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## L'UNESCO et la priorité globale égalité des genres

L'UNESCO a désigné l'égalité des genres comme l'une de ses deux priorités globales en 2008.

L'UNESCO considère l'égalité des genres comme un droit fondamental de la personne humaine, un fondement de la justice sociale et une nécessité économique. L'égalité des genres est un facteur déterminant de la réalisation de tous les objectifs de développement convenus au niveau international, de même qu'un objectif en soi.

Pour obtenir des résultats concrets et durables en matière de promotion de l'égalité des genres dans tous ses domaines de compétence, l'UNESCO promeut l'égalité des genres en utilisant une double approche: (i) prise en compte systématique de la question du genre dans l'ensemble de ses programmes et activités, notamment dans les domaines de l'éducation, les sciences, les sciences humaines et sociales, la culture, et la communication et l'information ;et (ii) élaboration de programmes spécifiquement axés sur le genre. Cette approche est guidée par **le Plan d'action pour la Priorité égalité des genres 2014-2021**, un document complémentaire pour **la Stratégie à moyen terme de l'UNESCO 2014-2021**.

L'engagement de L'UNESCO dans le domaine de l'égalité des genres est coordonné par la division pour l'égalité des genres dans le cabinet de la Directrice générale au siège de l'UNESCO à Paris.

## UNESCO and Global Priority Gender Equality

UNESCO designated Gender Equality as one of its two global priorities in 2008.

UNESCO considers Gender Equality as a fundamental human right, a building block for social justice and an economic necessity. Gender Equality is a critical factor for the achievement of all internationally agreed development goals as well as a goal in and of itself.

UNESCO promotes Gender Equality through a two-pronged approach comprising gender-specific programming and gender mainstreaming within the organization's five areas of competence, namely in education; natural sciences; social and human sciences; culture; and communication and information, guided by the **Priority Gender Equality Action Plan for 2014-2021**, a companion document for the **Medium-term Strategy for UNESCO 2014-2021**.

UNESCO's commitment to promoting Gender Equality and women's empowerment is coordinated by the Division for Gender Equality in the Office of the Director-General, located at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France.



## La Directrice générale et l'égalité des genres

Irina Bokova

Directrice générale de l'UNESCO

*Director-General of UNESCO*



L'égalité à part entière et le développement du potentiel des filles et des femmes est la nouvelle frontière des droits humains au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle. Je ne crois pas que le développement puisse être durable s'il n'est pas équitable. C'est pourquoi, ensemble, nous devons aller bien plus loin pour défendre les droits humains et développer le potentiel de chaque fille et de chaque femme.

L'épanouissement des filles et des femmes commence sur les bancs de l'école par une éducation de qualité et l'accès à la culture et l'information. L'égalité des genres passe par l'alphabétisation, l'accès à la science, et de véritables possibilités pour les filles de réaliser leurs rêves et de faire leurs propres choix éclairés. L'égalité des genres est une question de droits humains, et une condition de progrès pour la santé, le développement durable, et pour la société dans son ensemble.

C'est pourquoi l'égalité des genres est une priorité globale de l'UNESCO et ma priorité personnelle.

## The Director-General and Gender Equality

The empowerment of girls and women is the new frontier for human rights in the 21st century. I believe that development is not sustainable if it is unequal. This is why we must do far more together to uphold the human rights and potential of every girl and woman.

The empowerment of girls and women starts on the benches of school, with quality education and access to culture and information. Gender Equality means literacy. It means access to science. It means genuine possibilities for girls to become everything they wish for and to make their own informed choices. This is essential for human rights, for health, for sustainable development, for the fabric of societies as a whole.

Gender Equality is a Global Priority of UNESCO, and I have made it my personal priority.





# La réalisation de l'égalité des genres à travers le travail de l'UNESCO

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« L'histoire de la lutte féminine pour l'égalité n'appartient à aucune entité, qu'elle soit un individu ou une organisation, qui opère seule, mais plutôt aux efforts collectifs de tous ceux qui se soucient des droits humains ». Ces mots, de Gloria Steinem, témoignent de la nature universelle de nos efforts.

À l'UNESCO, bien que la division pour l'égalité des genres ait mené et coordonné la mise en place de la priorité globale égalité des genres, nous n'aurions pas pu accomplir notre tâche sans le soutien inébranlable de tous nos collègues, sous la direction de notre Directrice générale.

Au nom de la division pour l'égalité des genres, je remercie chaleureusement le temps et les efforts de tous nos collègues - en particulier nos 150 points focaux pour l'égalité des genres - et nos partenaires d'avoir promu la priorité égalité des genres.

Nous remercions tout spécialement les efforts déployés par les collègues de l'UNESCO qui nous ont accompagnés tout au long de la préparation de cette Conférence de haut niveau.

## Making Gender Equality a Reality through UNESCO's Work

*"The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist nor to any one organization but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights."* These words from Gloria Steinem testify to the universal nature of our efforts.

At UNESCO, while the Division for Gender Equality has been providing overall leadership and coordination for the implementation of our global Priority Gender Equality, we could not have accomplished our task without the unwavering support of all our colleagues, led by our Director-General.

On behalf of the Division for Gender Equality, I gratefully acknowledge the time and efforts of all our colleagues - particularly our 150 Gender Focal Points - and UNESCO's partners for promoting Priority Gender Equality.

Special thanks are due to the joint efforts of UNESCO colleagues who accompanied us throughout the process of preparing this High-level Conference. We also benefited greatly from the insights and contributions by individual consultants. I thank them all.

## À propos de la conférence

L'UNESCO remplit sa mission en plaidant pour la paix et le développement. Pour souligner le pouvoir de transformation de son travail, l'UNESCO a organisé une série de conférences thématiques dans le cadre de « Le *soft power* de l'UNESCO aujourd'hui ». Étant donné que l'égalité des genres est l'une des deux priorités globales de l'Organisation, la série de conférences est lancée par la Conférence de haut niveau sur **promouvoir l'autonomisation et le leadership des femmes** le 30 juin 2017.

L'UNESCO est à l'avant-garde du dialogue international sur le développement durable et constitue une référence mondiale pour l'innovation et le leadership en matière d'égalité des genres. Au fil des années, l'UNESCO a fourni aux femmes et aux filles des modèles à suivre pour leur participation dans les domaines de STEAM, elle a développé des indicateurs médiatiques sensibles au genre, elle a favorisé le leadership des jeunes femmes dans la culture, et a permis d'assurer l'égalité des chances pour les garçons et les filles dans l'éducation, parmi d'autres domaines. L'UNESCO mobilise la connaissance et le capital intellectuel pour prévoir le changement, identifier les tendances et anticiper les solutions aux obstacles futurs. Ceci est particulièrement vrai pour l'autonomisation des femmes et des filles.

En vue d'accroître son impact au profit des femmes et des filles, en particulier les plus marginalisées, l'UNESCO a décidé de faire appel à ses partenaires internationaux pour contribuer à cette conférence stratégique de haut niveau. S'appuyant sur sa richesse d'expérience, l'Organisation entend intensifier les initiatives existantes et les bonnes pratiques qui ont été mises en œuvre avec succès au cours de la dernière décennie, tout en identifiant de nouveaux domaines, de nouvelles approches et de nouvelles modalités qui pourraient être développées pour maximiser l'efficacité et l'impact de son travail dans le domaine de l'autonomisation et du leadership des femmes et des filles dans les années à venir.

La journée sera ponctuée par trois séances thématiques le matin, et trois autres l'après-midi. Chaque panel (1) présentera la situation actuelle à travers les expériences et le travail des participants; (2) discutera des défis et des solutions innovantes à l'horizon 2030, et enfin (3) ouvrira une voie vers l'avant en tirant parti du rôle et de la valeur ajoutée de l'UNESCO.

Les thèmes de la journée seront:

- 1. L'Autonomisation des femmes et le développement durable**
  - > Le pouvoir de l'éducation des femmes et des filles
  - > Les femmes, la paix et la sécurité
- 2. Rompre avec les stéréotypes de genre**
  - > L'importance des modèles de référence dans le changement des normes culturelles
  - > Remettre en cause le statu quo
- 3. Leadership et pouvoir**
  - > Les femmes en politique
  - > Les femmes dans le monde des affaires

À la fin des séances, les modérateurs rendront compte des conclusions de chaque groupe spécial au rapporteur qui présentera les principaux résultats en plénière. La liste de recommandations qui en résultera aidera l'UNESCO et ses partenaires à identifier et prioriser de nouveaux domaines de travail et à harmoniser leurs approches en vue de promouvoir l'autonomisation et le leadership des femmes dans le monde entier. Une déclaration sera lue à la fin de la conférence pour renouveler l'engagement de l'Organisation en tant que défenseur de l'égalité des genres sur la scène internationale.

## About the Conference

UNESCO fulfils its mission through advocacy for peace and development. To highlight the transformative power of its work, UNESCO has organized a series of thematic conferences within the framework of “*UNESCO’s Soft Power Today*”. Since Gender Equality is one of two global priorities of the Organization, the series of conferences is being inaugurated with the High-level Conference on **Fostering Women’s Empowerment and Leadership** on 30 June 2017.

UNESCO is at the forefront of the international dialogue on sustainable development, and stands as a global reference for innovation and leadership in Gender Equality. Over the years, UNESCO has provided women and girls with role models for their participation in STEAM fields, it has developed gender-sensitive media indicators, it has promoted young women’s leadership in culture, and it has worked to ensure equal opportunities for boys and girls in education, among many other fields. UNESCO mobilises the knowledge and intellectual capital to foresee change, identify trends and anticipate solutions to future obstacles. This holds particularly true for women’s and girls’ empowerment.

