



# W20 SUMMIT

**Women Led Development  
Transform, Thrive, and Transcend**

**14 - 16 JUNE, 2023**

**MAHABALIPURAM, TAMIL NADU, INDIA**

**EVENT BROCHURE**



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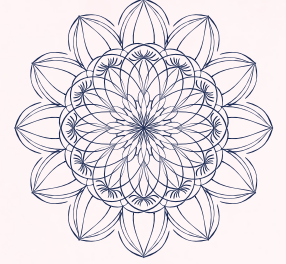
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# INTRODUCTION



Gender equity is fundamental to achieve a more egalitarian, peaceful, just and equitable society and to ensure the empowerment of women and girls in all their diversity. In their daily lives, women and girls face many inequalities and violations of their rights that negatively affect their life and their personal and professional development and limit their capacity for social and labor incorporation, affecting their economic power and increasing their dependency.

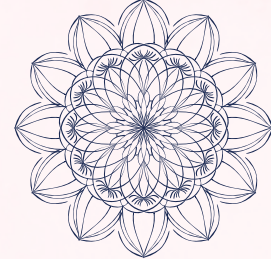
Health is an area where these inequalities for women and girls in all their diversity, are observed. they face greater obstacles to access health services and consequently quality of health care. As mentioned by UNWomen (2022) this is reflected in the fact that, although men and women have different health needs, both have the right to live a healthy life, but in the case of women, girls and non-binary people, access to quality health is limited by systematic gender discrimination.

A central aspect of women's and girls' health is sexual and reproductive health, which is vital to achieving comprehensive health and is a basic human right. In addition, "Women's empowerment depends on the protection of their sexual and reproductive health and rights, including access to health care and education and the right to make their own informed decisions about their bodies."

W20 India has adopted a 4C strategy to advance its agenda: Collaborate, Cooperate, Communicate and build consensus, and Call to Action to achieve its mission and goals. India's W20 agenda focuses on five key priorities:

- Women Entrepreneurship
- Grassroot Women Leadership
- Bridging the Gender Digital Divide
- Education and Skill Development
- Climate Change





These priority areas, which have been carefully chosen by W20 India, are intended to address the obstacles faced by women that are relevant to all G20 nations and call for the greatest amount of work to advance gender equality, secure the sustainability of global societies, and build more gender-inclusive policies.

Since India assumed the Presidency of G20 in December 2022, W20 has organized 150 events covering 15 states of India. These events include JanBhagidari events (Citizens' Connect Program), Taskforce meetings, and Consultation with Policymakers. Out of these, 7 JanBhagidari events (Citizens' Connect Program) have been organized online. W20 India has also organized a Side Event on the theme 'Grassroots Leadership and Transformation-Charting the Path of Empowerment and Skill Development' at the UN in New York, USA. W20 India has reached out to and made a direct impact on the lives of 74218 women and young girls across India.

W20 is committed to its principle of 'Leave No Women Behind' and the events organized by W20 have covered a vast diversity of women including rural and urban women, tribal women, adolescent school and college girls, as well as women from financially weak backgrounds. W20 India also curates a monthly newsletter which includes all JanBhagidari events (Citizens' Connect Program) and Consultations with Policymakers held in that month.

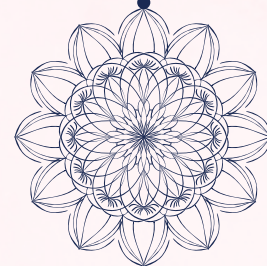
W20 will work with its stakeholders, which includes grassroots level rural and urban women, G20 delegates of G20 nations, policymakers, and other engagement groups as well as organizations from the G20 countries to develop policy recommendations that are submitted directly to the G20 leaders for consideration. It promises to play a crucial role in economically empowering women across the world by reducing the gender pay gap and undertaking efforts to make the patriarchal society more equitable.

Dr. Sandhya Purecha leads the W20 engagement group as Chair along with eminent women as India delegates/participants- Dr. Jyoti Kiran Shukla, Dr. Shamika Ravi, Ms. Bharati Ghosh, Ms. Raveena Tandon, Ms. Bansuri Swaraj and Ms. Dharitri Patnaik, the Chief Coordinator of the W20 Secretariat.



