

FEMINISM FOR THE WIN

Strategies to defy and defeat anti-feminist movements

Concept Note for a Joint Side Event to CSW 69

Organizers:

- Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the UN
- National Council of German Women's Organizations
- Unidas Women's Network

Date and time: March 10, 2025, 1 p.m.-2.15 p.m.

Location: German House 871 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Registration: <https://www.frauenrat.de/anmeldung/csw-feminism-for-the-win-en>

Introduction:

Globally, anti-feminist and authoritarian movements are on the rise. Their claims are as stubbornly alike as they are soberingly successful. In some countries, however, feminist movements and democratic parties have managed to turn the tide. Beacons of hope include an anti-democratic president ousted by a small margin thanks to the women's vote or a vocal feminist movement leading the path to a change in government. Other feminist movements are standing strong in face of politics of patriarchal dystopia. All over the globe, inspirational examples of radiant and even triumphant current feminist actors and movements can be found. This event will showcase some of these examples with the intent to spread successful tactics and strategies and strengthen alliances. Bringing together acclaimed voices from civil society, academia and governments, the event aims to foster transnational feminist counternarratives.

Guiding questions:

- Where are the weak links within anti-feminist, anti-gender and neo-fascist framings?
- What works to mobilize the public against anti-feminist agendas?
- What are the constituencies and allies to address and build strong movements with?

Objectives:

- Educate and raise awareness about feminist wins against the global wave of authoritarianism.
- Explore best practices of campaigns and current trends of feminist counternarratives.
- Bring together feminist actors and thinkers from different backgrounds to spread hope and build alliances among feminists, LSBTIQ* and women's rights advocates.

Agenda

Introduction	Moderator, Caroline Ausserer , National Council of German Women's Organizations
Words of welcome	Judith Rahner , Executive Director, National Council of German Women's Organizations
High-level segment	
Opening Remarks	H.E. Lisa Paus , Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
Opening Remarks	H. E. Katarzyna Kotula , Minister for Equality at the Chancellery for the Polish Prime Minister
Keynote segment	
Keynote	Naureen Shameem , Founder and Executive Director of feminist think-and-do-tank Noor, Pakistan/US
Panel discussion	Naureen Shameem , Executive Director, Noor, Pakistan/US Marta Lempart , Women's Rights Activist, Poland Prof. Natalia Gherardi , Executive Director, Latin American Justice and Gender Team, Argentina; Member of the Women's Network Unidas Prof. Carol Gilligan , New York University, US
Q&A	Questions from the floor
Wrap-Up	Moderator