



## Concept Note

**Theme Alignment:** Directly supports the **UN Secretary-General's UNiTE 2025 Campaign** theme: **"UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls."**

**Topic:** UNiTE to End Digital Violence Against All Women and Girls: Voices of women with disabilities on online safety and inclusion

**Date:** 2 December 2025

**Time:** 14:00–15:30 CET

**Platform:** <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/20304ef5-63a4-4bb7-9e58-6219ad708dfe@872c5577-546b-4273-b3a5-ab13fa523b40>

### Introduction and background

Digital violence takes many forms — including image-based abuse, online stalking, doxxing, deepfake pornography, cyberbullying, and misogynistic hate speech. These acts violate the dignity, privacy, and safety of women and girls, often escalating into offline violence such as coercion, physical assault, and exclusion from community life.

For women with disabilities, the harm is magnified by ableism, inaccessible digital environments, limited access to justice, and inadequate institutional responses. Many WWDs are not even aware of how digital violence manifests, as it often blends with other forms of discrimination and exclusion they already experience.

Despite growing global attention to technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV), WWDs remain largely invisible in digital policy frameworks.

Recent international progress — including the 2024 UN Cybercrime Convention, the Global Digital Compact, and the UN General Assembly Resolution on Violence Against Women in Digital Environments — has set important standards. Yet accessibility, disability inclusion, and survivor-centered support for WWDs are still missing in most national and global responses.

This webinar seeks to highlight that digital justice is inseparable from disability justice, and that the global movement to end digital violence must include and be shaped by women with disabilities themselves.





While the immediate entry point is the urgent issue of digital violence, the broader goal is to ensure that WWDs' voices, experiences, and leadership shape global advocacy and policy on gender equality and digital inclusion.

Through this initiative, MyRight and partners, ENIL and ILI, aim to connect women with disabilities across regions, foster peer-to-peer learning, and build the foundation for a long-term global network that can strengthen cooperation, solidarity, and collective advocacy.

### **Purpose**

The event aims to elevate the voices and leadership of women with disabilities in global discussions on digital safety, highlight intersectional barriers, and promote inclusive strategies to address digital violence.

### **Objectives**

Amplify voices and experiences of women and girls with disabilities in relation to digital violence, safety, and participation.

Increase awareness among WWDs and OPDs about digital violence, its forms, and its connection to gender inequality and ableism.

Foster international dialogue and connection among WWDs, OPDs, and women's rights actors as the foundation for a sustained global network.

Identify shared advocacy priorities and opportunities for collaboration between disability and women's movements at national, regional, and global levels.





## Expected Outcomes

By the end of the webinar, participants will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of how digital violence affects WWDs and why disability inclusion is essential to ending violence against women in digital spaces.
- Share lived experiences and insights that illustrate the intersection of disability, gender, and digital rights, strengthening recognition of WWDs' diverse realities across regions.
- Identify initial ideas and common interests for continued cooperation among WWDs, OPDs, women's rights actors, and development partners.
- Outline key next steps toward strengthening collaboration and communication — as an early foundation for a potential global network of women with disabilities

## Framing and Strategic Value

This event directly contributes to the 2025 UNiTE Campaign on ending digital violence against women and girls. It offers a platform where women with disabilities speak for themselves, sharing their perspectives on safety, participation, and inclusion in digital spaces.

While modest in scale, this 90-minute webinar marks an important first step toward a broader dialogue on disability inclusion within the global gender equality and digital rights agenda.

It aims to raise visibility, connect voices, and open space for future joint advocacy, positioning WWDs as agents of change, not merely as recipients of protection.



Rather than seeking immediate structural change, the webinar's purpose is to build awareness, strengthen relationships, and plant the seeds of future global collaboration among women with disabilities and their allies.

### **Participants**

Women with disabilities, organizations of persons with disabilities, OPDs, UN agencies, and development partners.