## SIDE EVENT

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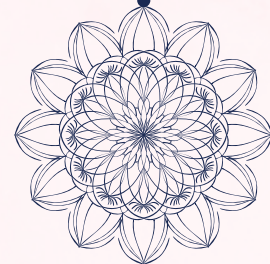


TIME	PROGRAM	LOCATION
4:30 PM-6:30PM	<p><b>Janbhagidari- The journey of Empowerment</b></p> <p>Transformational stories from across India facilitated by National Rural Livelihood Mission, Ministry of Rural Development, GOI, &amp; Tamil Nadu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by <b>Ms. Bansuri Swaraj</b>, Supreme Court Advocate, W20 India Delegate</li> <li>• <b>Smt. Bhavya</b> (Karnataka SRLM)</li> <li>• <b>Smt. Radha Laxmi</b> (UP SRLM)</li> <li>• <b>Smt. Shobha Rani</b> (Telangana SRLM)</li> <li>• <b>Tmt. Selvi</b> (Tamil Nadu)</li> <li>• <b>Tmt. A. Rajam</b> (Tamil Nadu)</li> <li>• <b>Megha Harsha</b>- Artist and Guinness World Record holder</li> <li>• <b>Virgina Littlejohn</b>- Co-HoD, USA</li> <li>• Other delegates/Open Mic</li> </ul>	Isle of Water
7 PM Onwards	Dinner	



# DAY 1

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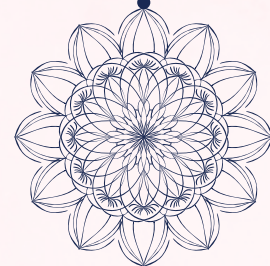
TIME	PROGRAM	Location
8:00 AM- 8:30 AM	Registration	Main Lobby
8:30 AM-10:00AM	<p>W20 Delegates Meeting- Communique and Way Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks by <b>Dr. Sandhya Purecha</b>, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Chair W20 India</li> <li>• Communique Process by <b>Dr. Shamika Ravi</b>, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Lead -W20 2023 Communique Drafting Committee</li> <li>• Remarks by <b>Prof Narnia Bohler-Muller</b> and <b>Ms. Virginia Littlejohn</b>, Members of Communique Drafting Committee</li> <li>• Presentation of Advocacy Plan for Communique by W20 Secretariat</li> <li>• Interventions by HoDs</li> <li>• Interventions by Delegates</li> </ul> <p>Moderated by <b>Dharitri Patnaik</b>, Entrepreneur &amp; Philanthropist, Chief Coordinator W20</p>	<p>W20 HoDs &amp; Delegates</p> <p>(Closed Door)</p> <p>Isle of Wind</p>
10:00AM- 10:15AM	<p>Inauguration of Exhibition from Grassroots Entrepreneurs of Tamil Nadu, supported by Department of Rural Development, Tamil Nadu. Exhibits by W20 Argentina and W20 Indonesia</p>	Ball Room





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## The Road to Achieving the SDGs

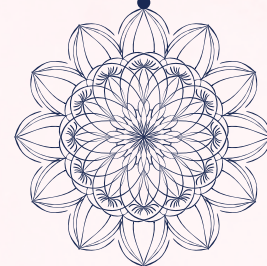
### The intersection between Women's Health, Gender Equality, and Socioeconomic Development

TIME	PROGRAM
10:15AM- 11:45AM	<p>Moderator: <b>Lauren Power</b>, Founder &amp; Advisor, Young Professionals in Foreign Policy, Tokyo &amp; W20 USA Delegate</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Noha Salem</b>, Global Women's Health Lead, Organon</li><li>• <b>Andrea Wojner</b>, Country Representative, UNFPA India</li><li>• <b>Aparajita Gogoi</b>, National Coordinator, White Ribbon Alliance – India</li><li>• <b>Dr. Mabel Bianco</b>, Founder, Foundation on Studies and Research on Women &amp; W20 HoD, Argentina</li></ul>
11:45AM- 12:00PM	Tea



# INAUGURAL SESSION

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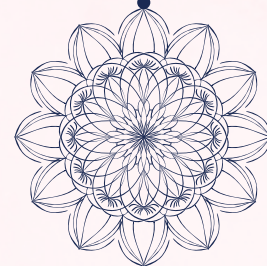
TIME	PROGRAM
12:00 Noon- 12:10 PM	Introductory address by <b>Dr. Sandhya Purecha</b> , Chair Women 20 (W20)
12:10 PM- 12:25 PM	Welcome address by <b>Dr. Shamika Ravi</b> , Member, Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council & W20 India Delegate
12:25 PM-12:40 PM	Special address by <b>Mr. Shombi Sharp</b> , UN Resident Coordinator, India
12:40 PM-12:55 PM	Special address by <b>Shri Amitabh Kant</b> , Sherpa G20
12:55 PM-1:15 PM	Keynote address by <b>Smt. Smriti Z Irani</b> , Honourable Minister Women & Child Development, Government of India
1:15PM- 1:20PM	Release of Communique
1:20PM-1:30PM	Closing remarks by <b>Ms. Dharitri Patnaik</b> , Entrepreneur and Philanthropist, Chief Coordinator, W20
1:30PM-2:30PM	Lunch





