

SPECIAL ISSUE**Title: 30 Years After CEDAW****Guest Edited by Besi Muhonja, PhD and Kelli Moore, PhD.**

Conceived by UNESCO, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly and came into force on 3 September 1981. The convention defines discrimination as:

"...any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field."
(UNESCO, Passport to Equality)

30 years later, this special issue invites articles that explore and interrogate themes related to the Convention's mission and its progress in regard to women of African descent. We are particularly interested in historically and geographically situated analysis and arguments on a range of issues, including politics, employment, health, family, violence and sexual exploitation, environment, education, globalization, media and culture, and activism for women's rights.

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