

## AGENDA

### *Webinar:*

### **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE CHALLENGES AHEAD: SHARED EXPERIENCES BETWEEN MOROCCO, UKRAINE, NIGER, MALI AND BURKINA FASO**

**Thursday 20 July 2023, 15.00 - 16.30 (Swiss time), Online (ZOOM),  
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### **Context**

#### **Presentation of our new report, "Improving the judiciary response to violence against women (VAW) in Morocco"**

As part of our partnership with UN Women and the Moroccan association ADALA "for the right to a fair trial", we conducted a study analysing the justice sector's response to violence against women in Morocco. The study combines an analysis of how incidents of VAW are dealt with by the judiciary with an assessment of perceptions of women victims of violence who have had recourse to the justice system. This enabled us to identify, from the point of view of justice professionals and victims, areas for improvement needed to ensure a more effective response to VAW by the Moroccan justice system. Our aim is for this report to serve as a reference for the development of more inclusive policies and practices, taking into account the human security needs, rights and protection of women victims of violence.

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**15.00 - 15.10      Welcome & Introduction**

Welcome remarks: Tanika West, Programme Development Manager at DCAF

Introduction to Gender and Security: Cristina Finch, Head of DCAF's Gender and Security Division

**15.10 - 15.25      The report: documented assessments of persistent VAW**

Discussion of the report's main findings: Cécile Lagoutte, Programme Manager Morocco at DCAF

Overview of the report's methodology and experiences of data collection: Sara Lahoucine, Project Officer Morocco at DCAF

**15.25 - 15.45      The report from a wider perspective: obstacles in accessing justice**

Discussion of the obstacles of women victims of violence in accessing justice and needs for improving the judicial response

Jamila Sayouri, President at Association Adala, Morocco

Saida Drissi, VAW and civil society expert at Association Adala, Morocco

**15.45 - 16.15      Different contexts, similar challenges**

Presentation of DCAF's VAW projects in other contexts (Eastern Europe and Sub-saharan Africa)

Marta Ghittoni, Programme Manager at DCAF's Gender and Security Division

Salissou Salamou, DCAF Programme Manager in Niger

Drame Safiatou Diallo, DCAF Gender Project Officer in Mali

Sabine Bouda, Gender expert in Burkina Faso

**16.15 - 16.30      Closure of the meeting**

Q&As