With a view to increase its impact to the benefit of women and girls, particularly the most marginalized, UNESCO has decided to call upon its global partners to contribute to this High-level strategic Conference. Building on its wealth of experience, the Organization intends to scale up existing initiatives and good practices that have been successfully implemented in the course of the last decade, while identifying new areas, new approaches and new modalities that could be developed to maximize the effectiveness and impact of its work in the field of women and girls’ empowerment and leadership in the years to come.

The day will be organized in three thematic sessions divided in morning and afternoon panels. Each panel will (1) present the state of the art through the participants’ experiences and work; (2) discuss the challenges and innovative solutions towards the 2030 horizon, and (3) pave a way forward by leveraging on UNESCO’s role and added value.

The themes of the day will be:

- 1. Women’s Empowerment and Sustainable Development**
  - > The Power of Women’s and Girls’ Education
  - > Women, Peace and Security
- 2. Breaking Gender Stereotypes**
  - > The Importance of Role Models in Changing Cultural Norms
  - > Challenging the Status Quo
- 3. Leadership and Power**
  - > Women in Politics
  - > Women in Business

At the end of the sessions, the moderators will report on the conclusions of each panel to the Rapporteur who will present the main outcomes in the plenary. The resulting list of recommendations will help UNESCO and its partners identify and prioritise new areas of work and harmonise their approaches with a view to promote women’s empowerment and leadership worldwide. A Statement will be read at the end of the Conference to renew the commitment of the Organisation as a champion for the promotion of Gender Equality in the international arena.

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## Programme

Horaire	Activité	Salle
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Enregistrement et café de bienvenue</i>	
9:30 - 10:45	<b>Session d'ouverture:</b> Allocution de bienvenue Discours liminaires	Salle II
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Pause-café</i>	
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Sessions parallèles de haut niveau</b> 1. L'autonomisation des femmes et développement durable > Le pouvoir de l'éducation des femmes et des filles 2. Rompre avec les stéréotypes de genre > L'importance des modèles de référence dans le changement des normes culturelles 3. Leadership et pouvoir > Les femmes en politique	Salle IV Salle IX Salle II
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Pause-déjeuner</i>	
14:30 - 16:30	<b>Sessions parallèles de haut-niveau:</b> 1. L'autonomisation des femmes et développement durable > Les femmes, la paix et la sécurité 2. Rompre avec les stéréotypes de genre > La remise en cause du statu quo 3. Leadership et pouvoir > Les femmes dans le monde des affaires	Salle IV Salle IX Salle II
16:30 - 16:45	<i>Pause-café</i>	
16:45 - 18:00	<b>Session de clôture:</b> Discours liminaires Présentation: nouvelles voies pour l'autonomisation et le leadership des femmes Adoption de la déclaration Remarques de clôture	Salle II
18:00 - 19:30	<i>Réception</i>	

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## Agenda

Time	Activity	Room
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Registration &amp; welcome coffee</i>	
9:30 - 10:45	<b>Opening Session:</b> Keynote Speeches Opening Remarks	Room II
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Parallel High-level Sessions on Specific Themes:</b> 1. Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development > The Power of Women's and Girls' Education 2. Breaking Gender Stereotypes > The Importance of Role Models in Changing Cultural Norms 3. Leadership and Power > Women in Politics	Room IV Room IX Room II
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14:30 - 16:30	<b>Parallel High-level Sessions on Specific Themes:</b> 1. Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development > Women, Peace and Security 2. Breaking Gender Stereotypes > Challenging the Status Quo 3. Leadership and Power > Women in Business	Room IV Room IX Room II
16:30 - 16:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16:45 - 18:00	<b>Closing Session:</b> Keynote Speeches Presentation: New Pathways for Women's Empowerment and Leadership Adoption of the Statement Closing Remarks	Room II
18:00 - 19:30	<i>Reception</i>	

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## Expositions

### HERstory – Une célébration des femmes éminentes au sein des Nations Unies

L'exposition HERstory célèbre les femmes les plus éminentes au sein des Nations Unies. Elle présente les moments clés de la représentation historique et actuelle des femmes dans le système des Nations Unies. L'exposition met en évidence les femmes inspirantes et pionnières qui ont été les premières à tenir les postes les plus importants du système des Nations Unies avec succès, ou qui ont contribué de manière significative à travers des résultats qui auront un impact sur le long terme aux trois principaux piliers du travail de l'ONU: la paix et la sécurité, les droits humains, et le développement. À l'UNESCO, l'exposition sera présentée dans le cadre de la conférence de haut niveau sur « L'autonomisation et le leadership des femmes » (30 juin 2017), organisée pour lancer la série d'événements "Le *soft power* de l'UNESCO aujourd'hui".

Dates: 23 Juin – 7 Juillet 2017

Lieu: Hall Ségur (Siège de l'UNESCO)

### Swedish Dads

Ce projet est basé sur des portraits de pères qui ont choisi de rester à la maison avec leurs enfants pendant au moins six mois. Avec ce projet, le photographe veut découvrir pourquoi ces hommes ont choisi de rester à la maison beaucoup plus longtemps que la majorité des pères suédois. Qu'est-ce que cela a signifié pour eux, comment leurs relations avec leur partenaire et leurs enfants ont-elles changé, et quelles sont leurs attentes avant de prendre un congé parental? Il y a deux objectifs pour ce projet. Le premier consiste à décrire le contexte de l'allocation parentale unique de la Suède. Le deuxième est d'inspirer d'autres pères - en Suède, et au-delà - à considérer les avantages positifs d'un tel système.

Dates: 30 Juin 2017

Lieu: Foyer (Siège de l'UNESCO)

## Exhibitions

### HERstory – Celebration of Leading Women in the United Nations

The HERstory Exhibition displays the key facts and figures about women's historical and current representation in the UN System and highlights inspiring and pioneering women who have made significant contributions and lasting achievements in the three main pillars of the UN's work: Peace and Security, Human Rights, and Development. First launched at UNHQ in December 2016, the Exhibition gives momentum to long and successful advocacy efforts for advancing gender equality and women's empowerment. At UNESCO, the Exhibition is presented within the framework the High-level Conference, "Fostering Women's Empowerment and Leadership" (30 June 2017), organized to launch the series of events under the initiative "UNESCO's Soft Power today".

**Dates:** 23 June – 7 July 2017

**Venue:** Ségur Hall (UNESCO Headquarters)

### Swedish Dads

This photo essay is based on portraits of dads who choose to stay at home with their child for at least six months. With this project, the photographer wants to find out why these men have chosen to stay at home so much longer than the majority of Swedish dads. What has it done for them, how have their relationships with their partner and their child changed, and what expectations did they have before taking parental leave? There are two aims to this project. The first is to describe the background to Sweden's unique parental allowance system. The second is to inspire other fathers – in Sweden, and further afield – to consider the positive benefits of such a system.

**Dates:** 30 June 2017

**Venue:** Foyer (UNESCO Headquarters)

## Orateurs principaux/Oratrices principales

### Session d'Ouverture

(9:30 - 10:45) (Salle II)

**Mme Irina Bokova**, Directrice générale, UNESCO

**S.E. Mme Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, Présidente de la République de Malte

**S.E. Dr Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi**, Présidente, Conseil national fédéral des Émirats arabes unis

**S.E. Mme Rula Ghani**, Première dame de la République islamique d'Afghanistan

**S.E. Mme Tarja Halonen**, ancienne Présidente de la République de Finlande

**S.E. Mme Teresa Fernández de la Vega**, ancienne vice Première ministre, Présidente, Fundación Mujeres por África

**M. Mohamed Hmayen Bouamatou**, Sponsor de la Conférence, Fondateur et Président, Fondation pour l'égalité des chances en Afrique

### Pause-déjeuner (sur invitation)

(13:00 - 14:30)

**S.A.R. la Princesse Petra Laurentien des Pays-Bas**, Princesse d'Orange-Nassau, Envoyée Spéciale de l'UNESCO pour l'alphabétisation au service du développement

### Session de Clôture

(16:45 - 18:00) (Salle II)

**Mme Irina Bokova**, Directrice générale, UNESCO

**S.A.R. la Princess Dana Firas**, Présidente, Petra National Trust

**S.E. Mme Aminata Touré**, Envoyée spéciale du Chef de l'État, ancienne Première ministre, République du Sénégal

**Mme Tzipi Livni**, ancienne Ministre des Affaires étrangères, Etat d'Israël, , Membre de la Knesset



## Keynote Speakers

### Opening Ceremony

(9:30 – 10:45) (Room II)

**Ms. Irina Bokova**, Director General of UNESCO

**H.E. Ms Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca**, President of the Republic of Malta

**H.E. Dr Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi**, President of the Federal National Council of the United Arab Emirates

**H.E. Ms Rula Ghani**, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

**H.E. Ms Tarja Halonen**, Former President of the Republic of Finland

**H.E. Ms Teresa Fernández de la Vega**, Former First Deputy Prime Minister of Kingdom of Spain, President of Fundación Mujeres por Africa

**Mr. Mohamed Hmayen Bouamatou**, Conference Sponsor, Founder and President, Fondation pour l'égalité des chances en Afrique

### Lunch Break (invitation only)

(13:00 – 14:30)

**H.R.H. Princess Petra Laurentien of the Netherlands**, Princess of Orange-Nassau and UNESCO Special Envoy on Literacy for Development

### Closing Ceremony

(16:45 – 18:00) (Room II)

**Ms. Irina Bokova**, Director General of UNESCO

**H.R.H. Princess Dana Firas**, President of Petra National Trust

**H.E. Ms Aminata Touré**, Special Envoy of the President, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal

**Ms Tzipi Livni**, Former Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, Member of the Knesset

## L'autonomisation des femmes et le développement durable

### Le pouvoir de l'éducation des femmes et des filles

(11:00 – 13:00) (Salle IV)

Malgré d'immenses progrès dans la réalisation de la parité entre les sexes dans l'enseignement primaire, de nombreux obstacles demeurent pour permettre aux filles d'accéder à, de compléter et de bénéficier d'un cycle complet d'éducation de qualité. Bien que la pauvreté reste le principal obstacle, les normes sociales discriminatoires (comme le mariage précoce ou la violence sexiste), la distance entre la maison et l'école et les problèmes de sécurité connexes, ou des installations d'assainissement inadaptées à l'école, font partie des nombreux facteurs qui freinent l'éducation des filles, ainsi que l'achèvement de cycles éducatifs complets. Les filles sont également désavantagées en termes de processus d'apprentissage et de résultats. Pourtant, une fille instruite peut jouer un rôle catalyseur, non seulement pour elle-même, mais aussi pour sa famille, sa communauté et sa société.

