Gender, Justice, and Sustainable Development

Side Event of the 60th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

March 22, 1:15-2:45PM: United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 8

UN Foundation Vice President of Girls and Women Strategy, Dr. Daniela Ligiero, will moderate. Speakers include:

— H.E. Mrs. Lana Zaki Nusseibeh, Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations: Permanent Representative
— H.E. Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women: Executive Director (TBC)
— Jyoti Chopra, BNY Mellon: Head of Global Citizenship and Sustainability
— Alejandro Alvarez, UNDP: Team Leader: Rule of Law, Justice, Security and Human Rights
— Karen Mulhauser, United Nations Association of the USA: National Chair

Background

The 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda calls for “dynamic, innovative, and people-centered economies” through women’s empowerment. Similarly, the Third International Financing for Development Conference (FfD) outcome reaffirms that “achieving gender equality . . . [is] essential to achieving sustained, inclusive, and equitable economic growth and sustainable development.”

The evidence is clear. Both the presence and effective measurement of rule of law, access to justice, and effective institutions are foundational enablers for the advancement of women, leading to the potential of unlocking trillions for sustainable development. This interactive panel will provide perspectives from UN member states, the UN system, private sector, and civil society that explore the interrelationship between gender, justice, sustainable development, and realizing a world where no one is left behind.

Objectives

1) Assess mutually reinforcing overlap between Goal 16 and the CSW60 priority theme of “women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development.”

2) Offer best practices on gender-focused justice reforms and corresponding indicators of success.

3) Highlight synergies between women’s empowerment and the fulfillment of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Goal 16, and other Global Goals.

Light snacks will be available. Contact Ryan Kaminski at rikaminski@unfoundation.org with questions.