



# INTERNATIONAL ACTION NETWORK FOR GENDER EQUITY & LAW

2019: A YEAR IN REVIEW

## International Advocacy & the United Nations

For each of the last five years, IANGEL has connected with gender equality activists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) at the United Nations meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). In 2019, the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, Karima Bennouna, invited IANGEL to submit a paper providing analysis and recommendations on Women, Cultural Rights and Public Spaces. Our report has now been cited by the Special Rapporteur and is published on the website of the UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights. In 2020, IANGEL will partner with the Women's Organization for Gender Issues - Nigeria at the UN CSW to present a panel discussion about using global legal networks to promote equality, prosperity and peace.



IANGEL CSW delegation, United Nations, March 2019



Advancing Women in Law & Leadership: Roundtable with The Law Society of England & Wales, UN CSW, March 2019

## The Girls' Rights Project

In partnership with UC Berkeley Law Pro Bono Program



Andrea Carlise (IANGEL Executive Director), Deborah Schlosberg (Director of Pro Bono Program, UC Berkeley Law School) and LL.M. students, October 2019

We've launched a new initiative analyzing the complexities of human rights laws affecting gender justice for girls. To build an international movement supporting girls' right to self-determination, we are conducting comprehensive research on the intersectionality of laws governing child marriage, FGM and reproductive justice. During this initial phase of project development LL.M. student researchers are focused geographically on:

- Latin America
- Africa
- and the Asia Pacific region

# Supporting Survivors of Human Trafficking

Pro Bono Trainings on Human Trafficking and Vacatur Law

This year, we trained more volunteer lawyers about trauma-informed representation and vacatur laws so they can represent survivors and become powerful change agents against human trafficking. Survivors often have criminal records as a result of being trafficked that prevent them from obtaining employment, among other things. The California Vacatur law, which passed in 2017, allows survivors to petition the court to have convictions for nonviolent crimes that were directly related to their victimization cleared from their records. California vacatur statutes and T-Visas, which provide immigration relief, are essential tools for helping survivors reclaim their lives. In 2020 we plan to train more lawyers to represent survivors in T-Visa and records clearance proceedings .

## IANGEL By The Numbers Since 2013

41 Projects/Engagements ★ 45+ Advocacy Actions  
55 Educational Events ★ 6800+ Volunteer Hours ★ 25+ Countries



Young Feminists Panel, SF, August 2019



IANGEL Board of Directors



United Nations CSW, NYC, March 2019

## Thank you to our 2019 Collaborators & Partners!



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