Ce panel examinera l'importance de l'égalité des genres dans l'éducation. Il explorera des stratégies et des initiatives qui permettent aux filles et aux femmes d'acquérir les connaissances et les compétences nécessaires pour ouvrir des portes vers le futur. Grâce à leurs expériences personnelles et à leur travail, ainsi qu'aux discussions, les experts examineront également comment l'UNESCO peut promouvoir des parcours éducatifs de qualité pour les filles et les femmes ainsi que l'égalité des genres dans l'éducation.

#### Modératrice:

**Mme Anita Erskine**, Entrepreneure, présentatrice de télévision et de radio

#### Oratrice principale:

**Mme Helene Öberg**, Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du Ministre de l'Education, Suède

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes:

**Mme Aïcha Bah Diallo**, Fondatrice, Forum for African Women Educationalists, Sous-Directeur général, a.i. Secteur de l'Education/UNESCO

**Mme Annie Black**, Vice Directrice exécutive, Fondation L'Oréal

**Mme Meagan Fallon**, Présidente-Directrice générale, Barefoot College

**Mme. Evernice Munando**, Fondatrice et Directrice exécutive, Female Students Network Trust

**Mme Mistoura Salou**, Directrice, SRAJ et questions du genre, CeRADIS

**Dr Hayat Sindi**, Fondatrice et Présidente, Institute for Imagination and Ingenuity (i2institute), Ambassadrice de bonne volonté de l'UNESCO

# Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development

## The Power of Women's and Girls' Education

(11:00 – 13:00) (Room IV)

Despite immense progress in achieving gender parity in primary education, numerous challenges remain for girls to access, complete and benefit from a full cycle of quality education. While poverty remains the main barrier, discriminatory social norms (such as early marriage or gender-based violence), the distance between the home and the school and related safety concerns, or inadequate sanitation facilities at school are among the many factors hampering girls' participation in and completion of a full cycle of education. In addition, girls are disadvantaged in terms of learning processes and outcomes. Yet, evidence also shows that an educated girl can be a powerful game changer for her, her family, community and society.

This panel will discuss the importance of achieving gender equality in education. It will explore strategies and initiatives that empower girls and women to gain the knowledge and skills for fulfilling future life opportunities. Through their personal experiences and work, the panelists will also consider how UNESCO can promote quality educational pathways for girls and women and gender equality in education.

### Moderator:

**Ms Anita Erskine**, Entrepreneur and Broadcaster

### Keynote speaker:

**Ms Helene Öberg**, State Secretary to the Minister for Education of the Kingdom of Sweden

### Panelists:

**Ms Aïcha Bah Diallo**, Founder, Forum for African Women Educationalists, former Assistant Director General, a.i. Education Sector/UNESCO

**Ms Annie Black**, Deputy Executive Director, L'Oréal Foundation

**Ms Meagan Fallone**, Chief Executive Officer, Barefoot College

**Ms Evernice Munando**, Founder and Executive Director of Female Students Network Trust

**Ms Mistoura Salou**, Head of SRAJ and Gender, CeRADIS

**Dr Hayat Sindi**, Founder and President of the Institute for Imagination and Ingenuity (i2institute), UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador

## L'autonomisation des femmes et le développement durable

### Les femmes, la paix et la sécurité

(14:30 – 16:30) (Salle IV)

En 2000, le Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies a reconnu de manière formelle, par la résolution 1325, la nature changeante du conflit armé, dans lequel la population civile est de plus en plus ciblée et où les femmes continuent à être exclues de la participation dans le processus de paix. La résolution 1325, ainsi que les résolutions qui ont suivi, traitent non seulement de l'impact disproportionnel de la guerre sur les femmes, mais aussi du rôle pivot que les femmes jouent et devraient jouer dans la gestion et la résolution des conflits, ainsi que dans la construction des conditions d'une paix durable.

Le panel a comme objectif principal d'examiner les acquis, ainsi que les obstacles et défis empêchant la mise en œuvre intégrale de la résolution 1325 pour identifier de nouvelles voies par lesquelles l'UNESCO peut contribuer à l'Agenda « femmes, paix et sécurité ».

#### Modératrice:

**Prof. Rangita de Silva de Alwis**, Doyenne associée en charge des Affaires Internationales, École de Droit de l'Université de Pennsylvanie

#### Oratrice principale:

**L'Ambassadrice Melanne Verwee**, Directrice exécutive, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, ancienne ambassadrice itinérante des États-Unis pour les questions relatives aux femmes dans le monde.

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes:

**Prof. Feride Acar**, Professeure, Université technique du Moyen-Orient, Présidente de GREVIO (Conseil de l'Europe) Membre du CEDAW

**Mme Elisabeth Decrey-Warner**, Présidente et Co-Fondatrice, Appel de Genève

**L'Ambassadrice Mara Marinaki**, Conseillère principale chargée des questions de genre et de la résolution 1325 du Conseil de sécurité des Nations Unies, Service européen pour l'action extérieure

**Mme Jacqueline Moudeina**, Lauréate du Prix Right Livelihood

**Mme Mazal Renford**, Conseillère chargée de la Coopération internationale et de la Paix, Conseil international des femmes, ancienne Directrice, Mount Carmel International Training Center

# Women's Empowerment and Sustainable Development

## Women, Peace and Security

(14:30 – 16:30) (Room IV)

In 2000, the United Nations Security Council formally acknowledged, through the adoption of Resolution 1325, the changing nature of warfare, in which civilians are increasingly targeted, and women continue to be excluded from participation in peace processes. Resolution 1325 and the follow up resolutions address not only the disproportionate impact of war on women, but also the pivotal role women should and do play in conflict management, conflict resolution, and sustainable peace.

The panel aims at exploring the achievements as well as the obstacles and challenges remaining in the full implementation of Resolution 1325 and ultimately identify new pathways for UNESCO to contribute to the women, peace and security agenda.

### Moderator:

**Dr. Rangita de Silva de Alwis**, Associate Dean of International Affairs, University of Pennsylvania Law School

### Keynote speaker:

**Ambassador Melanne Verwee**, Executive Director of Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security, Former US Ambassador at Large for Global Women Issues

### Panelists:

**Professor Feride Acar**, Professor, Middle-East Technical University, President of GREVIO (Council of Europe), Member of CEDAW

**Ms Elisabeth Decrey-Warner**, President and Co-Founder of Geneva Call

**Ambassador Mara Marinaki**, Principal Advisor (PAG) on Gender and UNSCR 1325, European External Action Service

**Ms Jacqueline Moudeina**, Laureate of the Right Livelihood Award

**Ms Mazal Renford**, Adviser for International Cooperation and Peace, International Council of Women, former Director of the Mount Carmel International Training Center

## Rompre avec les stéréotypes de genre

### L'importance des modèles de référence dans le changement des normes culturelles (11:00 - 13:00) (Salle IX)

Les filles et garçons sont conditionnés par leurs rôles de genre depuis leur naissance. En cours de sciences, nous apprenons quelles étaient les contributions d'Isaac Newton et Albert Einstein, mais nous n'apprenons que rarement quel a été l'impact des femmes scientifiques tel qu'Hypatia ou Rosalind Franklin. Dès le plus jeune âge, les filles apprennent que la société n'attend pas d'elles de devenir des scientifiques, des ingénieurs, des innovatrices ou des leaders. Ainsi, elles restent fortement sous-représentées dans trop de domaines du STEM (SAGA) et de positions de leaders. L'UNESCO est convaincue que les modèles de référence permettent de rompre les barrières dans les esprits de toutes les filles et les garçons en les inspirant à mettre en question les normes culturelles.

Ce panel permettra de discuter de l'importance de mentors et modèles de référence pour les filles et les garçons et d'examiner des initiatives novatrices pour garantir que les filles reçoivent le mentorat dont elles ont besoin pour réussir à devenir des leaders. Par leur expérience personnelle et leur travail, ainsi que par leurs discussions, les intervenants discuteront également de la voie à suivre pour l'UNESCO dans ce domaine.

#### Modérateur:

**M. Henri Thulliez**, Directeur, Fondation pour l'égalité des chances en Afrique

#### Oratrices principales:

**La Baronne Beeban Kidron**, officier de l'ordre de l'Empire britannique, Membre de la Chambre Lords, défenseure de l'égalité des genres

**Mme Marlène Schiappa**, Secrétaire d'État auprès du Premier ministre, chargée de l'Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes, République française

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes:

**Mme Miriam González-Duránte**, Fondatrice, Inspiring Girls International

**Mme Aminetou Mint el Moctar**, Présidente, Association des Femmes Chefs de Famille

**Mme Clarisse Reille**, Directrice générale, DEFI Comité Professionnel de Développement Économique de l'Habillement

**Mme Tarcila Rivera Zea**, Fondatrice, Chirapaq; Centre des cultures autochtones du Pérou

**Mme Michäella Rugwizangoga**, chargée de projet - accélératrice d'innovation, Imbuto Foundation, Co-Fondatrice, International Hope Week

## Breaking Gender Stereotypes

### The Importance of Role Models in Changing Cultural Norms

(11:00 – 13:00) (Room IX)

Girls and boys are conditioned by their gender roles from birth. In science class, we learn about the contributions of Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein, but we rarely learn about the impact of female scientists such as Hypatia or Rosalind Franklin. From an early age, girls learn that they are not expected by society to become scientists, engineers, innovators, or leaders. As a result, women are still drastically underrepresented in too many areas in STEM fields, especially in leadership positions. UNESCO believes that role models can break down barriers in the minds of any girl or boy and inspire them to challenge cultural norms.

