

## GCAP launches Faces of Inequality Campaign in Dakar, Brussels and New York!

This has been an exceptionally busy period for GCAP, ramping up the Faces of Inequality Campaign! Following the great campaign launch in Fiji for the Asia-Pacific Region in December 2017, we have just launched the campaign in the Africa and Europe Regions and next week we will be in New York for the [global launch of the campaign](#) at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on 12 July!

The campaign is a people's movement that holds governments and the private sector accountable so that the principle of "Leave No One Behind" becomes a reality and not a mere slogan. To achieve this, the campaign features the true **Faces of Inequality**. It aims to ensure: 1) social protection for all, 2) tax justice and decent work, 3) gender equality and inclusion of marginalized groups in political processes and 4) climate justice.

All over the world, people are sharing their stories, struggles and solutions to end inequalities.

### *Dakar – African launch*

We organized the African launch at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD) in Dakar, on 2 May. First, we held a side event, "Double discrimination against women in Africa: How to ensure that no woman is left behind in the implementation of the SDGs in Africa" with a panel of partners from Ghana, Mali and Kenya and moderated by GCAP's Global co-Chair, Salina Sanou. The participants, mainly from CSOs, women's groups including from the Women Major Group, governments and the media, discussed diverse incidences of double and multiple discrimination against women and girls in Africa. Recommendations from the discussions included having many more women in decision making roles, more laws pushing for greater inclusion as well as enforcement, appropriate infrastructure and a data revolution to ensure the collection and use of citizen's generated data. How can we adequately ensure women are not left behind if we do not know about nor take their challenges seriously?

At the launch, GCAP's Kyerewa Asamoah Sekpey explained that the objectives of the campaign were not only to raise awareness among the general public, but also to address the gender gap in governments at all levels, for women to raise their voices on the multiple discriminations they face, change policies on inequalities and to bridge the gap of inequalities in Africa and across the world. We, my fellow GCAP's African Global Council Member Oumar Sow and I, Salina Sanou, reiterated this and also emphasized that the stories and facts show the real discrimination against women and girls in the communities. We must end inequalities in order to achieve the SDGs.



### Brussels – European launch

In Brussels, on 4 June, GCAP hosted a workshop on "What should the EU do to implement SDG 10 - Reduced Inequalities?". As this goal focuses on eliminating inequalities globally and because it will be reviewed at the 2019 HLPF, this is a crucial time to explore how the European Union is currently implementing SDG 10 and what the EU can do to tackle injustices – within EU Member States, but also beyond.



We collected the recommendations from the various representatives of CSOs from the Global South and Europe who took part in the roundtable discussion and brought insights into the different forms of inequality around the world and how these challenges could be overcome.

One of the greatest issue in Europe and globally is tax justice – we currently have a system that rewards wealth, not work, and is inherently unequal and unfair. Women and girls are especially affected, as government spending is rarely gender sensitive and social programs are often the first to be cut. Current government policies favor the most powerful – especially multinational corporations. We need progressive and distributive tax policies.

At the campaign launch that followed, speakers from Greece, Italy, Argentina, Kenya, Pakistan, the



Philippines and Senegal described all the work being done all over the world in their countries to fight inequalities– also with videos, including the video on inhumane working conditions in the Czech Republic.

### New York – Global launch

Now it is time to take the campaign global - join us on 12 July 2018, from 18:00-20:00, at the Church Center of the UN ([777 United Nations Plaza, New York](#)). We have invited grassroots representatives and civil society partners from different parts of the world to share their stories and their struggles to end inequalities, including a woman living with disability from Ghana and a representative from slum dwellers in Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. We welcome you to join us, come hear these stories and share your own on how we can together end inequalities everywhere. Please RSVP your participation [here!](#)

In solidarity,

Salina Sanou, Global Co-Chair & Ingo Ritz, Director