

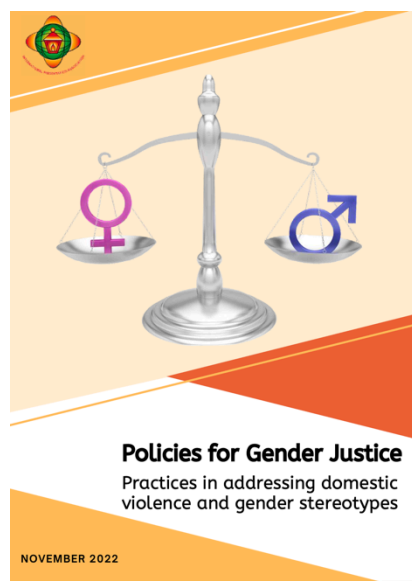


IPA Publication Launch

Tuesday January 17th, 2023, 9:00-10:00am EST

Registration link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkduutpzkpGtJxJRDG5YzW_ijNmqfd1zRX

Concept Note



The International Presentation Association (IPA), as a network of Presentation Sisters and Presentation People present in twenty countries throughout six continents, speaks and acts in partnership with others for global justice through advocacy and direct service to people. At the United Nations in New York, we, and other members of civil society, aim to educate and influence policy makers at the global level to achieve a more just world. Our goal is “to honour and advance the rights of women and children, indigenous and tribal people and the Earth”. In early 2020, when we were collectively enduring and witnessing a time of great upheaval due to COVID-19 pandemic, the IPA identified “Elimination of Violence Against Women and Children” as its specific UN Advocacy Focus. The COVID-19 global pandemic, since its outbreak, only intensified and worsened violence against women. The confined living conditions of lockdown, with severe health, economic and

social impacts, amplified existing inequalities and power imbalances and disproportionately affected those most vulnerable worldwide.

This first IPA research *Making Uncomfortable Conversations Comfortable: Gender Stereotypes and Domestic Violence in India, United States and Zimbabwe* was launched in April 2022. That publication placed a particular interest in providing a voice to women experiencing gender stereotypes and domestic violence - presenting not only their experiences, but also their needs going forward, as reflective of their culture and society.

The current, second, IPA publication titled “*Policies for Gender Justice. Practices in addressing domestic violence and gender stereotypes*” places a focus on policy responses addressing domestic violence and gender stereotypes by the governments and NGOs in India, United States and Zimbabwe. Our research explores synergies and collaboration between governments and civil society organizations before and during COVID-19 aiming to address the issues at stake. It is most essential to identify existing or potential partnerships between governments and NGOs. Achieving coherence from the two sides constitutes the only viable path to increase the effectiveness of their policies towards addressing gender stereotypes and domestic violence and ensuring that the individuals in need are not left behind.



During the webinar, the International Presentation Association will officially launch this publication. Additionally, some of the research's participants will share their experiences, privileging their expertise and providing the audience with the opportunity to learn from their insights.

Tentative List of panelists:

Welcome and concluding remarks: **Ann Marie Quinn**, PBVM, Executive Director, International Presentation Association

- **Ella Rayment**, Research Fellow, International Presentation Association
- **Dr. SN Sharma**, Chief Executive Officer, RSKS India
- **Rebecca Cline**, Preventions Program Director, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, United States
- **Rufaro Chakanetsa**, Spotlight Innovator against GBV, Spotlight Initiative, Zimbabwe

Moderator: **Dr. Despoina Afroditi Milaki**, NGO Representative at the UN, International Presentation Association