This panel will discuss the importance of mentors and role models for women and girls, and explore innovative initiatives to ensure that women and girls receive the positive encouragement they need to succeed and become leaders. Through their personal experiences and work the panelists will also discuss the way forward for UNESCO in this domain.

#### Moderator:

**Mr Henri Thulliez**, Director, Fondation pour l'égalité des chances en Afrique

#### Keynote speakers:

**Baroness Beeban Kidron**, OBE, Member of the House of Lords, Gender Equality Advocate

**Ms Marlène Schiappa**, Secretary of State for Equality between Women and Men, Republic of France

#### Panelists:

**Ms Miriam González-Duránte**, Founder of Inspiring Girls International

**Ms Aminetou Mint El Moctar**, Présidente Association of Female Heads of Households

**Ms Clarisse Reille**, Director-General, DEFI Professional Committee for Economic Development of Clothing

**Ms Tarcila Rivera Zea**, Founder, Chirapaq: Centro de Culturas Indígenas del Perú

**Ms Michaëlla Rugwizangoga**, Project Officer - Innovation Accelerator, Imbuto Foundation, Co-Founder, International Hope Week

## Rompre avec les stéréotypes de genre

### Remettre en cause le statut quo

(14:30 - 16:30) (Salle IX)

Les stéréotypes de genre ont le pouvoir de limiter la liberté des femmes, des hommes, des filles et des garçons car ils touchent à la plus profonde et intime perception qu'ils ont d'eux-mêmes, de leurs capacités et de leurs aspirations. Les stéréotypes de genre constituent une limite au potentiel humain et au bien-être parce qu'ils conditionnent la vision que les femmes, les hommes, les filles et les garçons ont de ce qu'ils peuvent ou devraient être ou atteindre. La catégorisation et la représentation basée sur le genre peut être subtile et difficilement apercevable, représentant malgré tout un plus grand obstacle que les lois ou les normes dans l'empêchement de l'égalité entre hommes et femmes. Ainsi, les stéréotypes de genre contrarient le développement durable et leurs effets négatifs peuvent être aperçus dans toutes les sphères de la vie et à tous les niveaux, allant des communautés locales à la scène internationale.

Ce panel rassemblera un ensemble unique de leaders, d'intellectuels et d'activistes qui ont dédié leur vie au changement des esprits, ayant comme objectif de construire des sociétés inclusives. Durant cette session, l'UNESCO cherche à discuter de comment la représentation stéréotypée des femmes et des hommes a constitué une barrière au changement et d'examiner des approches innovatrices et des expériences pour la promotion d'images non-stéréotypées des femmes et des hommes. Les intervenants du panel partageront leurs histoires et présenteront leur travail en faveur de la déconstruction des stéréotypes de genre en adoptant des perspectives différentes.

#### Modératrice:

**Mme Irene Natividad**, Présidente, Global Summit of Women, Directrice, Corporate Women Directors International

#### Orateur principal:

**M Michael Kimmel**, SUNY Professeur émérite de sociologie et d'études de genre, Directeur général, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, Department of Sociology Stony Brook University, USA

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes:

**Mme Hoda Al-Helaissi**, membre de l'Assemblée consultative de la Choura, Royaume d'Arabie Saoudite  
membre de l'Assemblée consultative de la Choura, Royaume d'Arabie saoudite

**Mme Barbara Cleary**, Membre du Comité exécutif, Lobby européen des femmes

**Mme Zuriel Oduwole**, cinéaste indépendante, défenseure de l'éducation pour les filles

**Mme Shazia Rafi**, Présidente, AirQualityAsia, ancienne Secrétaire générale, Parliamentarians for Global Action



## Breaking Gender Stereotypes

### Challenging the Status Quo

(14:30 – 16:30) (Room IX)

Gender stereotypes have the capacity to limit the freedom of women and men, girls and boys; insofar as they affect their most profound and intimate perception of themselves and of their capacities and aspirations. Gender stereotypes are a limit to human potential and wellbeing because they condition the vision that women and men, girls and boys, have of what they can or should be and achieve. Gender categorization and portrayals may be subtle and difficult to tackle, and yet they often represent a greater obstacle than laws and norms in preventing equality among women and men. Thus, gender stereotypes prevent sustainable development, and their negative effects can be witnessed in all spheres of life and at all levels, from local communities to the international arena.

This panel gathers a unique set of leaders, intellectuals and activists who are dedicating their lives to changing mind-sets with a view to building inclusive societies. During this session, UNESCO seeks to discuss how the stereotypical portrayal of women and men has specifically been a barrier for change and to learn about innovative approaches and experiences for the promotion of non-stereotypical images of women and men. The speakers of the panel will be asked to share their stories and present their work on the deconstruction of gender stereotypes from different angles.

#### Moderator:

**Ms Irene Natividad**, President of the Global Summit of Women, Chair of Corporate Women Directors International

#### Keynote speaker:

**Dr. Michael Kimmel**, SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies, Executive Director, Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University, USA

#### Panelists:

**Ms Hoda Al-Helaissi**, Member of the Shura Council

**Ms Barbara Cleary**, Executive Committee Member, European Women's Lobby

**Ms Zuriel Oduwole**, Independent Filmmaker, Girl Education Advocate

**Ms Shazia Rafi**, President, AirQualityAsia, former Secretary-General, Parliamentarians for Global Action

## Leadership et pouvoir

### Les femmes en politique

(11:00 – 13:00) (Salle II)

L'UNESCO contribue à promouvoir le leadership des femmes dans l'ensemble de ses programmes majeurs et sous différents angles. Le leadership prend de nombreuses formes et l'UNESCO promeut une participation importante des femmes au sein de l'Organisation, ainsi que parmi ses partenaires et bénéficiaires. L'UNESCO travaille avec les leaders communautaires, religieux et traditionnels; renforce la capacité des femmes, qu'il s'agisse de fonctionnaires élues, d'administratrices publiques, ou de représentantes d'organisations de la société civile; favorise le partenariat et la coopération avec certaines des femmes les plus éminentes et les plus influentes dans la politique, les universités et le secteur privé dans le monde entier.

Ce panel examinera le fait que les femmes continuent à être fortement sous-représentées dans la direction politique au niveau mondial et un engagement global au plus haut niveau politique est nécessaire pour inverser cette tendance. L'augmentation de la participation politique et du leadership des femmes est non seulement un objectif en soi, mais aussi une condition nécessaire pour l'adoption de politiques transformatives liées au genre, ainsi que pour réaliser l'égalité des genres dans toutes les sphères de la vie. L'UNESCO fait appel à ses partenaires et ses éminents orateurs afin d'initier un débat permettant d'ouvrir de nouvelles voies pour la promotion de la participation des femmes en politique.

#### Modératrice :

**S.E. Mme Eleonora Mitrofanova**, Ambassadrice itinérante au Ministère des Affaires étrangères, Fédération de Russie, ancienne Présidente du Conseil exécutif de l'UNESCO

#### Oratrice principale :

**La Très Honorable Adrienne Clarkson**, 26e Gouverneure générale du Canada (1999-2005), Coprésident, Institut pour la citoyenneté canadienne

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes:

**Mme Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, Maire de la communauté de Tevragh-Zeina, République islamique de Mauritanie

**Mme Eva Rita Katarina Biaudet**, Membre du Parlement, ancienne Ministre chargée des questions de genre République de Finlande

**Mme Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir**, Présidente du Conseil exécutif, Women Political Leaders Global Forum, ancienne Ministre de l'Intérieur de la République d'Islande, Membre du Parlement de la République d'Islande, et Maire de Reykjavík

**Mme Cécile Kyenge Kashetu**, ancienne Ministre italienne de l'intégration, Parlementaire européenne

**L'Ambassadrice Carmen Moreno**, Secrétaire exécutive, Commission interaméricaine des femmes, ancienne Directrice de UN-INSTRAW

**Mme Lydia Shouleva**, ancienne vice-Première ministre de la République de Bulgarie

## Leadership and Power

### Women in Politics

(11:00 – 13:00) (Room II)

UNESCO contributes to women in leadership across all of its major programmes and from different angles. Leadership takes many forms and UNESCO advocates for a strong participation of women in-house as well as among all of its partners and beneficiaries. UNESCO works with community, religious and traditional leaders; strengthens the capacity of women that serve as elected officials, public administrators, representatives of civil society organisations; fosters partnership and cooperation with some of the most prominent and influential women in politics, academia and the private sector worldwide.

This panel will look at the fact that women are still severely underrepresented in political leadership worldwide. A global commitment at the highest political level is needed to improve this situation. Political participation and leadership of women worldwide is not only a goal in itself, it is also a necessary precondition for the promotion of gender transformative policies and the achievement of gender equality in all other spheres of life. UNESCO calls upon its partners and distinguished speakers to initiate a debate that can break new ground for the promotion of women in political leadership.

