

## C20 Webinar on Women's Safety and Engaging Men & Boys towards Gender Equality

**FEBRUARY 07, 2023 15:00-17:00 IST  
ONLINE ZOOM EVENT**

*Organised by the C20 subtheme teams on women's safety and engaging men & boys, under the direction of Dr. Bhavani Rao.*



*Participants from all over the world joined the conversation*

### Summary:

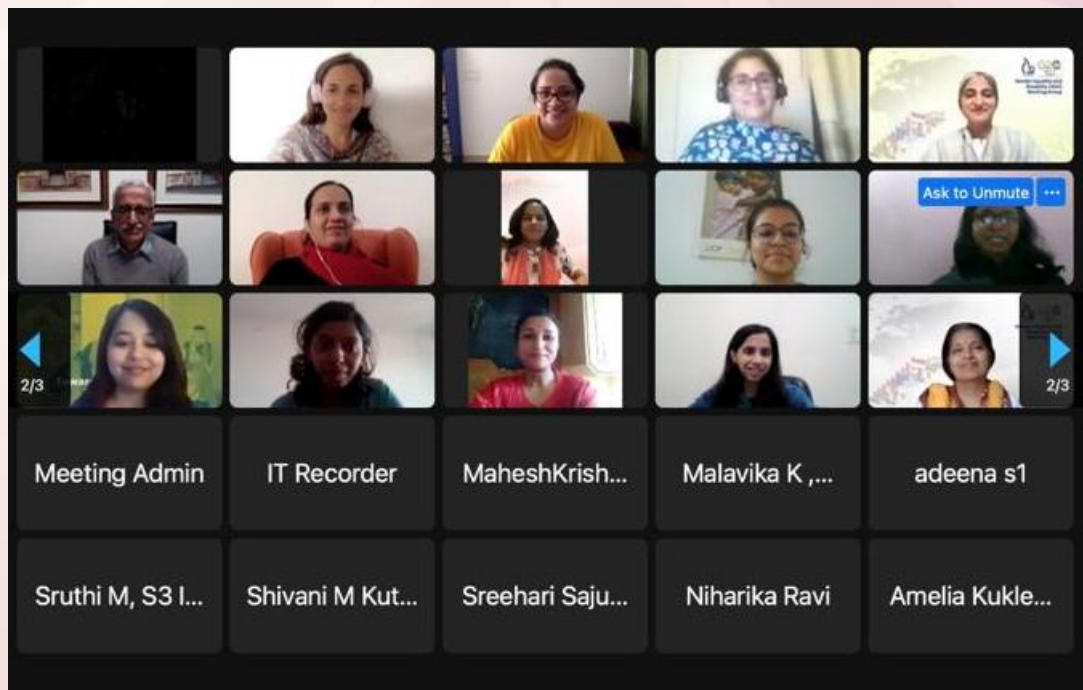
This 2-hour webinar was organised to connect CSOs working in the areas of women's safety and engaging men & boys and to begin the process of identifying promising policy recommendations and associated information to produce Policy White Papers. Overall, 90 international participants from CSOs aligned with these thematic areas attended the webinar, representing different countries including Brazil, India, Italy, and the USA. Several Members of our Working Group (WG) Advisory Board also participated, including Deepa Narayan, Gopinathan Achyuthan, and Anjali Menon, along with Nidhi Goyal, Co-Coordinator for the WG. Also in attendance were Nayana Sahasrabudhe of the C20 Core Committee and Huma Masood from the UNESCO New Delhi office. This proved to be an ideal sized webinar to have deeper, more engaged conversations that produced high quality recommendations.

The webinar began with the playing of the C20 promotional video, and a short introduction and welcome address by Dr. Bhavani Rao. Following this, two breakout rooms formed where aligned CSOs converged on the topics of (1) women's safety and preventing violence, and (2) engaging men and boys towards gender equality. A summative presentation was made from each breakout group on their discussions, with key points highlighted and captured for future reference and in organising our upcoming policy white papers.

A call to all CSOs was made to submit a written summary of their policy recommendations that include: a description of the problems as they understand them, their experience in meeting and overcoming challenges in their work, and a list of policies they hope will be considered within the G20 context to ensure greater progress in their field. These recommendations will be used to structure the upcoming face-to-face meeting at the University of Kashmir, Srinagar (February 13-14, 2023) where a more finalised list of policies will be deliberated.

Following this, closing remarks were made by Deepa Narayan where she expertly wove together both of the thematic areas and gave all listening seeds of wisdom for how we can propose the best possible policies to the G20 leadership. A final word of encouragement was given by Dr. Bhavani Rao to inspire the CSOs to continue this process and submit written drafts of a shorter white paper for policy recommendations to ensure all voices are heard.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the playing of the shorter C20 Logo video.



*Discussions took place in thematic breakout rooms Women's Safety and Security and Engaging Men and Boys*