor, Centre for Women, Peace and Security at LSE, former Special Advisor for Gender and current Special Advisor on Slavery Crimes for the office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, and member of the GSF Board (via Zoom)

9:30-10:40 Session 1 – DRC Survivors Speak Up

This session brings together survivors of DRC to speak up about their harms, what they need as reparation and their experience so far aiming to seize momentum from the current opportunities in DRC to set up a Reparations Fund.

Presenters: 3 survivors (2 GSF and 1 SOFEPADI)

Responder: Thésée-Aurore Makaba, GSF/Panzi Foundation

10:40-11:10 Coffee break

11:10-12:30 Session 2 – Reparation for Conflict Related Forced Marriage and Related Forms of Violence

Research shows that survivors of forced marriage, sexual exploitation, and rape in conflict and post-conflict situations are in dire straits, and very little has occurred in terms of meeting their justice and reparation needs. Survivors of forced marriages have not received reparations that include transformative and restorative justice. This session considers what are the specific needs of survivors of forced marriage in war?

Presenters: 4 survivors (Liberia, Rwanda and Sierra Leone)

Responder: Julienne Lusenge, SOFEPADI

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:25 Session 3 – Survivors' Participation

This session brings together the experiences of victims, their roles and agency and the ways in which they were/are allowed to participate or were/are denied the possibility, the level of influence of what they have said, needed and wanted, and their experience of co-creating and co-designing reparations.

Presenters: 6 survivors (Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda)

Responders: Asmaou Diallo, Association of Victims, Relatives and Friends of September 28, 2009 (AVIPA, Guinea), and Yohanna Timothy, Grass Roots Researchers Association (GRA, Nigeria).

14:25-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-16:00 Session 4 – Co-creation of Reparations for Survivors of CRSV and Administrative Reparation Programmes

This session explores what co-creation and co-designing entail when crafting reparations with survivors and for survivors, particularly considering the setting up of domestic reparation programmes.

Presenters: 6 survivors (Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea and South Sudan)

Responder: Karine Bonneau, Head of Interim Reparative Measures/Projects, GSF

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:30 Open dialogue – Survivors and Advocacy Network

This conversation will bring together survivors from other African countries to express their views on the participation and co-designing of reparation programmes, interim reparations, and other reparation projects. It will be an open-ended conversation with the audience and representatives of existing advocacy networks like SEMA and Uganda Women's Advocacy Network to discuss the possibilities and the shaping of a transnational advocacy network that will bring together Civil Society Organisations, experts, and survivors.

Dialogue between survivors (Rwanda and Uganda), SOFEPADI, WILDAF Mali, Anna M. Agathangelou, Professor at the University of York and CSiW, Danaé van der Straten Ponthoz, Head of Advocacy and Policy, Global Survivors Fund and Shuvai Busuman, Gender Advisor, UN Commission on South Sudan

18:00-19:00 Documentary film screening of 'Bringing Up our Enemies Child'

Solomy Awiidi, Programme Manager, Conflict, Transitional Justice and Governance, Refugee Law Project and Onen David Ongwech, Gender and Sexuality Programme Manager, Refugee Law Project

» Wednesday 24 November 2021

Paving the Future for Reparations: Declaration on the Rights of Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence to Participate and Co-Crete Gender Based Reparations

8:30-8:35 Video

8:35-10:45 Drafting of the Declaration

Facilitators: Ms. Kaari Betty Murungi, Independent consultant, former Africa representative on the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund for Victims at the International Criminal Court (2009-2013) and former Vice Chairperson and Commissioner to the Kenya Truth Justice and Reconciliation Commission (2009-2010) and Christine Alai, Transitional Justice Advisor, UN Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan.

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-13:00 Drafting of the Declaration

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:05 Video

14:05-15:30 Drafting of the Declaration

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Drafting of the Declaration

17:00-18:30 Presentation of the Declaration by Survivors and Viewing of the Advocacy Video (Live Streaming available)

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