#### Moderator:

**H.E. Eleonora Mitrofanova**, : Ambassador-at-large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation, former Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO

#### Keynote speaker:

**The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson**, 26th Governor General of Canada (1999-2005) and Co-Chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship

#### Panelists:

**Ms Fatimetou Abdel Malick**, Mayor of the community of Tevragh-Zeina, Islamic Republic of Mauritania

**Ms Eva Rita Katarina Biaudet**, Member of Parliament I, former Minister of Gender, Republic of Finland

**Ms Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir**, Chair of the Women Political Leader Global Forum Executive Board, Former Minister of Interior of Iceland, Member of Parliament of Iceland, and Mayor of Reykjavík

**Ms Cécile Kyenge Kashetu**, Former Italian Minister for Integration, Member of the European Parliament

**Ambassador Carmen Moreno**, Executive Secretary of Inter-American Commission of Women, former Director of UN-INSTRAW

**Ms Lydia Shouleva**, Former Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria

## Leadership et pouvoir

### Les femmes dans le monde des affaires

(14:30 - 16:30) (Salle II)

L'UNESCO a prouvé sa capacité à construire des réseaux de femmes puissantes, en créant des espaces sûrs et propices à les mener au succès en tant que leaders. Ces espaces leur permettent de partager les expériences, les défis communs et les meilleures pratiques pour atteindre le succès. Par l'éducation, la culture, les sciences et les médias, l'UNESCO travaille pour faire entendre les voix de millions de femmes leaders et à inciter les nouvelles générations de filles à travers le monde à adopter leur propre vision du leadership dans n'importe quel secteur ou domaine d'activité.

Ce panel explorera la situation actuelle des femmes dans le domaine des affaires et discutera des orientations futures. Le monde des affaires est un domaine central du leadership et le panel vise à identifier de nouvelles voies pour la promotion du leadership des femmes dans les entreprises à travers le monde, en s'appuyant sur le travail de l'UNESCO dans le domaine de l'autonomisation économique des femmes et grâce à l'expérience et à la vision des orateurs distingués de ce panel.

#### Modératrice :

**Mme Bonnie Hagemann**, Présidente-Directrice générale, Executive Development Associates

#### Orateur principal / Oratrice principale

**Mme Gabriela Ramos**, Directrice de Cabinet du Secrétaire général de l'OCDE et Sherpa pour le G20

#### Intervenants / Intervenantes

**Dr Maliha Hashmi**, Directrice exécutive, Red Sea Foundation

**Dr Ing. Borianna Manolova**, PDG Siemens Bulgarie, Présidente du Conseil exécutif, Council of Women in Business in Bulgaria

**Mme Sasha Krstic**, Directrice nationale - Pays nordiques et baltes, Mastercard

**Mme Isabella Lenarduzzi**, Fondatrice et Directrice, JUMP

**Mme Pascale Thorre**, Directrice, diversité globale et inclusion, Nokia

**Mme Debra Vanderburg Spencer**, Curatrice, Spécialiste en gestion des Arts, journaliste (contributor), The Harlem Times

## Leadership and Power

### Women in Business

(14:30 – 16:30) (Room II)

UNESCO has proven its capacity to build networks of powerful women, enabling safe and conducive spaces for them to thrive as leaders by sharing experiences, common challenges and best practices on their road to success. Through education, culture, sciences and the media, UNESCO works to make the voice of millions of women leaders heard and inspire new generations of girls worldwide to embrace their own vision of leadership in any sector or field.

This panel will explore the current status of women in business and discuss future directions. The business world is a core area for leadership and the panel aims at identifying new pathways for the promotion of women's leadership in business worldwide, building on UNESCO's work in the field of women's economic empowerment and through the experience and vision of the distinguished speakers of this panel.

#### Moderator:

**Ms Bonnie Hagemann**, Chief Executive Officer of the Executive Development Associates

#### Keynote speaker:

**Ms Gabriela Ramos**, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20

#### Panelists:

**Dr Maliha Hashmi**, Executive Director of the Red Sea Foundation

**Dr Ing. Boriana Manolova**, CEO of Siemens Bulgaria, Chairperson of the Executive Board, Council of Women in Business in Bulgaria

**Ms Sasha Krstic**, Country Manager – Nordics & Baltics, Mastercard

**Ms Isabella Lenarduzzi**, Fondatrice et directrice du JUMP

**Ms Pascale Thorre**, Nokia Global Diversity and Inclusion Head, Founder of StrongHer

**Ms Debra Vanderburg Spencer**, Curator, Arts Management Specialist, contributor at the The Harlem Times



# Biographies des intervenants

## *Speaker Biographies*

(Par ordre alphabétique des noms de famille/*In alphabetical order by last name*)

Fatimetou Abdel Malick  
Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi  
Feride Acar  
Hoda Al-Helaissi  
Aïcha Bah Diallo  
Eva Biaudet  
Annie Black  
Adrienne Clarkson  
Barbara Cleary  
Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta  
Rangita de Silva de Alwis  
Elisabeth Decrey Warner  
Anita Erskine  
Meagan Fallone  
Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega  
H.R.H. Princess Dana Firas - The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
Miriam González Durántez  
Bonnie Hagemann  
Tarja Halonen  
Maliha Hashmi  
Mohamed Hmayen Bouamatou  
Beeban Kidron  
Michael Kimmel  
Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir  
Sasha Krstic  
Cécile Kyenge  
H.R.H Princess Petra Laurentien of the Netherlands  
Isabella Lenarduzzi  
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Jacqueline Moudeïna  
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Henri Thulliez  
Aminata Touré  
Debra Vanderburg Spencer  
Melanne Verveer



## Fatimetou Abdel Malick

Fatimetou Abdel Malick est Maire de Tevragh-Zeina (Mauritanie) depuis 2001. Elle est la première femme à avoir été élue Maire en Mauritanie. De 2007 à 2008, Mme Abdel Malick a été Secrétaire générale du Ministère de l'Équipement de l'Urbanisme et de l'Habitat (devenu MHUAT). Depuis 2008, elle est Chargée de Mission au Cabinet du Premier Ministre. En 2012, elle a été élue Présidente du Réseau des femmes élues locales d'Afrique (REFELA). En 2013, elle a aussi été nommée par l'ONU comme Championne pour les Villes résilientes en mai 2013 à Genève.



## Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi

Her Excellency Dr. Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi was elected Speaker of the Federal National Council (FNC) in November 2015, becoming the first woman to preside over a parliament in the Arab world. In 2016, she made history as the first female member of the FNC, the first woman to become its Deputy Speaker in 2011, and the first woman to chair an FNC meeting in 2013. Prior to her election as Speaker of FNC, she held the position of Director General at the Abu Dhabi Education Council (ADEC). Under her leadership, ADEC won two awards from the government of Abu Dhabi for excellence in government performance.



## Feride Acar

Feride Acar is professor emerita of political sociology and gender and women's studies. Currently, she is the President of GREVIO, the monitoring organ of the Council of Europe's Istanbul Convention. She is also a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) of which she was the Chairperson (2003-2005). Prof. Acar is the author of academic work on women's human rights and gender equality, and has provided consultancy and training to international institutions, governments and civil society organizations.



## Hoda Al-Helaissi

Hoda Al-Helaissi grew up and was educated in Rome, London and the US. In January 2013, she was appointed Member of the Shura Council, the formal advisory body of Saudi Arabia, as one of the first 30 women ever to serve at the Shura Council for a term of 4 years. In December 2016, she was appointed Member of the Shura Council for a second term of 4 years. Throughout the first term and since the beginning of the present mandate, she has been a member of the Foreign Affairs committee, and since 2014 has been the Committee's Deputy Chairperson. In February 2017, she was awarded the Rawabi Prize by the Saudi-British Association for helping to improve Saudi-British relations.



## Aïcha Bah Diallo

Ms. Aïcha Bah Diallo, known as champion of girls' education, is a founding member of the Forum for African Women Educationalists. She is the Chair of the Network for Education for All in Africa, the Chair of TrustAfrica, and the Treasurer of Aide et Action International. She is member of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation Prize Committee for Good Governance and Leadership in Africa. She was member of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Vision 2020 Commission, and is member of the IDB Women's Advisory Panel. She is the consultant of IDB for Bilingual Education in West Africa. Ms Bah Diallo was Minister of Education in Guinea from 1989 to 1996 where she pioneered work on lowering barriers to education for girls.



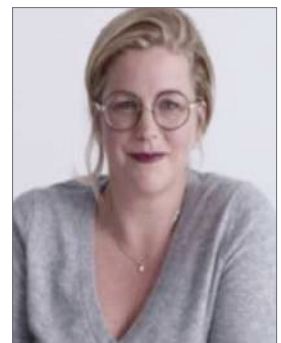
## Eva Biaudet

Eva Biaudet is a well-known human rights activist in Finland. She is a Member of Parliament and a former Minister of Social Services and Health, as well as Minister of Gender. Having returned for her fifth term in Parliament, in May 2015, she has taken seat as vice chair of the Legal Committee, membership in the Grand Committee handling European Affairs, as well as chairship of the informal human rights network of MPs. Eva Biaudet is the president of the National Council of Women of Finland - an umbrella organization of 58 women's organizations. She is also involved in many NGOs working on enhancing democracy, antiracism and children's rights.



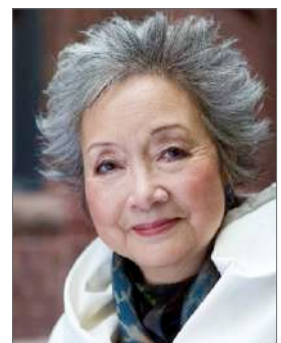
## Annie Black

Annie Black has been in charge of the international programme for Women in Science at the L'Oréal Foundation since 2014. In 2016, she was appointed as Director of the Foundation's Science programmes. Increasing the visibility of women scientists is one of the main objectives of the L'Oréal-UNESCO program for Women and Science. The L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science initiative began 19 years ago. Since that inaugural year, the L'Oréal Foundation and UNESCO have strived to support and recognize accomplished women researchers, to encourage more young women to enter the profession and to assist them once their careers are in progress.