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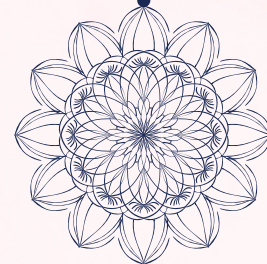
## Safeguarding our Planet through Women Led Climate Action

TIME	PROGRAM
2:30 PM-4:00 PM	<p>Moderator: <b>Lemona Chanda</b>, McCain Global Leader, Founder, OurCause &amp; W20 UK Delegate</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Priya Agarwal Hebbbar</b>, Non Executive Director, Vedanta &amp; Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Maria Damanaki</b>, Founder and Leader of the Leading Women for the Ocean (LWO), Formerly European Union Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Greece</li> <li>• <b>Vere Shaba</b>, Founder &amp; Director at Greendesign Africa, ESG &amp; Climate &amp; Carbon &amp; Circularity Advisor &amp; Investment Committee, South Africa</li> <li>• <b>Pratibha Vuppuluri</b>, Managing Partner at Unreasonable Collective, New York, United States</li> <li>• <b>Joanita Babirye</b>, Co-Founder and Director for Girls for Climate Action, Uganda</li> <li>• <b>Aradhana Khowala</b>, CEO &amp; Founder, Aptamind Partners, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p><b>Release of W20 First Respondent Framework</b></p>



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## Transformation through emerging & frontier technologies-accelerating progress and bridging the gender digital divide

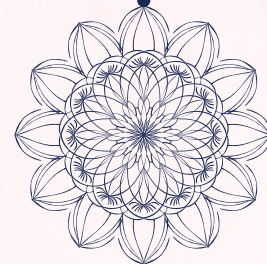
TIME	PROGRAM
4:00 PM- 5:30 PM	<p>Moderator: <b>Suma Chander</b>, Principal &amp; Head Digital Transformation, PKF OD, USA</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mariagrazia Squicciarini</b>, Director of Social Policy a.i. Social and Human Sciences Sector at UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>Dorothy K Gordon</b>, Board Member, UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education &amp; W20 UK Delegate</li> <li>• <b>Laureline M Josset</b>, Associate Research Scientist, Columbia University, USA</li> <li>• <b>Simonetta Zarrilli Traeger</b>, Chief of Trade, Gender and Development Programme of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)</li> <li>• <b>Ifoema Nwakwesi Uddoh</b>, Founder-CEO, Shecluded, Nigeria</li> <li>• <b>Veronica Kamanga-Njikho</b>, Regional Gender Advisor, UNICEF</li> </ul>
7 PM Onwards	<b>Cultural Evening and Gala Dinner on Savannah Lawns</b>





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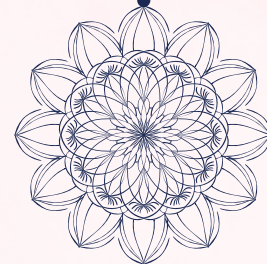
## Call to action- Breaking the Glass Ceiling

TIME	PROGRAM
9:30 AM-11:00 AM	<p>Keynote address by <b>Vanathi Srinivasan</b>, National President – Mahila Morcha, Bharatiya Janata Party</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Prof. Dr. Neeta Inamdar</b>, Jean Monnet Chair, Head- Manipal Centre for European Studies, MAHE, India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bharati Ghosh</b>, Former Indian Police Official, Award-winning UN official, and National Spokesperson for BJP</li> <li>• <b>K. Ratnaprabha</b>, Founder President, Ubuntu Consortium -A platform for Women Entrepreneurs Associations, Retired IAS and Former Chief Secretary of Karnataka</li> <li>• <b>Sanjam Sahi Gupta</b>, Director, Sitara Shipping, Founder, MaritimeSheEO, Top 100 Women in Shipping by All About Shipping UK, Executive Board member -World Maritime University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Nurseem Keskin Aksay</b>, Asst Prof, Ibn Haldun University, Department of Sociology, Executive Board Member, KADEM, W20 Head of Delegation, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Adriana Carvalho</b>, CEO of Generation Brazil and Co-Head, W20 Brazil</li> </ul>
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Tea



