

Preliminary Programme  
Gender Equality and Women's Leadership for a Sustainable World: Informal Panel Discussion with the President's Group of Gender Equality Leaders.

**OPENING SESSION**  
*ECOSOC Chamber*

10:00 am –  
10:15 am

Opening Remarks

- **H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés**, President of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly
- **Ms. Amina J. Mohammed**, Deputy Secretary-General
- **H.E. Mona Juul**, Vice President of ECOSOC

**PANEL DISCUSSION 1**  
Theme: “Women's Leadership – a Call for Action”  
*ECOSOC Chamber*

10:15 am –  
11:45 am

Chair and Moderator

- **H.E. Jürg Lauber**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations

Panelists

- **Ms. Helen Clark**, Former Prime Minister of New Zealand and former, UNDP Administrator
- **Ms. Isabel Plá**, Minister of Women and Gender Equality of Chile
- **Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director of UN Women
- **Ms Gabriela Cuevas Barrón**, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
- **Ms. Rebeca Grynspan**, Ibero-American Secretary General
- **Ms. Melanne Verveer**, Director Georgetown University Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Washington.

Interactive Discussion

- Questions and answers from the floor

## PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Theme: “Gender Equality and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development”  
*ECOSOC Chamber*

11:45 am –  
12:55 pm

### Chair and Moderator

- **H.E. Valentine Rugwabiza**, Permanent Representative of Rwanda to the United Nations

### Panelists

- **Ms. Ana Afonso Dias Lourenço**, First Lady of Angola
- **Mr. Guy Ryder**, General Director of ILO
- **Ms. Folly Bah Thibault**, Principal Presenter, Al Jazeera English
- **Ms Martha Delgado**, Viceminister of Foreign Affairs Mexico
- **Dr. Shirin Sharmi Chaudhury**, Speaker Bangladesh Parliament
- **Sofia Borges**, Senior Vice President of UN Foundation

### Interactive Discussion

- Questions and answers from the floor

## CLOSING SESSION

*ECOSOC Chamber*

12:55 pm –  
1:00 pm

### Closing Remarks

- **H.E. Ms. María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés**, President of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly