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Advancement of Women

The following recommendations were supported at the previous UPR session by Trinidad & Tobago:

- Implement a National Gender Policy and Action Plan endowed with sufficient resources to combat sexual and gender-based violence.

- Continue with efforts to promote gender parity and enhance women's participation in the political, economic, and social spheres.

- Amend its legislation in order to legalize the termination of pregnancies in cases of risk to the life of the pregnant woman, rape, incest and severe impairment of the fetus.

Conflict Women's Proposed Recommendations

Update and formalize the National Policy on Gender and Development, given that this remains as a Green Paper.

Monitor and evaluate implementation of the National Strategic Action Plan on Gender-Based Violence, providing current data and extend implementation to address the next four year cycle (2027-2031).

Engage more women in peacebuilding initiatives, crime prevention and security, particularly as it relates to fighting gender-based violence, homicides and crime within society.

Amend legislation to permit abortion in cases of rape and incest, to strengthen existing clauses which allow for abortion where the life of the mother is considered to be in grave danger, including for reasons of mental health.

Developments Since The Last UPR

With the **coming to office of a female Prime Minister in 2025** and the **appointment of a female Leader of Opposition**, it is to be noted that Trinidad and Tobago experienced an unprecedented situation in which **the three (3) top office of state are held by women.** Nevertheless, **of all the Members of Parliament, less than a quarter** of all members, including in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Trinidad & Tobago Parliament **are women.**

Further, according to the World Bank, "**women's legal rights in Trinidad & Tobago** were being **enforced at only one-third of their full potential** (37%), with "**less than half of all supportive frameworks needed to support** the implementation of **women's economic rights at work in place** (49%)", according to 2026 data.

This notwithstanding, in 2025, **Trinidad and Tobago became the first country in the Caribbean to create** and launch a **National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.** This plan focuses on gun violence, organised crime, and gender-based violence.

In 2026, less than a quarter of all rape, incest, and sexual crimes reported to TTPS were detected (24.2%) and in 2023, the TTPS received the **highest number of DV reports** that they'd seen **in 15 years.**

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