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## Economic empowerment through Trade and Investment

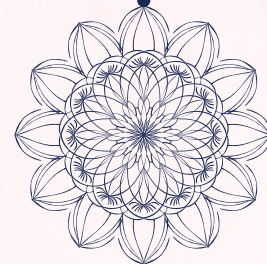
TIME	PROGRAM
11:30 AM- 1:00 PM	<p>Moderator: <b>Jahnabi Phookan</b>, Director, JTI Group, Assam, India</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Shamika Ravi</b>, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Lead -W20 2023 Communique Drafting Committee</li><li>• <b>Anoush Der Boghossian</b>, Head of the WTO Trade and Gender Office</li><li>• <b>Bansuri Swaraj</b>, Advocate Supreme Court of India &amp; W20 India Delegate</li><li>• <b>Dr. Stephanie Oestreich</b>, Board Member of the Harvard Kennedy School Women's Network and Chief Business Officer for Galecto</li><li>• <b>Dr. Marina K Glazatova</b>, Advisor to the Scientific Director of the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) and Deputy Director of the HSE Institute of Trade Policy in Russia</li></ul>
1:00 PM-2:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>





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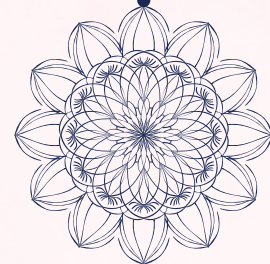


## Investing in services and infrastructure for an Enabling Care Economy

TIME	PROGRAM
2:00 PM-3:30 PM	<p>Moderator: <b>Kelsey Harris</b>, Interim Deputy Director of Policy and Advocacy, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Aditi Das Rout</b>, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Women &amp; Child Development, Government of India</li> <li>• <b>Aya Matsuura</b>, Gender Specialist, ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team, South Asia</li> <li>• <b>Esther Achumi Dennis</b>, Former Service &amp; Support Administrator, Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio, USA</li> <li>• <b>Mitali Nikore</b>, Founder &amp; Chief Economist, Nikore Associates</li> <li>• <b>Chiou See Anderson</b>, Australian Women Economic Equality Taskforce within Prime Minister of Australia's cabinet</li> </ul>
3:30 PM-4:00PM	Tea

# CLOSING SESSION

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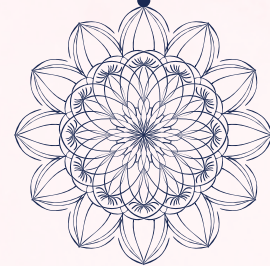
### Celebrating the power of Women Empowerment

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4:00 PM-5:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by <b>Bharati Ghosh</b>, Former Indian Police Official, Award-winning UN official, and National Spokesperson for BJP</li> <li>• Keynote address by <b>Thiru Thangam Thenarasu</b>, Minister for Finance, Planning, Human Resources Management, Government of Tamil Nadu</li> <li>• Address by <b>Gulden Turktan</b>, Chair W20 Turkey 2015</li> <li>• Address by <b>Linda Laura Sabbadini</b>, Chair W20 Italy 2021, Director of the Department of Methods and New Technologies of National Statistical Institute</li> <li>• Address by <b>Uli Silalahi</b>, Chair W20 Indonesia 2022</li> <li>• Address by <b>Adriana Carvalho</b>, CEO of Generation Brazil and Co-Head, W20 Brazil</li> <li>• Address by <b>Prof Narnia Bohler-Muller</b>, Member of Communique Drafting Committee</li> <li>• Closing Remarks by <b>Dr. Sandhya Purecha</b>, Chairperson, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Chair W20</li> </ul>
7:00 PM Onwards	<b>Dinner</b>





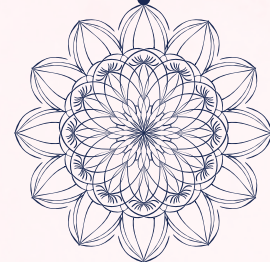
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TIME	PROGRAM
6:00AM-9:00AM	Excursion Coordinated by Department of Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu



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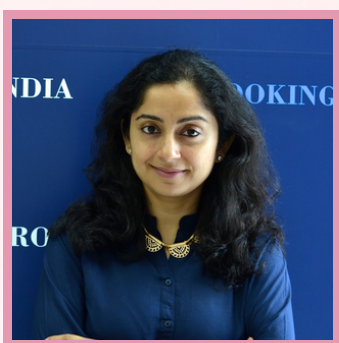
## Inaugural Session



