



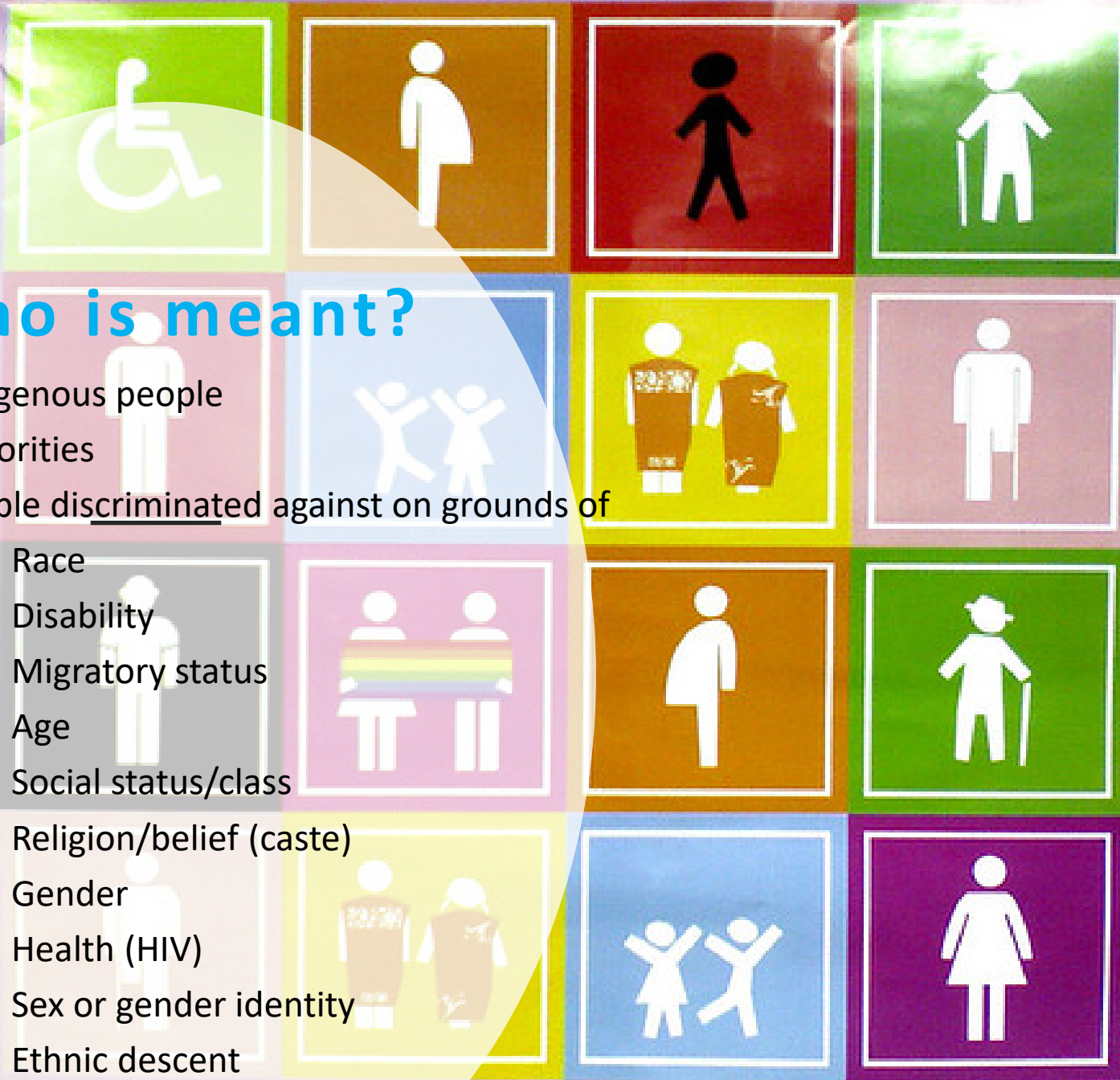
9th Meeting of TF on Public Participation in Decision-Making  
2: Participation of Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups in D-M  
Who is meant? Challenges and Trends

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# Where in Aarhus Context?



