

**"Sustainable development demands full human rights for all women and girls. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development promises an end to this practice by 2030."**  
 UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

**"It's time to end FGM and give girls choices for their bodies and their future"** Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, on the occasion of International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation.

**"Eliminating FGM is an essential step to realizing other SDGs"** -  
 Lakshmi Puri UN Women Deputy Executive Director

As Ban Ki Moon said at the 60<sup>th</sup> Commission on the Status of Women last year, **"we need to reach a place where FGM should stand for Focus on Girls' Minds—not on harming their minds and bodies. We must make sure that Finally Girls Matter!"**

Main partners:



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## INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY CELEBRATION



**ZERO Tolerance to FGM**

**8th Vienna Global Citizen Education Conference with  
 the Global Women's Peace Network  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 13.00**

**Registration from 12.00**  
**Vienna Int. Centre, C1 in the C building 2nd floor.**  
**1220 Vienna, Wagramer Str.5**

UNFPA, jointly with UNICEF, leads the largest global programme to accelerate the abandonment of FGM. The programme currently focuses on 17 African countries and also supports regional and global initiatives.

**Key Facts:**

- Globally, it is estimated that at least 200 million girls and women alive today have undergone some form of FGM.
- FGM is mostly carried out on young girls sometime between infancy and age 15.
- FGM cause severe bleeding and health issues including cysts, infections, infertility as well as complications in childbirth increased risk of newborn deaths.
- FGM is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.
- The Sustainable Development Goals in 2015 calls for an end to FGM by 2030 under Goal 5 on Gender Equality, Target 5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.
- The elimination of FGM has been called for by numerous inter-governmental organizations, including the African Union, the European Union and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, as well as in three resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly. [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)



**13.00 Opening Session**

**Welcome:** Carolyn Handschin,  
UN Office Director, Women's Federation for World Peace Int'l  
**Keynote Address:** British Ambassador H.E. Leigh Turner CMG  
**Opening Remarks** Ambassador H.E. Dr. Christine Stix-Hackl  
Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in Vienna  
**City of Vienna Welcoming Remarks** Mag Alexandra Grasl

**13.40 SESSION 1: Zero Tolerance to FGM**

Valentin Nkoyo, Mojatu Foundation  
Councillor Jackie Morris, Sheriff of Nottingham  
Councillor Anja Hagenauer, Deputy Mayor, Salzburg  
Zhannat Kosmukhamedova, Prog.Officer,  
Gender & HIV, Law Enforcement & HIV,  
East/South Europe and Central Asia -UNODC  
Lilly Sucharipa, UN Women National Committee Austria

**Chair:** H.E. Olga Algayerova, Ambassador Slovakia

**15:20 Break**

**16.00 SESSION 2: FGM by 2030**

Mamadou Kone, MES, Mali, Aktion Regen  
Mag. Marijana Grandits, Academic Coordinator, Vienna  
Master of Arts in Human Rights, Vienna University.  
Christiane Ugbor, African Women Organisation Austria  
Dr. Slawomir Redo, Senior Adviser, Academic Council on the  
UN System (Vienna, Austria) **Urban safety as FGM issue?**

**Chair:** Carolyn Handschin, UN Office Director, Women's Federation for World Peace Int'l