

FIDA 38th Convention 2024 Resolutions



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The 38th Convention of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) held in Cali, Colombia from the 4th – 8th November 2024. Nine countries were represented at the convention, and we had 12 plenary sessions discussing very topical issues that affects the mission and vision of FIDA, they include:

- Rape Within Marriage
- Neurological Orphaned Illnesses
- The Gift Economy
- Artificial Intelligence and the Role of Women
- Pension Reform in Comparative Law
- New Masculinities
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Empowerment and Inclusion of Women
- Violence Against Women in the Ranks
- Femicide
- Webcam Models, Legal Status, and Issues
- Quota Law and Women's Rights Participation in Government

On the topic on Rape Within Marriage, FIDA resolved that governments and International Organizations should -

- **Criminalize marital rape** globally, ensuring that it is recognized as a form of sexual violence and punishable by law.
- implement legal frameworks to protect victims of marital rape, ensuring they have access to justice and support services.
- provide support in enacting and enforcing laws that criminalize marital rape.

On Neurological Orphaned Illnesses:

- **Governments** should adopt policies that bridge the gap in access to treatments for orphan diseases, particularly neurological conditions, ensuring **equitable healthcare** for all.
- **International organizations** should support research and development for orphan diseases, promoting **global collaboration** to ensure that no one is left behind in accessing life-saving treatments.

FIDA discussed the topic ‘The Gift Economy’ and resolved that:

- **Governments** should adopt policies that embrace the **Gift Economy**, prioritizing mutual care and non-exploitative economic systems.
- **International organizations** must work toward the **criminalization of ecocide** and the development of legal frameworks that protect vulnerable populations and the environment from exploitation.

On the issue of Artificial Intelligence and the Role of Women –

- **Governments** must ensure **inclusive policies** that promote women’s equal participation in AI and technological development.
- **Legal frameworks** should be established to protect privacy rights, prevent job **displacement**, and **ensure gender equity** in the technological sector.
- **International organizations** like **UNESCO** and **UN Women** should support initiatives that integrate women’s perspectives into the ongoing technological revolution.

The resolutions agreed on at the Session on Pension Reform in Comparative Law are that:

- **Governments** should reform pension systems to eliminate **gender disparities**, ensuring **equal retirement benefits** for all genders and recognizing the value of unpaid labor, particularly caregiving.
- **International organizations** such as the **International Labour Organization (ILO)** should assist in developing **equitable pension**

systems that support all individuals, particularly women and caregivers.

On the issue of New Masculinities, the Convention resolved that:

- **Governments** should create **education programs** that promote new masculinities based on **empathy, equity, and emotional intelligence**.
 - **International organizations** should support global efforts to **dismantle toxic masculinity** and promote gender inclusivity through cultural shifts and policies.
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On Sustainable Development Goals

- **Governments** must increase the **representation of women** in political, social, and economic spheres to ensure that the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** are achieved in a gender-equitable manner.
 - **Women's leadership** in governance must be promoted to ensure that policies affecting women's rights, development, and sustainability are prioritized.
 - **International organizations** should continue to advocate for **gender justice** as a fundamental element of achieving sustainable development.
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In discussing Empowerment and Inclusion of Women, FIDA resolved that:

- **Governments** should enhance programs aimed at empowering women, including **youth development, community engagement, and workforce inclusion**.
- **International organizations** should expand efforts to support **disabled women**, providing skill acquisition programs and fostering **economic independence**.
- **Policies should integrate** feminist principles with **environmental stewardship**, promoting the connection between **gender equality and sustainability**.

On Violence Against Women in the Ranks

- **Governments** must strengthen **legislation** and **enforcement mechanisms** to combat violence against women, especially within organizations and institutions.
- **Access to justice**, healthcare, and support services for survivors should be **expanded** to ensure protection and recovery.
- **International organizations** must support **gender equality** initiatives and hold perpetrators accountable, ending **impunity** and promoting women's involvement in **peacebuilding** efforts.

In discussing Femicide, FIDA resolved that:

- **Governments** should implement measures to **empower women** through **education** and **economic opportunities**.
- **Provide safe spaces** for women affected by violence and **ensure access** to psychological support and counseling services.
- **International organizations** must advocate for regular **training** on gender-based violence for legal professionals and create programs to **educate women** on identifying red flags in relationships to prevent femicide.

The convention addressed Webcam Models, Legal Status, and Issues and resolved that:

- **Governments** should recognize **webcam modeling** as legitimate work and **implement labor protections** for those involved, ensuring **fair wages, workplace safety**, and **legal safeguards** against exploitation and violence.
- **International organizations**, including **FIDA**, should advocate for **legal frameworks** that protect the rights of webcam models and ensure their work is framed in a **human rights context**.

Quota Law and Women's Rights Participation in Government

- **Governments** must **introduce and enforce gender quotas** to ensure equal representation of women and men in political and legislative spaces.
 - **Affirmative action** measures should be implemented to move beyond **women's development** to **women-led development**, empowering women to take on leadership roles and influence national and international policy.
 - **International organizations** should support governments in creating **inclusive political structures** that promote gender parity and women's active participation in decision-making processes.
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