**Dr. Sandhya Purecha**  
Chairperson, Sangeet  
Natak Akademi  
Chair W20

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Dr. Sandhya Purecha, Sangeet Natak Akademi Awardee is a renowned Performing Academician, Bharatanatyam Guru, Performing Artist, Innovator- Choreographer, Prolific Writer, and an Avowed Scholar. She is the Founder- Principal of the pioneering Bharata College of Fine Arts & Culture and Artistic Director of KalaParichay, Mumbai. She has authored seven research-based books on dance. She has toured nationally and internationally with her pioneering research-based productions on diverse themes and texts. An authority on classical dance and Sanskrit, she is affiliated with several universities offering her expertise as an Expert Advisor on the Academic Council and Board of Studies. She is the recipient of several coveted National awards. At present Dr. Purecha is the Chairperson for Sangeet Natak Akademi & Chair of W20 India.



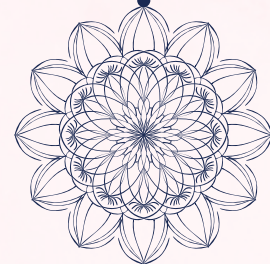
**Dr. Shamika Ravi**  
Member of the Economic  
advisory Council of the  
Prime Minister of India &  
Lead- W20 2023  
Communique Drafting  
Committee

### WELCOME ADDRESS

Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India, W20 Delegate Dr. Shamika Ravi is an economist with a keen interest in development challenges in India. Previously, Dr. Ravi was Director of Research at Brookings India, Vice President Economic Policy at Observer Research Foundation and Non-Resident Senior Fellow of Governance Studies Program at Brookings Institution. Her research focuses on economics of development including areas of Finance, Healthcare, Urbanization, Gender Equality, and Welfare and Poverty. She holds a PhD degree in Economics from New York University and is also visiting professor at two of India's leading Universities where she teaches courses in Managerial Economics (Game Theory) and Microfinance.







**Mr. Shombi Sharp**  
UN Resident Coordinator,  
India

### ADDRESS

Shombi Sharp is an American diplomat with the United Nations and the UN Resident Coordinator for India since November 2021. He has devoted more than 25 years of his career to promoting inclusive and sustainable development internationally, bringing the experience he has acquired at the United Nations and externally to this new position. Prior to his current posting as UN Resident Coordinator in India, Sharp was the UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia from 2018 to 2021 and the UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Georgia from 2014 to 2018.

Sharp has worked on a range of development issues including poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, climate change adaptation and mitigation, disaster risk reduction, gender equality and women's empowerment. He has also served as a senior advisor on sustainable development at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) headquarters in New York.

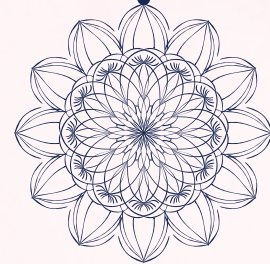


**Shri Amitabh Kant**  
Sherpa G20

### ADDRESS

Shri Amitabh Kant is a member of the Indian Administrative Service, IAS. He is presently the G20 Sherpa of India during its Presidency year. He was CEO of NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)- the Govt of India's premier policy Think Tank and prior to that Secretary, the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion. He is the author of "Branding India – An Incredible Story", Incredible India 2.0 and has edited The Path Ahead "Transformative Ideas for India" and has been a key driver of "Make in India", Startup India, "Incredible India" and "God's Own Country" initiatives which positioned and branded India and Kerala State as leading manufacturing tourism destinations. These campaigns have won several international awards and embraced a host of activities – infrastructure development, product enhancement, private-public partnership, and positioning and branding. He has worked as Secretary, Tourism, in Kerala, Joint Secretary of, Tourism, Govt of India, District Collector, in Kozhikode & CEO, of the Delhi- Mumbai Industrial Corridor



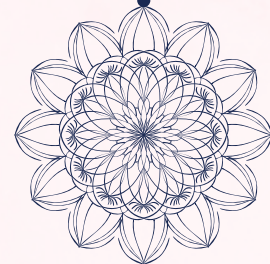


**Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**  
**Hon'ble Minister of**  
**Women and Child**  
**Development,**  
**Government of India**

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani is currently serving as the Union Minister for Women & Child Development and Minister for Minority Affairs. She has previously served as the Union Minister for Education. She is India's youngest Union Cabinet Minister in the Government and the first woman to hold office as Minister for Education and Minister of Textiles. During her tenure as Education Minister, Mrs. Irani introduced various educational reforms to upscale India's capacities in the field of research, innovation and technology. She was instrumental in conceiving the New Education Policy of India and initiated several large-scale projects including India's first MOOC platform SWAYAM, the National Digital Library and a Global Network of Academicians called GIAN.

