

FAQs for Call for Papers

1. What is *Progress of the World's Women*?

Progress of the World's Women (Progress) is one of UN Women's flagship reports. Produced by UN Women's Research and Data section, the report aims to frame and explore key gender and women's rights issues for a broad audience of policymakers, advocates and academics. Each report takes up a particular theme and includes the following key elements: a conceptual framework, policy and data analysis, and case studies.

The next edition of *Progress*, entitled *Families in a Changing World*, seeks to answer the following question: how can laws, policies and public action support families in ways that enable women's rights to resources, bodily integrity and voice? It will do so by commissioning and bringing together high quality research, innovative data analysis, and compelling case studies to show the plurality of family structures across the world; and by providing evidence on how public action can ensure that families support women's enjoyment of their rights.

2. Why is UN Women issuing a Call for Papers?

UN Women is issuing a call for papers, to bring together regionally-diverse empirically-grounded and innovative research on human mobility, gender and family relations. The purpose of this call for papers is to solicit research that addresses how mobility, and the distancing of family members across place and borders, shape gender and generational dynamics within families, with a view to understanding its implications for women's capacity to claim and substantiate their rights. The selected papers will then be used to inform the chapter on families in contexts of migration and mobility for the next edition of *Progress*.

3. Which thematic areas should the research proposal focus on?

Abstracts submitted for consideration should be on one or more of the following areas:

- Immigration policies and gendered family life
- Women's economic power and socioeconomic rights
- Care relationships
- Social norms, stigma and gender stereotypes
- Violence against women
- Agency and compulsion

4. What is the word count for the abstracts?

Abstracts should be no more than 500 words.

5. When is the deadline for submissions?

The deadline is **8 August, 5 p.m. EDT (UTC-4)**.

6. Will submissions be accepted after the deadline?

Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

7. Will submissions be accepted in other languages?

Yes, submissions will be accepted in English, French or Spanish.

8. Can authors submit an abstract of an already finalized research paper or are abstracts to be submitted based on research that will be carried out prior to the conference?

UN Women is not able to provide funding for the research, so abstracts will be based on existing or ongoing research that has not yet been published.

9. When will candidates be notified if they were selected?

Selected candidates will be notified by September 2016.

10. When are authors expected to start conducting their research?

As noted in Q8 above, we expect abstracts to be based on existing or ongoing research. Those researchers whose abstracts are selected will be invited to present their paper at a conference held in New York in December 2016. The selected candidates will be expected to provide UN Women with an outline and final or near final draft paper prior to the conference.

11. Is UN Women providing funding for the research?

No. Selected candidates will only receive funding towards travel-related expenses to attend the conference in December. Other expenses required to conduct any research will be the sole responsibility of the author.

12. Will UN Women publish the selected papers?

A selection of commissioned papers for the previous edition of *Progress* has been published in UN Women's peer-reviewed [discussion paper series](#). Papers developed as part of this call will be considered for publication in the series.

13. When will the conference take place?

The conference will be hosted in New York in December 2016. Further details regarding the conference will soon be available.