## Adrienne Clarkson

The Rt. Hon. Adrienne Clarkson arrived in Canada from Hong Kong as a refugee in 1942 and made the astonishing journey from a penniless child to an accomplished broadcaster, journalist and distinguished public servant in a multi-faceted lifetime. During Madame Clarkson's mandate as Governor General, her energy, enthusiasm, and passion left an indelible mark on Canada's history. In 2005, she co-founded the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) to help new citizens integrate into Canadian life. The ICC hosts the annual 6 Degrees Citizen Space, the global forum on citizenship, immigration, inclusion, and diversity in the 21st century.





## Barbara Cleary

Barbara is passionate about women's rights and development and economic empowerment and joined the National Alliance of Women's Organisations (NAWO) because she believes in its potential to bring about change and improve the lives of women. She is Vice Chair on the Management Committee and represents England on the UK Joint Committee on Women. In 2016, she was appointed to represent UKJCW on the European Women's Lobby Board and was elected to the European Women's Lobby (EWL) Executive Committee. Barbara is also a Trustee for UN Women National Commission UK and has been actively involved in delivering awareness raising and fund raising campaigns in the UK to support UN Women global programmes.



## Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca took Office on 4 April 2014, as the youngest and second woman to become President of Malta, after being active in politics for forty years and serving in Parliament for sixteen years. President Coleiro Preca is an active Member of the Patron's Council of 'Missing Children Europe', Member of the Council of World Women Leaders, and Member of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum Advisory Board. Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca is an acclaimed speaker internationally, and has given keynote speeches at the United Nations, the Council of Europe, UNESCO, ISESCO, IOM, ILO, the UN Alliance of Civilisations, the European Parliament, CHOGM, Crans Montana, and at various renowned universities worldwide.



## Rangita de Silva de Alwis

Rangita de Silva de Alwis is the Associate Dean of International Affairs at the University of Pennsylvania Law School (Penn Law) and teaches International Women's Human Rights Law. At Penn Law, she has developed partnerships with OHCHR, UN Women, UNESCO and other multinational organizations. She also serves as the Academic Director of Penn Law's Global Institute for Human Rights. In 2017, Rangita was appointed a Global Advisor to the UN Sustainable Development Goal Fund. Before joining Penn Law, she was the inaugural director of the Global Women's Leadership Initiative and the Women in Public Service Project launched by Secretary Hillary Clinton and the Seven Sisters Colleges at Wellesley College, which then moved to the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars.



## Elisabeth Decrey Warner

Elisabeth Decrey Warner is the President of Geneva Call. For over 25 years, she has worked with NGOs on refugees, disarmament and humanitarian norms. Her work was recognized in 2005 when she was nominated for Switzerland as one of the 1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize. Ms Decrey Warner was a member of the Parliament of the Republic and Canton of Geneva for 12 years and was elected its President in 2000. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces as well as of the International Center for Humanitarian Demining. In 2015, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Geneva.

## Anita Erskine

Anita Erskine is a Ghanaian entrepreneur, TV and radio broadcaster. She is host to The One Show, a Talk show on Viasat 1. She is also host to +233 Discovery, a TV show featuring celebrities and inspirational stories. Anita Erskine is the Founder of BrandWoman Africa (BWA) - an organization that projects the advancement of women across all African societies and in the Diaspora through Television. With her innate desire to display the vision, determination and drive that almost every African Woman is celebrated for, BWA develops TV formats and platforms, which explore the Lifestyle, Fashion, Social Advancement and Political Ambitions of the Modern African Woman.



## Meagan Fallone

Meagan Fallone heads International Operations, Strategic Planning and Development for the Barefoot College. Responsible for coordination of the Women's Barefoot Solar Engineering program, she has been a field presence in more than 53 countries since 2011. She worked alongside Founder, Bunker Roy, to manage an aggressive scale-up of the Women's Solar Engineering Initiative, implementing the "barefoot model" of community-owned and managed, sustainable, grass roots development. Meagan is responsible for the expansion of 7 Regional Barefoot Vocational Training Centers across Sub Saharan Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia. In addition to the Training of Women Solar Engineers, these centers will encompass a Barefoot ENRICH curriculum, targeting Women's Micro-entrepreneurship, Reproductive Health, Livelihood Development and Financial Inclusion through digital interface and capacity building.



## Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega

Élue députée du PSOE (Parti socialiste espagnol) en 1996, Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega est nommée, en 2004, première vice-présidente du gouvernement espagnol. Elle devient ainsi la première femme à occuper cette fonction, qu'elle exercera en parallèle, à celle de ministre de la Présidence et de porte-parole du gouvernement jusqu'à la fin de 2010. Elle est actuellement conseillère permanente du Conseil d'État espagnol, l'organe consultatif suprême du gouvernement, autre fonction qu'aucune femme n'avait jusqu'alors exercée. Elle a également fait partie du Groupe consultatif mondial sur la société civile d'ONU Femmes. En février 2012, elle lance la Fondation Femmes pour l'Afrique, qui est devenue une entité de référence nationale et internationale dans la promotion du développement du continent africain.



## H.R.H. Princess Dana Firas – The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

HRH Princess Dana Firas has worked to promote cultural heritage preservation, education and sustainable development in various capacities in the three sectors: private, public and civil society, both in Jordan and in the United States. Princess Dana currently serves as President of the Petra National Trust (PNT), Jordan's oldest national nongovernmental organization in the field of heritage protection and preservation. Established in 1989, PNT seeks to preserve and protect the natural, cultural and socio-economic heritage of the ancient Nabataean city in southern Jordan and its surrounding region. Since 2008, Princess Dana has chaired the Board of the Petra National Foundation (PNF), an organization working to promote awareness of the world heritage values of Petra and to support projects and programs that protect and preserve the site.





## Miriam González Durántez

Miriam González Durántez is a partner at Dechert LLP, an international law firm in London. Prior to that, she led the trade practice of another major international law firm after working as a Senior Adviser in the European Commission for seven years. Miriam is a Non-Executive Member of the Board of UBS, the Honorary President of Canning House and a member of the Board of Instituto de Empresa in Spain. She is also the Founder and Chair of “Inspiring Girls International”, a charity dedicated to raising the aspirations of young girls around the world by connecting them with female role models.



## Bonnie Hagemann

Bonnie Hagemann is the CEO of Executive Development Associates, a boutique consulting firm specializing in top-of-the-house executive development and the development of high potentials into senior leaders. She has over 16 years of experience successfully leading consulting firms through times of rapid growth and acquisitions, as well as economic downturn and downsizing, in addition to 26 years of experience coaching, educating and developing leaders. With assessment expertise, her high impact development efforts center on developing leaders by gaining an in-depth understanding of each individual, the skills needed to execute the role, the current skills of the leader and the gaps that need to be addressed.



## Tarja Halonen

Tarja Halonen served two terms as President of Finland from 2000 to 2012. During her presidency, she was co-chair of the United Nations Millennium Summit, co-chair of the Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, co-chair of the UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability and Chair of the Council of Women Leaders. Prior to her election, she served as Minister of Social Affairs and Health, Minister of Justice, and Minister for Foreign Affairs. During her political career, which began in 1974, President Halonen has paid close attention to issues of human rights, democracy and civil society. Issues concerning social justice and promotion of gender equality have been central themes.



## Maliha Hashmi

Dr. Maliha Hashmi is the Executive Director of the Red Sea Foundation. Dr. Maliha Hashmi has served as a Senior Legal Advisor, Director for Research Programs, Partnerships & Legal, and Legal Consultant for various sectors and globally renowned companies, foundations, think tanks, firms, startups, hospitals, research centers, and universities including but not limited to the Massachusetts General Hospital, Emaar the Economic City, KFCRIS at the King Faisal Foundation, DLA Piper, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard Medical School, Harvard Law School, Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and the United Nations. She has assisted startups legally and strategically to develop, grow and become sustainable globally.

## Mohamed Hmayen Bouamatou

Mohamed Bouamatou is a self-taught Mauritanian entrepreneur. He is at the head of BSA Group, a giant in the Mauritanian and West African economy. In 2001, he created the Fondation Bouamatou eye hospital to help treat blindness. In 2004, Mohamed Bouamatou financed ten thousand connections to provide access to running water for the inhabitants of Kiffa, as well as building an extension to Cheikh Zayed Hospital maternity unit. Mohamed Bouamatou also funds primary and secondary schools in Mauritania and in other countries. In August 2015, together with two European lawyers specialised in Human rights law, Mohamed Bouamatou created the Fondation pour l'Egalité des Chances en Afrique (Foundation for Equal Opportunities in Africa), a registered charity recognised as such by a Belgian royal decree. The aim of this new structure is to facilitate the consolidation of such infrastructures as are required to reinforce the Rule of law and democracy in Africa. Mohamed Bouamatou is on the board of the Spanish foundation, Women for Africa.



## Beeban Kidron

The distinguished British filmmaker and activist Baroness Beeban Kidron was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire in 2012. She has directed an adaptation of Jeanette Winterson's autobiographical novel *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit* and *Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason*. Baroness Kidron is the joint founder of the education charity Filmclub, which helps schools with after-school clubs in the United Kingdom.



## Michael Kimmel

Michael Kimmel is one of the world's leading experts on men and masculinities. He is the SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Stony Brook University. Among his many books are *Manhood in America*, *Angry White Men*, *The Politics of Manhood*, *The Gendered Society* and the best seller *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men*. With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, he founded the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook in 2013. A tireless advocate of engaging men to support gender equality, Kimmel has lectured at more than 300 colleges, universities and high schools. He was recently called "the world's most prominent male feminist" in *The Guardian* newspaper in London.



## Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir

Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir is the Chair of the Executive Board of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum (WPL). She has been active in Icelandic politics for many years, both in the national Parliament and local government. She is the former Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Icelandic Parliament and former Minister of the Interior in Iceland. Before getting elected to Parliament, she was the Mayor of Reykjavík, the President of the City Council and chaired several committees and organisations for the City of Reykjavík. She is also the former Vice Chair of the Independence Party in Iceland; the former deputy Secretary General of the party and the former Secretary General of its Parliamentary Group.





