

**Working Group on discrimination against women and girls**

**Call for expressions of interest from scholars and civil society organizations to participate in regional consultations on gendered dimensions of care and support systems.**

The Working Group on discrimination against women and girls will be presenting a report on the gendered dimensions of care and support systems to the Human Rights Council at its 59th session in June 2025.

To inform its report, the Working Group has already published a [call for inputs](https://www.ohchr.org/en/calls-for-input/2024/call-inputs-mandate-working-group-discrimination-against-women-and-girls) from civil society organizations, especially those working on policies and programs that concern the care and support of children, older persons, persons with disabilities, and migrant workers.

In addition, the Working Group plans to hold virtual regional consultations starting in November 2024 until January 2025. The purpose of these consultations is to inform the Working Group’s upcoming report by gathering experts’ country and region-specific input on gendered dimensions of existing care and support policies, their implementation and challenges faced by women and girls providing and requiring care, and good practices.

Scholars and civil society representatives with expertise on the topic who are interested in providing input during the regional consultations are invited to respond to this call indicating:

1. their and/or their organization’s specific expertise on and/or experience in care and support,
2. any publications they and/or their organization authored on care and support,
3. what region(s)/country(ies) they specialize in,
4. whether they are comfortable speaking English and if not, another UN language.

Please send a brief email and include attachments and/or links to relevant work to hrc-wg-discriminationwomen@un.org, cc ozlem.altiok@un.org by **17 November 2024.**

To ensure effective consultation, the number of participants for each region will be limited. Participants will be selected bearing in mind geographic balance as well as representation of diverse groups. Given resource constraints, we will only contact shortlisted participants.

We look forward to your expressions of interest as we strive to ensure an inclusive and productive regional consultative process.

Thank you.