

BIOGRAPHIES

Expert Group Meeting on Strategies to Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls through the Gender-responsive Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

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(alphabetical by first name for each panel)

PANEL 1: Eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls



Ms. **Marisa Viana** is the Executive coordinator of RESURJ (Realizing Sexual and Reproductive Justice Alliance), an international alliance of feminist activists working towards the fulfillment of all women's and young people's sexual and reproductive rights and health. Marisa's commitment and dedication to social justice, gender equality and human rights is deeply rooted in her experiences growing up in a resource-poor area of the Brazilian Amazon where discrimination and violence against girls and women continues to be the norm. Marisa holds a Master in Public Health from Columbia University.



Ms. **Nahla Haidar** is a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and member of the CEDAW working group on SDGs. She has over 30 years of professional experience mainly within the United Nations System, ranging from Development, to Emergency Management training and capacity-building, to Peace-Building to Human Rights. She holds an advanced University degree in Law and Sociology from the University Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris.



Ms. **Penny Morton** is a First Secretary at the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations, managing the human rights portfolio, including efforts to progress gender equality and women's empowerment. She joined the Australian Mission in 2015. Prior to this she has held a variety of related positions in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; including being posted to Kabul, Afghanistan where she managed the human rights and legal portfolio, working directly on a number of issues related to women and girls. As a multilateral human rights specialist, Penny has also worked on transnational crime, trafficking and narcotics negotiations in Vienna and UN climate change negotiations.



Ms. **Phemelo Maiketso** was appointed Deputy Director for the Gender Affairs Department in the Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs, Botswana in 2017. She has provided technical expertise to the Botswana Team leading negotiations on the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Resolution on Women, The Girl Child and HIV and AIDS, adopted by consensus at the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2016. She graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Botswana and further studied for Master of Arts in Gender and Development at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.



Dr. **Salma Nims** was appointed Secretary-General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women in 2014. She works to further its mission to transform the national development agenda to ensure the full and equal participation of men and women in the development process, as means to achieving development as well as gender equality in Jordan. She holds a PhD in Development Planning (2004) and a MSc in Sustainable Development (1998) from University College London, University of London. She has 15-years' experience in the areas of gender and development and has been an activist for women's rights since the early 1990s.

PANEL 2: Eliminating all forms of violence and harmful practices against women and girls



Ms. **Farmala Jacobs** is the Acting Executive Director for the Directorate of Gender Affairs, Antigua and Barbuda. She is dedicated to providing critical analyses and policy recommendations on gender and development issues nationally. She is also passionate about contributing to forums focused on building regional scholarship and research on gender equality. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Labour & Employment Relations from the University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus (Hons.) and a Master of Public Policy from the Walden University. She presently serves as a member of the Technical Committee of Experts responsible for the analysis and evaluation of the implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against women (Convention of Belem do Para).



Ms. **Hibaaq Osman** is the founder of Karama, an organisation that has for over 12 years worked to end violence against women, and work toward sustainable, inclusive peace and democracy in the Arab region. She has made it her mission to elevate the voices of women in the Arab region, raise their profiles and develop their skills as peacemakers and leaders. Karama's guiding principle is to ensure that strategies affecting women in the region are not simply responsive to the needs of women on the ground, but are led by women and real representatives of the community. The aim is to put women at the centre of humanitarian response, conflict prevention and resolution, and promoting women's participation in public life across the region.



Ms. **Meija Tuominen** works as Senior Officer at the governmental Gender Equality Unit under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. Her main responsibilities are gender mainstreaming in all ministries, gender equality in education, men's equality issues, and national reporting on SDG 5. She has a Master of Social Sciences from the University of Tampere where she majored in gender studies and promoting equality, and she has studied the equality and non-discrimination work of Finnish municipalities in 2014. She has over 30 years of experience of practical work with issues of equality, non-discrimination and human rights in NGOs, projects, municipalities, and at the state level.



Mr. **Rokebul Haque** works as Minister in the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. He covers gender issues, Human Rights and other social issues like youth and children. He is one of the Vice Chairs presenting the Asia Pacific Group for CSW62. He successfully facilitated United Nations General Assembly resolutions entitled "Follow up to the declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace" and "Interaction between United Nations, National Parliaments and IPU (Inter Parliamentary Union)" which were adopted with consensus. He arranged High Level Event at the United Nations on Autism and Culture of Peace. He is a carrier diplomat and received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Economics.



