



Launching September 2016, MANIFESTA is a new platform where feminist activists and campaigners around the world can start, run and win their own campaigns.

Supporting a diverse movement of grassroots and network organizing, MANIFESTA can help to build leadership and power throughout the global feminist community.

Our vision is for a world free of inequalities, where human rights are respected and where all girls, women, transgender and gender non-conforming people can participate fully and effectively in the decisions that affect their lives.

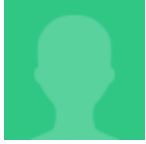
### **Guiding Principles**

Underlying the framework of Manifesta is the recognition that while social change is complex and takes time, women's human rights movements and organizations have been at the center of some of the most revolutionary changes the world has ever seen. A core set of feminist principles driving the work and vision of Manifesta therefore builds on this amazing history of achievements:

- Accountability                      -Diversity / Inclusiveness                      -Autonomy
- Creativity                      -Solidarity                      -Gender Justice                      -Sustainability

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**To: Habib Essid Tunisia Prime Minister:**  
**Tell Tunisia to stop punishing rape survivors**



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**16 Days of Activism**

#DealWithIt!

Tunisia prides itself on being a leader on women's rights and gender equality in the region, but when those rights are abused, the law fails the survivors.

Survivors of sexual and gender-based violence are discriminated against by the police, and carry the burden of proving they were attacked. With little access to legal advice, counselling or shelters, they have nowhere to turn for help.

In 2014, Tunisia promised to protect and support survivors of these types of crimes. Now is the time to make good on that promise.

We urge you to:

- Ensure survivors of sexual and gender-based violence have increased access to health services and justice without facing social and legal prejudices.
- Adopt a comprehensive law to tackle violence against women and girls, in line with Tunisia's international human rights obligations
- Encourage the review of harmful laws, in particular:
  - recognize marital rape, while re-defining rape in line with international standards (Article 227)
  - stop rapists and kidnappers from escaping prosecution by marrying their teenage victims (repeal Articles 227bis and 239)

- stop criminalizing sexual relations between unmarried consenting adults and same-sex sexual relations (repeal Articles 236 and 230).

## **Why is this important?**

You've survived rape. You've survived an assault. But can you survive the aftermath when Tunisia's law fails you at every turn?

In Tunisia, if you're a survivor of sexual violence, too often, the response you get is blame, shame and accusation. Instead of being protected and supported, you are made a victim of the law. You are left with nowhere to turn for help.

A teenager pressured to marry her rapist, a woman unable to report rape because her attacker is also her husband, men and women assaulted because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. They are survivors, not criminals. If it's not the law that discriminates against them, then it's social taboos.

One way or another, survivors are being denied the justice and proper medical care that is their right. They are repeatedly told to just "deal with it", but isn't it time the Tunisian authorities did?

Tell Tunisia's Prime Minister to #DealWithIt by prioritizing sexual and gender-based violence and ensuring that survivors get the justice and healthcare they need.