



# Women's and girls' rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: what future?

8 July 2019 at 12:00 – 13:00

Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

FR/EN interpretation will be provided

Light refreshments will be provided

Despite international attention to the issue of sexual violence in conflict, and some formal advances in the field of women's rights, the situation of women and girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), particularly of those exposed to multiple factors of discrimination remains extremely concerning. As the DRC opens a new chapter in its history and undergoes its 8th review by the CEDAW Committee, the rights of women and girls and their effective participation must be at the center of the new government's priorities.

This event will address issues affecting Congolese women and girls, including the impact of mining activities, gender-based and sexual violence, women's participation in political and public life, the impact of armed violence on women, particularly in Kasai and Ituri, as well as the situation of indigenous women.

The event will be live streamed on Franciscans International's Facebook page



## Speakers

**Sandra Ngoy Boyoo,**  
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