

PRESS RELEASE

FIRST GLOBAL MULTIDISCIPLINARY REVIEW TO COMBAT SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN TIMES OF CONFLICT

[*Stand Speak Rise Up! multidisciplinary review: link*](#)

On the occasion of the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, H.R.H. Grand Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg** and **Chékéba Hachemi**, co-founders of Stand Speak Rise Up! and co-editors-in-chief, presented in the *Salle des Pas Perdus* of the Luxembourg Court of Justice the new **Stand Speak Rise Up! Multidisciplinary Review**, dedicated to sexual violence in conflict and post-conflict settings.

They were accompanied by **Thierry Hoscheit**, President of the Higher Court of Justice, and **David Lentz**, future Prosecutor General.

Several speakers also took the floor during the launch:

- **Charles-Eric Clesse**, Doctor of Legal Sciences and Board Member of Stand Speak Rise Up!
- **Marc-Olivier Lifrange**, CEO of Legitech
- **Venesa Sulimani** (Kosovo), child of a Survivor who participated in the 2019 SSRU! Forum and contributor to the review

The event was supported by the **National Council of Justice (CNJ)**, represented by:

- **Alain Thorn**, President
- **John Petry**, Vice President
- **Jean-Jacques Rommes**, Vice President

"Mass rape [...] These practices are neither accidental nor marginal: they are part of a system in which sexual torture aims to break the individual, terrorize communities, and perpetuate fear and shame." —
H.R.H. Grand Duchess Maria Teresa

Two Survivors engaged with the association were also present at the launch:

- **Guillaumette Tsongo** (DRC)
- **Meseret Hadush** (Tigray, Ethiopia)

A HISTORIC PUBLICATION FOR A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

The review brings together:

- multidisciplinary analyses,
- contributions from expert jurists, medical professionals, researchers, and practitioners,
- interviews with field professionals,
- and testimonies from Survivors.

It is intended for **legal practitioners, field actors, institutions, academics**, and all organizations engaged in the fight against sexual violence in times of conflict.

Published by **Legitech**, a Luxembourg-based legal publishing house, this review is the **first of its kind worldwide**. It represents a major milestone in the recognition of these crimes and in the development of legal and practical tools for professionals supporting Survivors and children born of rape.

This **free, annual review** is an essential resource for strengthening understanding, prevention, and the response to these crimes.



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