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# BREAKING THE CYCLE

**From Online Harassment to Threats to Violence against Women and Girl Leaders**

**24 MARCH 2021**

**10:30AM - 12:00PM ET**

**15:30PM - 17:00PM CET**

**VIRTUAL EVENT | [webtv.un.org](http://webtv.un.org)**

*This side event will have simultaneous interpretation in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.*

Despite the benefits and empowering potential of the Internet and digital spaces which provide direct communication networks with a wide audience, women and girls across the globe are facing online **harassment** → **threats** → **violence** facilitated by information and communication technologies. Women and girl leaders and influencers such as politicians, human rights defenders, bloggers, journalists, etc., are particularly targeted by violence that takes place on ICT platforms and suffer disproportionately serious consequences as a result of their engagement.

Participants will discuss research, preventive action, and share best practices including from legal, grassroots, professional, and academic perspectives.

We invite the audience to join the discussion about responsibilities of relevant stakeholders to take measures to address violence against women and girl leaders.

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## PARTICIPANTS

**Tone Wilhelmsen Trøen**

*President of the Norwegian Parliament (Storting)*

**Lucina Di Meo**

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**Chris Sagona**

*American Journalist and League of Women Voters of the United States, UN Observer*

**Besiana Kadare**

*Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Albania to the UN*

**Julie Inman Grant**

*Australia eSafety Commissioner*

**Dr. Hedy Fry**

*Member of the Canadian Parliament*

**Susan Kihika**

*Kenyan Senator and President of the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians*

**MODERATOR**

**Claire Doole**

*Anchorwoman and Former BBC reporter*

**FINAL REMARKS**

**Rosalee Keech**

*Chief Observer to the United Nations for the League of Women Voters of the United States*

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