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Description of thematic presentation

Canada's thematic discussion presentation will explore how to achieve equal access to justice for all through and in criminal justice systems. It will identify key linkages with the UN 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It will highlight some of Canada's efforts to improve our collection and use of data, including disaggregated data, and underscore the importance of systematically integrating a gender perspective in our criminal justice responses. It will also describe how the international community could collaborate more effectively in achieving access to justice for all.



CANADA – Catherine McKinnon obtained her LL.B. from the University of Toronto and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1994. She joined Justice Canada in 1995. Her work in areas of social policy, diversity and equality, and judicial affairs fostered an early interest in access to justice. In 2019 Catherine was delighted to join the Department's newly-established Access to Justice Secretariat, where she currently works as Senior Counsel and Team Lead.