International Women's Day 2026
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Women are known to be drivers of change since time immemorial and equipping them with knowledge and right tools, they will bring significant changes in our society. International Women's Day 2026 is marked at a time when justice systems are yet to achieve true balance and equity. In about 70 percent of surveyed countries, women face more barriers to access justice compared to men. The rule of law continues to weaken as it is mainly driven by corruption within the judiciary and police, and executive disobedience of court orders, conflict, repression, and political interference.

The International Women's Day (IWD) 2026 campaign, themed **"Give to Gain,"** emphasizes that sharing time, knowledge, and resources fosters collective growth and gender equality. It encourages a mindset of generosity and collaboration as well as the power of reciprocity and support. In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it pledges to guarantee equal access to justice for all and to establish legal frameworks that promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination.

Overcoming challenges relating to access to justice for women and girls requires Government entities and legislative bodies to systematically integrate a gender equality approach across all stages of the legislative process .There is need to institutionalize gender-impact assessments and post-enactment evaluations for all new laws and regulations by ensuring that all new laws related to the achievement of gender equality are accounted for and that the resources are utilized to ensure effective implementation. Civil society including feminist groups and women's rights organizations should participate by amplifying their voices to ensure that policies are in line with their lived realities, share practical strategies that support social justice in legislative processes. When organizations and communities give opportunities and support to women especially towards access to justice, they gain connections, influence, diversity and inclusion

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