## Sasha Krstic

Sasha Krstic is Head of Nordic and Baltic countries at Mastercard. Prior to this, she was senior vice president and group head, Global Products & Solutions for MasterCard Canada. In this role, she oversaw the development of innovative products and services that benefit MasterCard Canada's consumers, merchants, and business partners.



## Cécile Kyenge

Cécile Kyenge, former Italian Minister for Integration, has been a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since 2014. As MEP, she is a member of the Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats (S&D), of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and of the Committee on Development (DEVE). She is also Vice-President of the Joint Parliamentary Assembly ACP-EU and member of the delegation for relations with the Pan-African Parliament. She is co-President of the European Parliament "Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup" (ARDI). She was the co-rapporteur for the European Parliament's report on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic approach to migration. In 2015 and 2016, she was appointed Chief Observer of the EU election observation missions in Burkina Faso and Zambia. She was also part of the EU Parliament's delegation for the EU election observation missions in Nigeria, Haiti, Gabon and Gambia.



## H.R.H Princess Petra Laurentien of the Netherlands

H.R.H. Princess Laurentien of the Netherlands has been committed to literacy for years, based on the conviction that literacy is a basic human right and a precondition for a healthy, strong and durable society. It was while doing her Masters in Journalism at UC Berkeley in the US that Princess Laurentien first encountered people who had learned to read and write later in life. Following her studies, she worked for CNN Headline News in Atlanta. Years later, alongside her professional activities in Brussels, she taught Flemish adults with low literacy skills as a volunteer. In the Netherlands, Princess Laurentien received the ABC award for her literacy work in 2003, the year she also established the Reading & Writing Foundation (Stichting Lezen & Schrijven).



## Isabella Lenarduzzi

Isabella Lenarduzzi is a social entrepreneur and key opinion leader and speaker in gender equality, and female entrepreneurship. She has been a social entrepreneur, an expert in communication and event organisation for 30 years. Her areas of interest include gender equality, employment, education, training, entrepreneurship, innovation and European public affairs. She is the Founder and Managing Director of JUMP the leading social enterprise working with organisations and individuals to close the gap between women and men at work, to achieve sustainable corporate performance and to create a more equal society. Isabella manages currently 3 companies, 2 NGOs and a team of 12 persons with offices in Brussels and Paris.

## Tzipi Livni

Tzipi Livni is a prominent Israeli politician and former Foreign Minister of Israel. Livni has served in eight different cabinet positions throughout her career, setting the record for most government roles held by an Israeli woman. Consequently, she has achieved a number of milestones in Israeli female political leadership, as the first female Vice Prime Minister, Justice Minister, Agriculture Minister, and Housing Minister. From 2006 to 2008, Forbes magazine ranked Livni on its List of 100 Most Powerful Women three years in row. Livni became the first Israeli woman to receive the International Hall of Fame Award from the International Women's Forum.



## Boriana Manolova

Dr Eng. Boriana Manolova is CEO of Siemens Bulgaria and Chairperson of the Council of Women in Business in Bulgaria (CWBB). Her professional career began in the Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labor. Soon after, she was appointed Regional director of the Foreign Investment Agency seated in Ruse, Bulgaria. Between 1998 and 2007 she successfully managed the Bulgarian business of Atlas Copco Lifton, part of the Swedish Atlas Copco group - leader in solution for mining, energy and construction industries. Boriana Manolova has a Masters degree in Corporate Finance from the Business Academy in Svishtov, a Masters degree in Micro-electronics, and a Doctorate in Energy management in the industry from the Ruse University.



## Mara Marinaki

Ambassador Mara Marinaki is the EEAS Principal Adviser on Gender and on the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. Prior to this she was the Managing Director for Global and Multilateral Issues at the European External Action Service, responsible for EU foreign policy in the areas of international organizations, human rights, and security and non-proliferation of mass destruction weapons - a position to which she was appointed in May 2011. Mara Marinaki joined the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980, and has served abroad in postings in Washington DC, Berlin, Vienna and Brussels. Ambassador Marinaki was the Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE from 2007 to 2011.



## Aminetou Mint el Moctar

Aminetou Mint El-Moctar is a Mauritanian women's rights activist. She is shortlisted for the Nobel Peace prize, making her the first Mauritanian ever considered for such a distinction. In the past, she received prizes for her activism: the Human Rights prize of the French Republic in 2006, and a special prize from the US Department of State in 2010. She was also awarded the French Legion of Honor in 2010. She is currently the President of l'Association de Femmes Chefs de Famille (AFCF) - Association of Female Heads of Households, a structure that aims to promote human rights and defend women's and children's rights in Mauritania.





## Eleonora Mitrofanova

The Ambassador-at-large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supervises the issues of the world heritage of UNESCO, the support of the Russian language in the world, and gender equality. Former Permanent Delegate of the Russian Federation to UNESCO (2009-2016), Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO (2009-2011), Chairperson of UNESCO World Heritage Committee (2011-2012). In 2001-2003, Mrs. Mitrofanova was UNESCO Assistant Director-General for Administration, before being appointed First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, responsible for Russians abroad and cultural action. Among her awards are the Winner of National Award of Public Recognition of the Achievements of Women "Olympia" by the Russian Academy of Business and Enterprise (2003) and the order of "Douslyk" (Tatarstan, 2017).



## Carmen Moreno

Carmen Moreno has a long career in Diplomacy and International Relations. She was the first woman in Mexico to receive the post of Eminent Ambassador. She was part of the Mexican delegation to the World Conference on Women (1975, Mexico) and served as a delegate to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) during the Decade of UN Women, Equality, Development and Peace (1985-1995). In December 2003, she was appointed as Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW, now part of UN Women). In 2009, the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), José Miguel Insulza, named Moreno as Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM).



## Jacqueline Moudeïna

Jacqueline Moudeïna, a Chadian lawyer and human rights activist, is leading the effort to bring to trial the former Chadian dictator Hissène Habré and to achieve justice for his victims. Moudeïna has represented Habré's victims since 2000. She put herself at risk by pursuing charges against Habré's accomplices, many of whom are now senior government officials. Moudeïna's work extends far beyond the Habré case. As president of the Chadian Association for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights, the leading human rights nongovernmental organization in Chad, she has assumed a prominent role on such issues as prisoners' rights, conditions for child herders, women's rights, and corruption.



## Evernice Munando

Evernice Munando is the Founder and Executive Director of the Female Students Network Trust (FSNT). Munando's personal experience as a student leader and student activist inspired her to establish the Network which has managed to change lives of many, particularly women and girls. Within a short period of time, her organization has managed to acquire several awards including the outstanding UNESCO prize on girls and women's Education in 2016 and the National Award in 2015 as the Outstanding Human Rights Defender. She is actively involved in civic society and government development work and sits in several boards. Evernice is specialized in and has passion for women and girls empowerment.



## Irene Natividad

Irene Natividad, a recognized leader for women in the United States and throughout the world, is Chair of the GlobeWomen Research and Education Institute, President of the Global Summit of Women, an annual international gathering of women leaders from around the world on business/economic issues, and Chair of Corporate Women Directors International (CWDI), which promotes the increased participation of women on corporate boards globally. Based in Washington D.C., Ms. Natividad is the force behind the 27-year old Global Summit of Women, informally called “The Davos for Women” by past participants for the caliber of its attendees and presenters, as well as its mix of business and government leaders.



## Helene Öberg

Helene Öberg is State Secretary to the Minister for Education Gustav Fridolin. State Secretaries are politically appointed senior officials at the Government Offices who lead the work of a ministry directly under the head of the ministry or another minister. They are responsible for planning and coordination. Ms Öberg’s areas of responsibility are compulsory schools and preschools. She has held a number of positions and assignments including County Council Commissioner, Swedish Green Party, Stockholm County Council and Convener, National Board of the Swedish Green Party.



## Zuriel Oduwole

Zuriel Oduwole is a filmmaker and Girls’ Education Advocate. In January 2017, the US Secretary of State, John Kerry, honored her in Washington DC for her DUSUSU project, which focuses on making the case for Girls’ Education on the African continent, and teaches young unemployed youths, especially girls, a basic “Film Making” 101 class. A student from her first film making class in Namibia made her own documentary nine months later in November 2016. Zuriel has met one-on-one with 24 Presidents to discuss Girls’ Education Policies, and has spoken to more than 24,650 youths across 11 countries about the power of Education. She shared a unique perspective about Education at a UNGA event in September 2016.



## Shazia Z. Rafi

Shazia Z. Rafi was the Secretary-General of Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) from 1996-2013. Under her tenure, PGA led successful ratification campaigns for the International Criminal Court (2002), and the Arms Trade Treaty (2013); achieved consensus on operative language on abortion and family planning at the UN’s Cairo conference and on parliamentary quotas/reservations for women at the UN’s Beijing Conference. Shazia has a B.A. in Political Science from Bryn Mawr College, and a Masters from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Shazia currently works on the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals on air-quality issues and is a contributing editor for the Women’s Media Centre.





## Gabriela Ramos

Gabriela Ramos is the OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender). Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America.



## Clarisse Reille

Clarisse Reille is the Director of DEFI, the Professional Committee for Economic Development of Clothing, and the President of GEF, Grandes Écoles de la Flèche. This vast network, led by Clarisse Reille, consists of 42,000 graduates. In the latter function, she carried out a study on the quantification of women in management teams.



