



MULTI-STAKEHOLDER HEARING

Accelerating the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

Interactive panel discussion: Gender equality and women's and girls' empowerment: drivers for sustainable development

Tuesday, 21 July 2020, 15.00-16:30 EDT, United Nations Headquarters (virtual)

BIO-NOTES

Moderator:

Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, Executive Director of the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR)

Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona is a Chilean lawyer and Executive Director of the Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (GI-ESCR). She is also a member of the High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (FACTI Panel). Ms. Sepúlveda was the United Nations Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights between 2008 and 2014. Previously, she worked as a Research Director of the International Council on Human Rights Policy and as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica.

Panellists:

Noelene Nabulivou, co-Founder, Diverse Voices and Action for Equality (DIVA), Fiji

Noelene Nabulivou is a feminist grassroots organizer, policy analyst and activist. She is the co-founder and political adviser of Diverse Voices and Action (DIVA) for Equality, a Fijian feminist collective led by lesbian, bisexual, transmasculine, and gender-nonconforming people that concentrates on work in urban poor

communities, rural, and remote constituencies of Fiji, and works with/for all women and people in the Pacific and globally.

Mary-Ann Stephenson, Director, Women's Budget Group, United Kingdom

Mary-Ann Stephenson is the Director of Women's Budget Group. She has worked for women's equality and human rights for over twenty-five years as a campaigner, researcher and trainer. She was previously Director of the Fawcett Society and a Commissioner on the Women's National Commission. She is a board member at Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre and the social and economic rights organisation Just Fair. She has a PhD in Law from the University of Warwick.

Leyla Zuleikha Makhmudova, Co-founder at FemAgora Feminist Foundation, Kazakhstan

Leyla Zuleikha Makhmudova is an educational and gender empowerment consultant from Kazakhstan. Makhmudova has designed and implemented several women empowerment platforms, and presented these at different venues, including TEDxWomen and Women Entrepreneurship Conference. Makhmudova currently co-organises FemAgora Feminist Festival that celebrates and discusses women's work, its visibility and resource ownership in Central Asia.

Rachel Moussié, Deputy Director, Social Protection Programme, WIEGO, Mauritius

Rachel Moussié is the Deputy Director of the Social Protection Programme at Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO), a global network focused on improving conditions for workers in the informal economy. She contributes to WIEGO's research and advocacy to extend social protection to informal workers, and previously managed programmes on women's economic rights, tax policy reform and development financing at ActionAid International.

Emmanuelle Larroque, Founder and Director, Social Builder, France

Emmanuelle Larroque is a social entrepreneur who specialises in the intersection of gender equality, leadership and the construction of diversity in the spheres of power. She is the founding director of Social Builder, a start-up working for gender equality, and gender equality in the digital world. She founded Cognify in 2017, a consulting company that supports companies on transformative and inclusive management issues.

Corina Rodriguez Enriquez, Executive Committee Member, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), Argentina

Corina Rodriguez is a senior feminist economist. She works as a researcher at the Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (Conicet) and at the Centro Interdisciplinario para el Estudio de Políticas Públicas in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She is an Executive Committee member of DAWN. Her areas of work include social and fiscal policy, care economy, labour market, poverty and income distribution.