



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER HEARING

Interactive panel discussion: Women's and girls' voices, participation and leadership

Tuesday, 21 July 2020, 11.45-12:50, United Nations Headquarters (virtual)

Bio-Notes

Moderator:

Chidi King, Director of the Equality Department of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Chidi King is the Director of the Equality Department at the International Trade Union Confederation, the umbrella organisation for trade union national centres worldwide. She has also worked on equality, employment rights and civil liberties issues with the UK Trade Union Congress, as the equality and rights officer with the Global Union Federation Public Services International, and as the senior lawyer with the UK public interest disclosure charity Public Concern at Work.

Panellists:

Jessica Vega Ortega, President of Global Conclave of Indigenous Youth

Jessica Vega Ortega is a young indigenous woman from the Mixteco People. She is the President of Global Conclave of Indigenous Youth, which aims to voice the concerns of Indigenous Youth in various international bodies, mechanisms, and processes. She is a promoter and a defender of the individual and collective rights of Indigenous Peoples, specifically for indigenous youth, adolescents and children. She participated in the internship programme for Indigenous People of the Food Agriculture Organization.

Aya Chebbi, African Union's Envoy on Youth

Aya Chebbi is the first ever African Union Special Envoy on Youth and the youngest diplomat at the African Union Commission Chairperson's Cabinet. She is the founder of multiple platforms such as Afrika Youth Movement, one of Africa's largest Pan-African youth-led movements, Afresist, a youth leadership program

and multimedia platform documenting youth work in Africa, and Youth Programme of Holistic Empowerment Mentoring, coaching the next generation to be positive change agents.

Risnawati Utami, Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Risnawati Utami became the first person from Indonesia to sit on the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons With Disabilities and is Founder and Disability Rights Adviser of OHANA Indonesia, aimed to provide disability rights, policy advocacy and technical assistance for local governments on dealing with disability in her hometown of Yogyakarta and across Indonesia. Ms. Utami has led the Indonesian Consortium for Disability Rights pushing for CRPD implementation at the local and national level.

Jeff Hearn, Senior Professor of Gender Studies at the Örebro University in Sweden

Jeff Hearn is Senior Professor in Gender Studies, Örebro University, Sweden; Professor of Sociology, University of Huddersfield, UK; Professor Emeritus, Hanken School of Economics, Finland; Professor Extraordinarius, University of South Africa; and Co-Chair of RINGS, the International Research Association of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies. He is most known for his research on critical studies on men and masculinities since the late 1970s. He has also been involved in profeminist activism, NGOs and policy development, especially anti-violence work, during this period.

Lydia Alpízar Durán, Co-Executive Director of the Mexico and Central America Initiative of Women Human Rights Defenders (IM-Defensoras)

Lydia Alpízar Durán is the Co-Executive Director of the Mexico and Central America Initiative of Women Human Rights Defenders. She was the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development, and a member of the Board of Directors for the Global Fund for Women. She is a current board member of the Urgent Action Fund – Latin America (FAU-AL).

Salam Al-Nukta, Founder and CEO of ChangeMakers, and member of the Beijing+25 Youth Task Force

Salam Al-Nukta is an entrepreneur and start-up enthusiast. Through her own social enterprise "ChangeMakers", the Beijing+25 Youth Task Force and other youth-led initiatives, she has worked for the past five years on closing the gender gap in STEM. She was a key speaker at the Geneva Peace Week in 2018 and participated in the One Young World Summit in 2018. Ms. Salam also served 3.5 years at UNFPA in Syria, participated in the Young Sustainable Impact Innovation Impact for 2019.