- Not in AC
- Maastricht Recommendations
  - General Recommendations: para. 20 (e)(i) „Some members of the public may be willing but unable to participate (e.g., vulnerable and/or marginalized groups...)“
  - Re Art 6: para. 63 (b) „...the plan of notification of the public should take into account ... the needs of any more vulnerable groups.“ and para. 64 „As a guide public notice should be placed: ... (d) ...e.g. meeting places for marginalized groups,...”
- ACC – ACCC/A/2020/2



## Who is meant?

- Indigenous people
- Minorities
- People discriminated against on grounds of
  - Race
  - Disability
  - Migratory status
  - Age
  - Social status/class
  - Religion/belief (caste)
  - Gender
  - Health (HIV)
  - Sex or gender identity
  - Ethnic descent
  - Descent from rural area....



# Who is meant – Maastricht Recommendations



20 (i): “... such as children, older people, women in some societies, migrants, people with disabilities, those with low literacy or language barriers, ethnic or religious minorities, economically disadvantaged groups, those without access to the Internet, television or radio, etc.”

# Definitions



**Marginalization** describes both a process, and a condition, that prevents individuals or groups from full participation in social, economic and political life. It also means the treatment of a person, group, or concept as insignificant or peripheral.

**Vulnerability** is the quality or state of being exposed to the possibility of being attacked or harmed, either physically or emotionally.

# Definition of Escazú Agreement



## Foreword of Escazú Agreement

2 (e) „‘Persons or groups in vulnerable situations’ means those persons or groups that face particular difficulties in fully exercising the access rights recognized in the present Agreement, because of circumstances or conditions identified within each Party’s national context and in accordance with its international obligations.“

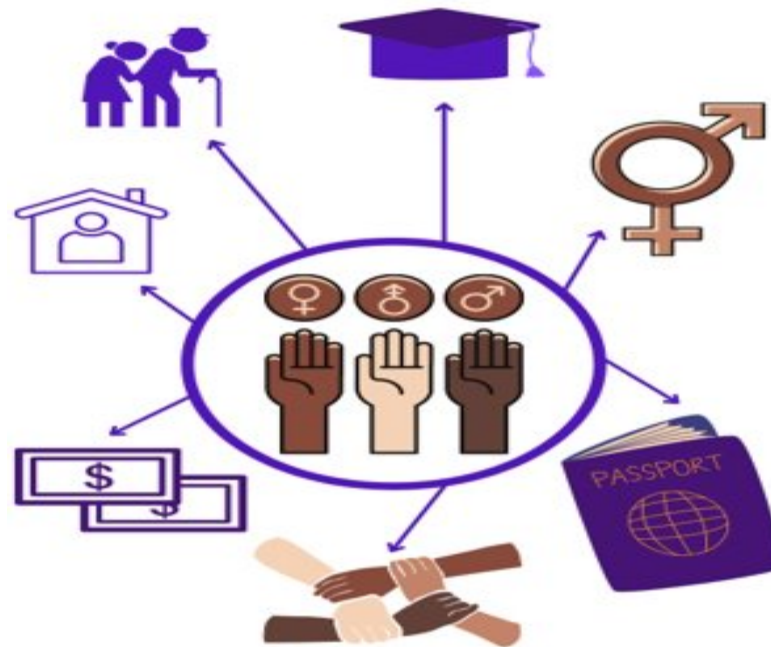
# Women, Men – Gender?



- Not marginalized, nor vulnerable in general
- No systematic approach how to address gender issues
- Hint in para 34 MR
- Art. 15 Almaty Guidelines



# Intersectionality





# Entry Points



- Art. 3(9) AC: non-discrimination as to citizenship, nationality or domicile
- Art. 15 Almaty Guidelines: “differentiated capacity, resources, socio-cultural circumstances or economic or political influence“
- Taking gender issues into account when planning pp (tools for gender mainstreaming)
- Issues: access to technology (rural areas), language, literacy and disability, „duties during the pandemic“ – household chores? Care work?



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