



Women's Situation Room and Sustainable Democracy: A Discussion with Women Leaders from Nigeria and Senegal

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with

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Responding to the threat of violence associated with elections, women's organizations in West Africa and beyond have developed an innovative intervention, the Women's Situation Room, seeking to turn the threat of electoral violence into an opportunity for promoting sustainable democracy. Initiated during the 2011 elections in Liberia, Women's Situation Rooms have been replicated throughout Africa, including in Senegal in 2012 and in the recent elections in Nigeria. They have been declared a "best practice" by the African Union and adopted as a "solutions initiative" by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

At this roundtable, women leaders from Senegal and Nigeria, together with researchers from the Graduate Institute's Programme on Gender and Global Change will exchange experiences on the implementation of the Women's Situation Room in their countries, discuss the promises of the methodology, and explore conditions for success.