## Mazal Renford

Mazal Renford is the Director of the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Center (MCTC), in Haifa, Israel. Under the auspices of MASHAV –Israel's National Agency for International Development Cooperation- she has organized hundreds of training courses at MCTC, designed to promote women's leadership and capacity-building towards socio-economic development. In 2007, she was elected to represent Israel on the Executive Board of INSTRAW – the UN International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. Mazal Renford is a member of several national and international women's organizations



## Tarcila Rivera Zea

Tarcila Rivera Zea is one of the most recognized indigenous activists in Peru and the world. For more than 25 years, she has been defending indigenous rights through her organization CHIRAPAQ, Center for Indigenous Cultures of Peru. Mrs. Rivera Zea is also founder of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA), and the International Indigenous Women's Forum (FIMI), networks that foster leadership and political participation of millions of indigenous women around the globe. She has been appointed as member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the 2017-2019 period.

## Michaella Rugwizangoga

Michaella Rugwizangoga is a young Rwandan writer, award-winning poet, spoken word artist, designer and scientist. She writes and performs in French, English, German, Spanish, and Kinyarwanda, and has shared her poetry on numerous stages throughout the world (in Kigali, Kaiserslautern, Paris, Berlin and more). She co-founded “Words of the World” (#WOTW), which is an open-mic and poetry platform based in Germany and Rwanda. Rugwizangoga holds a Master’s degree in Food & Drug quality control and environmental toxicology and received an excellence scholarship from the government of Rwanda.



## Mistoura Salou

Mrs. Mistoura Salou is part of the The Center for Reflection and Action for Integrated Development and Solidarity (CeRADIS) in the Republic of Benin. CeRADIS is an NGO that has been working for nearly two decades in the sphere of Beninese civil society organizations and is working to improve access to health and basic education for the population. The organization has adopted as a development issue the fight against HIV / AIDS, the promotion of Health and Rights in Sexuality and Reproduction and the empowerment of girls and women.



## Marlène Schiappa

Marlène Schiappa est secrétaire d’État chargée de l’Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes dans le gouvernement Édouard Philippe depuis le 17 mai 2017. Elle est une femme politique et écrivaine française. Elle est la fondatrice et présidente du réseau Maman travaille. Adjointe au maire du Mans Jean-Claude Boulard, déléguée à l’Égalité à partir de 2014, elle est également conseillère communautaire au Mans Métropole et responsable du pôle « égalité femmes-hommes » du mouvement politique En marche!.



## Lydia Shouleva

Lydia Shouleva, Founder of Business Intellect Ltd., is a Financial and Business consultant with over 25 years of experience. From 1995 to 2001, she was the CEO of Albena Invest Holding. From 2001 to 2009, she held the positions of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy and Minister of Labor and Social Policy as well as of Member of European and Bulgarian Parliament. Between 2010 and 2016, she was appointed Council Member of the United Nations University in Japan. Ms Shouleva is currently a member of the Board of Directors of several multinational companies, provides advisory on investment projects and is also an executive coach and mentor.





## Hayat Sindi

Hayat Sindi is a leading biotechnologist and a champion of science and technology in the Middle East. In 2013 Ms. Sindi was one of the first 30 women to be appointed to Saudi Arabia's highest consultative body, the Shura Council, and is one of 25 global experts to have been selected by Former Secretary General Ban Ki Moon to be a member of the newly constituted UN Scientific Advisory Board, which will provide advice to the UN's leadership on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development. Ms. Sindi is also a Goodwill Ambassador for Sciences at UNESCO.



## Pascale Thorre

Pascale has 25 years experience in innovation, strategy and diversity. In 2011, together with 5 colleagues, Pascale founded 'StrongHer', the employee network changing the way we look at talent, irrespective of gender. This network has grown in 50+ countries, gathering 1500 members, including 22% men, and been recognized in 2014 by ITU and UN Women as a winner of the 2014 GEM-TECH Global Achiever Award; and by UNESCO with a MoU to promote gender diversity through partnerships with universities, social networks, and corporations. Pascale is a keen blogger and believer in diversity and inclusion as a business imperative and strategic challenge.



## Henri Thulliez

Henri Thulliez is the Director of the Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique and an Administrator of the Platform to Protect Whistleblowers in Africa (PPLAAF). He graduated in Law from University of Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense. He holds a LLM from the School of Oriental and African Studies in conflict resolution as well as a Masters in International administration from the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. For five years, he was the coordinator at Human Rights Watch of the Hissène Habré case, the former president of Chad who was tried before a special court in Senegal. Before that, he worked for the UNRWA in Jordan. He is the author of the Human Rights Watch report "Hissène Habré: Supported by France, Convicted by Africa", which explores the relationships between the Chadian and French authorities during the 1980s. Henri Thulliez has written numerous articles in Le Monde, Libération, Huffington Post US, Huffington Post France and Newsweek Europe.



## Aminata Touré

Aminata Touré is a Senegalese politician who served as the Prime Minister of Senegal from 1 September 2013 to 4 July 2014. She was the second female Prime Minister of Senegal, and she previously served as Justice Minister from 2012 to 2013. From 1995, she worked for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), first as a senior technical advisor to the Ministry of Family and Social Action of Burkina Faso, and then as UNFPA Regional Advisor for The Francophone African countries and coordinator of the Gender and HIV program in West Africa for the regional office of the United Nations Fund for Women. In 2003, she was appointed Director of the Human Rights Department of UNFPA in New York.

## Debra Vanderburg Spencer

Debra Vanderburg Spencer is an award-winning independent curator, art historian and arts management professional in New York City. As curator, she has organized exhibitions of artists of diverse backgrounds, and has spoken and written on issues of Contemporary Art. Recent institutional clients include William J. Clinton Foundation, NY State Council on the Arts, Harlem Arts Alliance, and National Endowment for the Arts. Spencer has consulted for the U.S. Congress and the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. She received curatorial training at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, and holds a Master's Degree from Harvard University Graduate School of Education.



## Melanne Verveer

Melanne Verveer served as the first US Ambassador for Global Women's Issues from 2009-2013. Today she is the Director of the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace & Security. The Institute highlights the experiences of women in peace and security through cutting-edge research and strategic partnerships. The Institute recognizes that women's participation is critical to conflict prevention and peace-building. She also serves as the Special Representative for Gender for the Chairmanship of the OSCE. Earlier she co-founded the Vital Voices Global Partnership, an NGO that invests in emerging women leaders, serving as its Chair and CEO. During the Clinton Administration, she was Chief-of-Staff to First Lady Hillary Clinton.





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Saniye Gülser Corat est directrice de la Division pour l'égalité des genres à l'UNESCO. Elle a rejoint l'UNESCO en 2004 et a joué un rôle clé dans la désignation de l'égalité des genres comme l'une des deux priorités globales de l'Organisation en 2007. Avant de rejoindre l'UNESCO, Gülser a poursuivi une double carrière en tant qu'experte en développement international et chercheuse universitaire, à Ottawa, au Canada. Elle a également fondé et dirigé ECI Consulting, où elle a géré des programmes et des projets dans le développement rural, l'agroalimentaire, les ressources en eau, et la génération de revenus pour les groupes vulnérables dans plus de 30 pays.

*Saniye Gülser Corat is the Director of the Division for Gender Equality at UNESCO. She joined UNESCO in 2004 and played a key role in the designation of gender equality as one of two global priorities of the Organization in 2007. Prior to joining UNESCO, Gülser pursued a dual career as an academic and international development expert, based in Ottawa, Canada. She was the founder and CEO of ECI Consulting, through which she managed programs and projects in rural development, agribusiness, water resources, and income generation for the vulnerable groups in over 30 countries.*

Gülser est une oratrice TEDx. Elle est diplômée de la Harvard Kennedy School et de la Harvard Business School et a obtenu sa licence de l'Université Boğaziçi (Istanbul, Turquie), et des Masters du Collège d'Europe (Bruges, Belgique) et de la Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Université Carleton (Ottawa, Canada). Elle a poursuivi son doctorat au Département de sciences politiques de l'Université Carleton.

*Gülser is a TEDx Speaker. She holds post-graduate degrees from Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School, B.A Honours degree from Boğaziçi University (Istanbul, Turkey), M.A. degrees from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) and the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada). She pursued doctoral studies at the Political Science Department of Carleton University.*

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## Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique

Cet évènement n'aurait pas pu avoir lieu sans la contribution généreuse de la Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique, une organisation philanthropique belge reconnue d'utilité publique par arrêté royal le 15 août 2015.

Créée par l'entrepreneur Mohamed Bouamatou et des avocats spécialisés dans la défense des droits de l'Homme, la Fondation soutient des projets à but non lucratif afin de renforcer en Afrique :

- L'Etat de droit et la démocratie,
- L'égalité des chances par l'éducation, la justice, la santé, la culture et les droits de l'Homme,
- La transparence de la vie publique et la lutte contre la corruption.

Pour la Fondation, la construction de l'Etat de droit est une condition de l'émancipation des populations et de la promotion d'un développement économique, social et culturel durable.

La Fondation cherche à promouvoir toute action et projet en faveur d'une meilleure éducation, de la bonne gouvernance, de l'accès à la santé pour tous et plus généralement de la culture, de la transparence de la vie publique, de la lutte contre la corruption et du respect de la Déclaration universelle des droits de l'Homme.

## Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique

This event would not have been possible without the generous collaboration of the Fondation pour l'Égalité des Chances en Afrique, a Belgian philanthropic organization, which received its charitable status by royal decree on August 15th 2015.

It was created by an entrepreneur, Mohamed Bouamatou, and lawyers specialised in Human rights law. The foundation supports non-profit projects for Africa that contribute to reinforcing:

- The Rule of law and democracy
- Equal opportunities made possible by education, the legal system, health, culture and human rights
- Transparency in the public sector and the fight against corruption.

For the foundation, the establishment of the Rule of law conditions the emancipation of the population and encourages sustainable economic, social and cultural development.

The foundation aims to promote any action or project in favour of better education, good governance, universal health coverage, and more generally culture, transparency in public life, the fight against corruption, and respect of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