She launched IMPRINT to foster research, innovation and technology among students and academia. She successfully pursued Permanent Commission for Women in the Indian Army by facilitating legal aid to women officers. She is credited with launching 'Saksham'- the first ever Vision Document released by any political party in India underlining policies, programs and implementation tools for the upliftment of the Differently-abled in India. Besides being an active social & political activist, Smt. Smriti Irani has had a successful career as a Media Professional for over two decades. During this period, she worked across different fields of media including creating content for news & entertainment Television networks, films and theatre projects in 4 Indian languages. She has also authored a book and contributed as a column writer to 2 national dailies.



**Ms. Dharitri Patnaik**  
**Entrepreneur &**  
**Philanthropist**  
**Chief Coordinator W20**

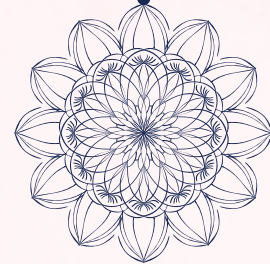
### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ms. Dharitri Patnaik has more than twenty-seven years of experience working to empower some of the most vulnerable sections of society, including women, children, and underprivileged people of India. Dharitri has worked on a variety of issues and across various sectors in the areas of international development, poverty alleviation, social reform, and women & child development – both from a policy and advocacy perspective as well as developing and managing on-the-ground operational initiatives. In 2014, she founded Humara Bachpan Trust (an international Award winning organization) - which works with people living in poverty. In March 2017 she launched an initiative called SAMBHAVI- Women's Empowerment with Enterprise and Employability. Since its initiation, more than 50,000 women working in the informal sector have been trained in life skills. Dharitri is also the Chairperson of Diversified Energy Solutions Pvt Ltd & Jivada Ventures Pvt Ltd. Dharitri has a Master's in Social work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, and a Master in Public Administration from Harvard University, USA.



# SESSION 1

## 15 JUNE 2023



## The Road to Achieving the SDGs

### The intersection between Women's Health, Gender Equality, and Socioeconomic Development

#### BACKGROUND

The road to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is intricately connected to the intersection of women's health, gender equality, and socioeconomic development. Women's health is not just a matter of individual well-being, but a fundamental component of societal progress. Gender equality plays a pivotal role in promoting women's health and empowerment, as it ensures access to quality healthcare, education, and economic opportunities.

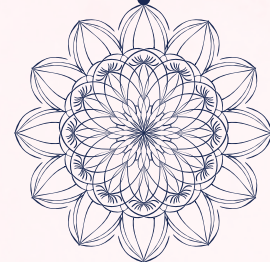
Investing in women's health and gender equality has far-reaching implications for socioeconomic development. When women are healthy and empowered, they contribute to stronger economies and thriving communities. By addressing gender disparities in healthcare, education, and economic participation, societies can unlock the potential of half their population and promote inclusive growth. Women's health is closely tied to several SDGs, including those related to poverty eradication, education, and healthcare. By prioritizing women's health, nations can make significant strides in achieving these goals. Access to reproductive healthcare, maternal health services, and sexual education not only improves women's well-being but also reduces poverty, ensures better education for children, and contributes to overall societal development.

#### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Discuss policy recommendations to promote women's health and gender equality.
- Review the existing policy framework on women's health at a national and global level.
- Explore the linkage between Women's Health, Gender Equality and Socioeconomic Development and their role in achieving SDGs.
- Share best practices to promote women's health and gender equality.