Ms. **Theresa McGovern** serves as a professor and as interim Chair of the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health and teaches Health and Human Rights and Environmental Justice. She founded the HIV Law Project in 1989. She successfully litigated numerous cases, including *S.P. v. Sullivan* (forced Social Security Administration to expand HIV-related disability criteria so women and low income individuals can qualify for Medicaid and social security) and *T.N. v. FDA* (eliminated 1977 FDA guideline restricting participation of women of childbearing potential in early phases of clinical trials). As a member of the National Task Force on the Development of HIV/AIDS Drugs, she authored the 2001 federal regulation authorizing the FDA to halt any clinical trial for a life threatening disease that excludes women.

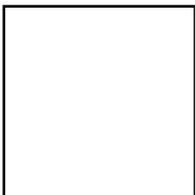
PANEL 3: Ensuring women’s economic rights and full, equal and effective participation and leadership in decision-making



Ms. **Kate Donald** is the Director of Human Rights in Development at the Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR). Prior to joining CESR in 2014, Kate worked as Adviser to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, examining the impact of public policies and development initiatives on the rights of people living in poverty. Kate has also held positions at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Council on Human Rights Policy, and has been a consultant for the United Nations and the Gender & Development Network.



Ms. **Mareca Brown** is the Gender Specialist at the Planning Institute of Jamaica. Her responsibilities include providing advice on the formulation of gender-sensitive policies in the context of the cultural realities, supporting the integration of gendered perspectives in all aspects of the work of the Planning Institute and providing advice on the formulation of gender-sensitive policies in the context of the cultural realities. She also supports the development of gendered capacity building mechanisms that would support mainstreaming gender into the policy planning and programme development process. Since 2014, Ms. Brown has been involved in Jamaica’s process to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Mr. **Vinicius Pinheiro** is the International Labour Organization (ILO) Special Representative to the United Nations.



Mr. **William Komu** is the Senior Economist at the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs, State Department for Gender Affairs, Kenya. He holds a Bachelor of Arts, Economics at the University of Nairobi and Masters in Economics in the same University. He has work experience in the Gender area for over 10 years working under the Ministry in charge of Gender Affairs undertaking Preparation of Gender Plans, policies and programs. His other duties involve monitoring and evaluation of gender programs and projects and preparation of MDGs and SDGs reports.

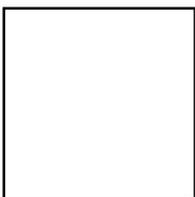
PANEL 4: Data for SDG 5 and Gender Statistics



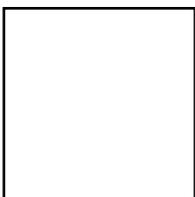
Ms. **Ana Laura Pineda Manriquez** is Director General of Evaluation and Statistical Development at the National Institute for Women, Mexico, where she promotes the generation of gender statistics and indicators in the National System of Statistical and Geographic Information. She also has the responsibility to encourage that the evaluation of public policies, programs and actions are conducted with a gender perspective, and to promote investigation on gender issues. She has participated as an expert on gender statistics and indicators in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the Policy Partnership on Women and the Economy (PPWE) of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and in the V Global Forum on Gender Statistics of United Nations Statistics Division.



Ms. **Emily Courey Pryor** is Executive Director of Data2X. Hosted at the UN Foundation, Data2X promotes more and better gender data and its use to advance gender equality and women's empowerment. Alongside launching Data2X in 2013, she built and managed the UN Foundation's research program on Women's Economic Empowerment, and served as Senior Advisor to Girl Up, a 'for girls, by girls' campaign. She has also worked in the private sector, for biotech firm Gilead Sciences, and for the American Red Cross Headquarters. She received her MPH from the University of Michigan and BA from the University of Florida.



Ms. **Francesca Perucci** is the chief of the Statistical Services Branch in the United Nations Statistics Division.



Ms. **Jane Sanyu Mpagi** is Director of Gender and Community Development in the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development in Uganda.

PANEL 5: Ending poverty and achieving food security through women's access to and control over economic resources



Ms. **Cristina Diez Sagüillo** has been a member of the International Movement ATD Fourth World's full-time volunteer corps since 2003. She has worked in grassroots projects with children and young people in poverty in disadvantaged urban areas of Spain and represented people in extreme poverty to international organizations. She has worked in partnership with Professor Jona Rosenfeld to introduce the methodology of Learning from Success and Ongoing Learning as a tool for organizational planning and training. Since 2010 she is the main representative of the organization to the United Nations and the Director of International Relations Training in New York. In her role she coordinates a team that follows sustainable development, social development, financing for development and human rights.



