



Workshop 4

Advancing Gender Equality in the Digital Public Sphere: Tackling Online Violence and AI-Discrimination

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1. Advancing gender equality in the digital public sphere faces some major challenges:
 - Offline gender-based discrimination is often replicated online with changes in speed and sophistication driven by emerging technologies, driving women and girls out of the public sphere, curtailing the diversity of views, and damaging democracy.
 - Lack or limited response of the platforms and the step back from major companies on political grounds makes accountability and enforcement extremely difficult, creating an environment where perpetrators feel invincible.
 - Moderation responses often limit the right to privacy leading to deeper layers of discrimination.
2. The ideal Internet should offer a warm, friendly, engaging and accountable space that creates confidence and engagement without fear. It also fosters an environment of accountability where people speak up against online violence.
3. Multistakeholder collaboration and dialogue is essential to shape a more inclusive digital sphere built on global rules and standards, civil society led capacity-building initiatives, better education, information and preventive measures:
 - International organisations play an important role in addressing digital violence, including through standard-setting, monitoring and international co-operation.
 - Meaningful and evidence-based policy-making and regulation for online platforms need to respect the right to privacy.
 - Technical solutions need the input of those facing discrimination, particularly members of disadvantaged groups and must include safety and equality by design.

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