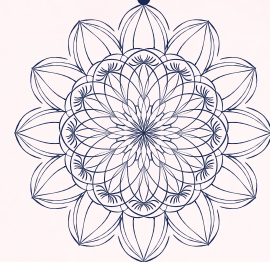


**Lauren Power**

## **MODERATOR**

Lauren S Power is an award-winning researcher, author, speaker, and advocate for women, youth, and migrants. She is a Ph.D. Candidate in International Relations at the University of Tokyo with a focus on civil society and global governance and an LLM candidate at the University of Edinburgh with a focus on human rights law. Lauren is the Founder of Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YPFP) Tokyo, a youth-led, youth-focused NGO that fosters international, inclusive, and intergenerational dialogue on pivotal issues for Japan and the world. After serving as YFPF Tokyo's Managing Director for the first 18 months of the organization's dynamic growth and programs, Lauren is pleased to continue her contributions now as YFPF Tokyo's Advisor. This year, Lauren is a Women7 (W7) Japan Advisor to the 2023 G7 Japan Presidency and a Women20 (W20) U.S. Delegate to the 2023 G20 India Presidency. She has also contributed to the 2023 G7 Japan Open and Resilient Societies C7 Working Group as coordinator of the sub-working groups on Civic Space and Digital Democracy. She is currently part of C20 India in the Education and Democracy sub-working groups. Previously, Lauren has taught at Temple University Japan as an Adjunct Professor and has worked for and in partnership with the OECD, UN-MGCY, UN-ESCAP, UN-OHCHR, and the G20 2020-2022.





**Noha Salem**

### **PANELIST**

Noha Salem is the Global Women's Health policy lead at Organon. She has close to two decades of experience split almost 50/50 between the World Health Organization and the pharmaceutical industry. At Organon, Noha Salem is responsible for developing and implementing global policies and programs that address the unmet needs of women in health care. She is also responsible for leading the company's efforts to improve access to quality health care for women around the world. Noha Salem has been an advocate for women's health throughout her career. She has worked on a range of issues related to women's health, including reproductive health, maternal health, and gender-based violence. Noha Salem holds a Master of Public Health degree from the American University of Beirut. She is also a graduate of the World Health Organization's Leadership Development Program.

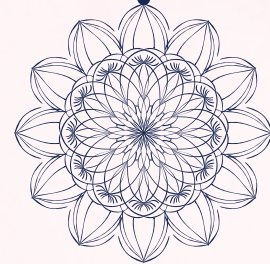


**Andrea Wojnar**

### **PANELIST**

Andrea Wojnar is the Resident Representative for UNFPA India and the Country Director for Bhutan. She took up her role on 18 January and reported for duty in Delhi on 15 February 2022. Ms. Wojnar is a US national with over 36 years of experience in leading and administering development and humanitarian operations from grassroots to international levels<sup>3</sup>. Prior to her appointment to UNFPA India, she served as the UNFPA Mozambique Representative and UNFPA Senegal Representative and Country Director for The Gambia. Ms. Wojnar has worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in various capacities, including as Deputy Resident Representative in Mozambique, Deputy Resident Representative in Senegal, and as a Programme Specialist in New York<sup>4</sup>. She has also worked with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as a Senior Advisor for Health Systems Strengthening.





**Aparajita Gogoi**

#### **PANELIST**

Dr. Aparajita Gogoi is the National Coordinator of the White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood/India, an alliance of over 1800 organizations that work for women's right to survive childbirth. She is also the Executive Director of Centre for Catalyzing Change, She is a passionate advocate and crusader for the health and rights of women and young girls. Dr. Gogoi has dedicated her life to putting an end to maternal mortality in India. She heads the nation's leading advocacy organization for mothers and newborns. The very successful whatwomenwant campaign was conceived and implemented in India under her leadership and she guided the global whatwomenwant campaign as the co-chair. On 8th March 2011, Guardian, UK, named her as one of the world's 100 of world's most inspiring women.



**Dr. Mabel Bianco**

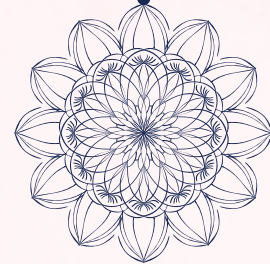
#### **PANELIST**

MD MPH and specialist in Epidemiology and Medical Statistics. President and founder of FEIM, an NGO working to improve women's rights since 1989. Co-coordinator of Women Won't Wait, a global campaign to eliminate VAW and HIV. Former Member of UNAIDS Reference group on HIV and HR (2002-2011). She was twice elected as NGO member of UNAIDS PCB. Member of CS Regional Advisory Committee UNWOMEN till 2016. Since 2012, Co-Chair of the CONGO CSW LAC. OP for Latin America and the Caribbean of the WMG 201 2022. Facilitator CS Participation mechanism for Sustainable development LAC 2019-2023 Co-Chair of the Major Group & other Stakeholders -MGoS- Coordination Mechanism 2019-2023. HoD of W20 Argentina since 2018 and W7 Advisor 2022 and 2023 In 2019 she was included by the BBC as one of 100 Influencers and in 2020 by Apolitical.