Ms. **Lynn M.B. Syanziba** is a Zambian who attained her law degree (LLB) at the University of Zambia and obtained her Master’s of Commercial Law (LLM) at the University of Capetown. She has served in various portfolios in the Government of the Republic of Zambia. She served as the Chief Registrar of Lands and Deeds responsible for registration of rights and interest in land championing the cause for empowering women with Land for 9 years. She is a now Director in the Department of Gender in Development in the Ministry of Gender responsible for coordinating the development, implementation and review of

gender mainstreaming and women empowerment programmes in order to facilitate gender responsive development and reduce poverty among women.

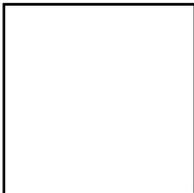


Ms. **Maria Luisa Mendonça** is the director of the Feminist Alliance for Rights at the Center for Women’s Global Leadership (CWGL) at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. She holds a PhD in Philosophy and Social Sciences with a focus on Human Geography from the University of Sao Paulo (USP). From 2014 until 2016 she was a visiting professor in the International Relations Department of University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ). In 2013 she was a visiting scholar in the Development Sociology Department at Cornell University.



Mr. **Tetteh Hormeku-Ajei** is trained in International Economic Law and has over 20 years’ experience of work in trade and development policy. He has been engaged with issues of national development in Africa in a range of international contexts. These include the challenges of development finance in relation to the World Bank, the African Development Bank and other similar institutions as well as international trade negotiations involving the World Trade Organisation, the Economic Partnership Agreements, and other multilateral and bilateral trade regimes.

PANEL 6: Empowering women and girls through gender-responsive infrastructure



Mr. **Gary Fowlie** is Head of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Liaison Office to the United Nations.



Mr. **Khomraj Koirala** is the Joint Secretary at Social Development Division of the National Planning Commission Secretariat of Nepal. He was the Member for the preparation of Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) following the April 2015 earthquake, and one of the Member of Sectoral Restructuring Coordination Committee (Infrastructure) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of Government of Nepal. Currently, he coordinates the implementation of the 14th Three Year Periodic Plan (2016/17-2018/19) and Member Secretary of SDG-Thematic Committee under the Chairmanship of Honorable Member of National Planning Commission, particularly in the Social Development and the Macro

Economic Management. He takes interest on the areas of Evidence Based Policy Making, Development Policy Research, Monitoring and Evaluation Techniques and Social Service.



Ms. **Natalie Elwell** is senior gender advisor at World Resources Institute, working to ensure that its research, analyses and tools advance gender equality. Previously, at USAID she worked to build capacity to leverage women’s empowerment and gender equality to enhance the outcomes of environment and climate change programming. Prior, she served as a technical advisor of World Neighbors to field teams in 18 countries (Africa, Asia and LAC), designing their gender approach and building local capacity to integrate gender into long-term rural community development programs. She is a founding board member of Groundswell International, a partnership of local NGOs and resource people in Africa, Asia and LAC working to strengthen rural communities to build healthy farming and food systems from bottom up.



Ms. **Sue Phillips** is Founder of Social Development Direct, which provides high-quality, innovative and expert social development research and consultancy. As Technical Director, she stays connected to global trends in gender equality, women’s economic empowerment and social inclusion to ensure SDDirect’s work remains issues-driven, relevant and is genuinely adding value in a fast changing world. She currently is Gender & Inclusion Technical Lead for the Infrastructure and Cities for Economic Development Programme (ICED), a DFID facility designed to accelerate DFID's infrastructure and cities initiatives to contribute to poverty reduction and harness the potential of resilient, inclusive and transformative growth.

PANEL 7: Promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth through women’s economic empowerment



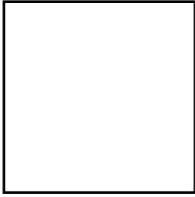
Ms. **Aïssatou Diallo** uses her business background to train, guide and advise associations/networks of young & women entrepreneurs, amidst tougher conditions for CSOs to access financial and technical resources. She also supports them in finding new alternatives for a greater technical and financial autonomy using digital media. At the African Institute of Management (Institut africain de management – IAM), she teaches Contextual & Cross-Cultural Intelligence, Business Ethics and The Realities of Globalization and Development policies in Africa. Her goal is to give future African entrepreneurs and policy-makers the analytical skills to build fair, responsible and community-driven policies.



