

**United Nations**  
**Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW)**  
**Consultative Meeting on**  
**“Migration and Mobility and how**  
**this movement affects Women”**  
**Malmö, Sweden**  
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Women are impacted in very specific ways relative to men depending on the nature and cause of the movement. They may move or migrate themselves or remain in their households while family members migrate in search of higher income and employment. Movement is not necessarily detrimental to women's livelihoods. The ability to move and seek both economic and personal growth and freedom remains a right of all and a main source of opportunity for women seeking advancement. While movement can at times improve the economic and personal status of women, they are nevertheless more exposed to the risks associated with movement. Women and children in many societies are vulnerable to discrimination, violence and abuse, which can be exacerbated in the event

## **VI. Profile of Participants**

Participation in the Expert Consultation is by invitation only. It is anticipated that 10 -12 experts will be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Selected representatives from governments, organizations of the United Nations System and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations will be invited to participate based on their field of expertise. Participants will be drawn from a variety of fields in order to address all thematic focus areas in the World Survey. The United Nations will provide travel and daily subsistence allowance to the experts appointed by the Secretary-General. In selecting the experts, the criteria of geographical and gender balance will be respected. Experts will include academia and practitioners from relevant fields, in accordance with the objectives identified above.

## **VII. Documentation**

Documentation for the Consultation will include: a consultant's paper commissioned by the Division for the Advancement of Women outlining the major issues to be discussed; and papers prepared by the experts on issues or case studies in line with their specific expertise.

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