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**Jan Marie Fritz:**

## Moving toward the Central Inclusion of Women and Girls:

### National Action Plans and Cities for CEDAW

Academic symposium

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#### Abstract

The central inclusion of women and girls as well as their safety are among the world's most important topics. The UN Secretary-General and the UN Security Council have insisted that the situation be improved, but progress has been limited and slow in many instances.

The sixth edition of a United Nations (UN) report, *The World's Women 2015: Trends and Statistics*, includes the following comments from Wu Hongbo, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs:

The report reveals the lives of women have improved in some respects. For instance, the gender gap in education has narrowed, particularly at the primary level, and in many countries women now outnumber men in tertiary education.

In other areas, however, progress has stagnated. Today, half the world's women join the labour force compared to three quarters of men, a situation not unlike that of 20 years ago. Women are far from having an equal voice to men in public and private spheres. And, unacceptable, in every region of the world, women are still subjected to various forms of violence. Women also face new challenges, including those related to changes in living arrangements. As a result, older women today are more likely to be living alone and in poverty than men of the same age.

And the 2015-16 report by UN Women on the progress of the world's women discusses some gains, but also underlines that these "changes have not yet resulted in equal outcomes for women and men.... (and) the gap between rich and poor women remains huge both between and within countries."

Efforts for change require effective intervention. This presentation discusses intervention levels and then examines two efforts to improve the situation of women and girls – the national action plans that are based on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (Women and Peace and Security) and the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (particularly the Cities for CEDAW initiative).

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