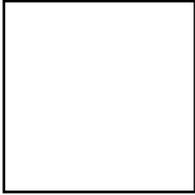
Ms. **Andrea Milla** (Costa Rica) is a Political Scientist, with a Master’s Degree in International Cooperation and Development. She has more than ten years of work experience in the public and international sector in issues related to social development, democracy, public policies, gender and populations in conditions of poverty and/or vulnerability. She currently coordinates the joint project between the National Institute of Women of Costa Rica (INAMU) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) entitled "Strengthening working conditions in public and private organizations through the inclusion of gender equality."



Mr. **Andrew Morrison** is Chief of the Gender and Diversity Division at the Inter-American Development Bank. Prior to joining the IDB, he worked at the World Bank as a Lead Economist in the Gender and Development Group and as the Regional Gender Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean. He also has worked as an associate professor of economics at Tulane University and the University of New Mexico. He has written books and articles in the area of gender equality, international migration, labor markets and violence prevention. His Ph.D. in economics is from Vanderbilt University.

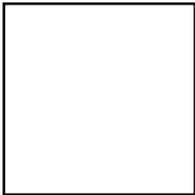


Ms. **Emilia Reyes** is Coordinator of Equidad de Género.



Mr. **James Heintz** is a professor with the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

PANEL 8: Ensuring institutional arrangements and financing to support the integrated implementation of the SDGs



Ms. **Ana Kvernadze** is Senior Policy Adviser for Social Issues, Government Planning & Innovations with the Administration of the Government of Georgia.



Ms. **Anita Nayar** is the Director of Regions Refocus, an initiative that advances progressive and feminist policies with civil society, governments, subregional alliances, and the UN. She has worked nationally and internationally on issues spanning women's human rights, economic globalization, development, and climate justice all from a feminist perspective. Most recently she served as Chief of the UN Non-Governmental Liaison Service in New York and on the Executive Committee of the South-based feminist network, Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN).



Ms. **Barbara Adams** is Chair of the Board of Global Policy Forum. She was trained as an economist in the UK, worked as Executive Director of the Manitoba Council for International Affairs in Canada and has undertaken development programming in Uruguay. She worked for the United Nations for 20 years and her experiences have also included being a member of the President of UN General Assembly CSO taskforce for MDG 2010 Summit, the Coordinating Committee of Social Watch and the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives, which has released its report, *No future without justice*, in the Development Dialogue series.



Ms. **Lenny Rosalin** is Deputy Minister for Child Development and Acting Ministerial Secretary at the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection. She has vast experience in the issues of demography, gender equality, child protection and development. She is the co-writer of several publications that include Gender Analysis Pathway (GAP) in Indonesia and the editor of a number of other publications such as Gender Analysis in the Development of Education and Gender Analysis in the Development of Social Welfare. She also took active part in the writing of the Income and Saving for

Indonesia published by Bappenas and East West Centre of Hawaii, USA. With a Master of Science Degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, she was a lecturer at the post graduate school of Sociology at University of Indonesia, Borobudur University and Atmajaya University.



Ms. **Rowena Bethel** is a Barrister-at-law and global specialist in public governance, ICT law and policy and financial sector regulation. She has 31+ years' experience at senior policy levels in The Bahamas' Government. She is a Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration.. She was The Bahamas' representative on the OECD Global Tax Forum; Chair of CARICOM Heads of Social Security; and lead negotiator for CARIFORUM in EU EPA negotiations. Rowena holds an LL.B (Leics.); an LL.M in IT and Telecommunications Law and Policy (Strath) and is a member of the Bar of England and Wales, and The Bahamas Bar.

Other speakers



Ms. **Shahrashoub Razavi** is Chief of the Research and Data Section at UN Women.



Mr. **Craig Mokhiber** is a Director in the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). A lawyer and specialist in international human rights law, policy and methodology, he has served the UN since 1992. As chief of the Human Rights and Development Team in the 1990s, he led the development of OHCHR's original work on human rights-based approaches to development and human rights-sensitive definitions of poverty. He has also served as the UN's Senior Human Rights Advisor in both Palestine and in Afghanistan, led the team of human rights specialists attached to the High Level Mission on Darfur, headed the Rule of Law and Democracy Unit, and served as Chief of the Economic and Social Issues Section, and Chief of the Development and Economic and Social Issues Branch at OHCHR Headquarters.