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This module explores the significance of human rights as an instrument for the struggle against discrimination and against violations of women's fundamental rights. Participants will be

introduced to the history and the international standards and conventions of women's human rights. They will gain insight into international institutions which engage with gender issues, specifically the UN Gender Architecture (CSW, CEDAW and UN Women). Participants will reflect on the problems of implementing women's human rights and on policy measures to strengthen gender equality in different regional and cultural contexts. Included in this module is a trip to Geneva, where the participants will meet representatives of UN institutions and other experts dealing with gender and human rights issues.

QUESTIONS OF MAJOR INTEREST

- What are the international standards and conventions regarding women's rights as human rights, and how are they negotiated at an international level?
- What are the policy measures used to implement the human rights framework for women at an international, national or local level?
- What are the roles of international institutions, nation states and NGOs in the implementation process of human rights for women?

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the module, participants will be familiar with the main international standards and conventions of women's human rights as well as such policy concepts as gender mainstreaming and affirmative action. They will assess the role of international organisations and NGOs in achieving and strengthening gender equality at national and international levels. Furthermore, they will develop concrete ideas about transformative policies and legislation to achieve gender equality.



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