

General Comment 7(d) of the Maputo Protocol: Reflections on three decades of a struggle to secure women's property rights at divorce



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Using the law to secure women's property rights at the dissolution of marriage has been slow and has produced a mixed result. In many English-speaking countries that were British colonies, there was an inheritance of the Married Women's Property Act. At independence, they were gifted Constitutions that made family law, personal law and customary law exempt from the application of the anti-discrimination provisions, the claw-back clauses. There have been various efforts through the courts, parliaments and international and regional human rights standards to bring about reforms in an area of law that has been resistant to change. General Comment 7(d) builds on those efforts. The panel will reflect on key moments like the HIV struggle and tenure reform processes and arguments including the meaning of marital property, valuing non-monetary contributions and equitable distribution that shaped the debate over the past three decades. In 2020 and with widening inequalities between women and other threats to land and property rights, where to from here?"

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