

# IMPROVING WOMENs ACCESS TO JUSTICE

**During and After Conflict:**  
Mapping UN Rule of Law Engagement

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

African Union-United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID)	Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG)
Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)	Team of Experts of on the Rule of Law / Sexual Violence in Conflict (ToE)
Department of Field Support (DFS)	UN Action Against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN Action)
Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)	UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)
Department of Political Affairs (DPA)	UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
DPKO Criminal Law and Judicial Advisory Service (CLJAS)	UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (UNCCPCJ)
Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)	UN Country Team (UNCT)
Global Focal Point in the Police, Justice and Corrections Areas in the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict and other Crisis Situations (GFP)	UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF)
Integrated Strategic Frameworks (ISF)	UN Development Programme (UNDP)
Interagency Network on Women and Gender Equality (IANGWE)	UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR)
International Association of Women Police (IAWP)	UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)	UN Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT)
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)	UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA)
International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF)	UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS)
Office of Legal Affairs (OLA)	UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL)
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL)
Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	UN Mission in the Republic of South Sudan (UNMISS)
Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	UN Office in Burundi (BNUB)
Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL)	UN Office in East Timor (UNOTIL)
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)	UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
Peacebuilding Fund (PBF)	UN Operations in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI)
Peacekeeping Operations (PKO)	UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the DRC (MONUSCO)
Prosecution Support Cells (PSCs)	UN Population Fund (UNFPA)
Resident Coordinators (RC)/Humanitarian Coordinators (HC)	UN Regional Centre for Preventative Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)
Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group (RoLCRG)	UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
Sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)	UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)
Special Political Mission (SPM)	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During or in the aftermath of conflict, it is now well-established that addressing the myriad obstacles to women's access to justice is an essential component of reducing gender-based violence and discrimination, which impede both security and

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