## SESSION 2

### 15 JUNE 2023



## Safeguarding our Planet through women-led climate Action

### BACKGROUND

This session focuses on the vital role of women in leading climate action and safeguarding our planet. Women have been at the forefront of environmental movements and have made significant contributions to sustainable development and climate resilience. Women-led climate action encompasses various initiatives, from grassroots movements to leadership roles in policy-making and scientific research. By empowering women and providing them with equal access to resources, education, and decision-making processes, we can harness their unique perspectives, skills, and knowledge to drive transformative solutions.

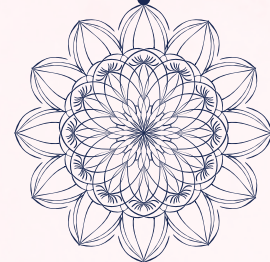
Women-led climate action promotes gender equality, strengthens community resilience, and fosters sustainable development. It also leads to more inclusive and effective climate policies. It can inspire and mobilize communities, fostering collective action toward a more sustainable future. By recognizing and supporting the leadership of women in climate action, we can safeguard our planet, ensure a just transition, and create a more resilient and equitable world for current and future generations.

The session will explore how gender equality and women's empowerment intersect with environmental sustainability and identify strategies to further promote women's leadership in climate action, fostering collaborations and partnerships to drive transformative change for a more sustainable future.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Review the existing framework on women-led climate action.
- Discuss policy solutions for fostering women-led climate action.
- Discuss challenges and obstacles faced by women in climate action.
- Share best practices in the sphere of women-led climate action.





**Lemona Chanda**

### **MODERATOR**

Lemona Chanda is an award-winning gender equity and sustainable development activist with extensive experience working to protect human rights and democracy. She is the founder of OurCause, an NGO working to achieve Agenda 2030. She was named the UN Champion for Change and has been recognized as the Empower Ethnic Minority Future Leader in the UK. She was selected as a Pulse Featured Changemaker. She is also a McCain Global Leader and became the first Bangladeshi to be named McCain Global Leader by the McCain Institute. She is a co-chair of ELEVATE and a supervisor- of Wholesale Sell Side – Market Intervention Wholesale Banks FCA.

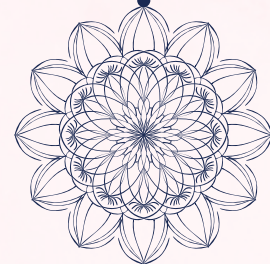


**Priya Agarwal Hebbar**

### **PANELIST**

Priya Agarwal Hebbar is the Non-executive Director at Vedanta, the world's leading natural resources company and she is chairperson of Hindustan Zinc Limited - one of the Vedanta group companies. She holds a Bachelors in Psychology and Business Management from the University of Warwick in the UK. She is deeply passionate about the environment & sustainability and has been playing an instrumental role in the ESG transformation at Vedanta. She also steers best-in-class people practices across the Group. Her love for animals and passion to bring change in society has driven her to lead a variety of CSR initiatives which has touched thousands of lives. Priya is passionate about animals, child nutrition and gender neutrality. She is currently working on providing equal opportunities to women and children in rural India at grassroots level. Priya has experience in Public Relations with Ogilvy & Mather and in Rediffusion Y&R. She is also the founder of YODA and TACO - an animal welfare organisation.





**Maria Damanaki**

#### **PANELIST**

Maria Damanaki is a Greek politician who was born on May 31, 1952. She is a former president of the Synaspismos party of the left and a former state member of the Hellenic Parliament within the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK). She served as the Global Managing Director for Oceans at The Nature Conservancy and co-chairs the UN Community of Ocean Action on Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Management. She was also formerly European Union Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. In this role, she was responsible for developing and implementing policies related to maritime affairs and fisheries in the European Union. She has been recognized for her work in this area, including being named one of the 100 most influential people in shipping by Lloyd's List in 2012.



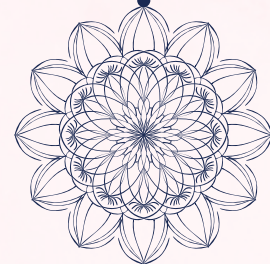
**Vere Shaba**

#### **PANELIST**

Vere Shaba is a multi-award winning engineer and sustainability consultant who has worked for multinational engineering consulting firms including Volkswagen, AECOM and WSP before founding Greendesign Africa in 2016. She is the Founder & Director at Greendesign Africa and an ESG & Climate & Carbon & Circularity Advisor & Investment Committee in South Africa. She is one entrepreneur on a mission to bring green building solutions to the table that are implementable across the African continent, and beyond. She is a force for real, measurable change, giving companies and organizations the support they need to create sustainable, greener buildings that are better for everyone. Vere Shaba has won multiple awards for her work in green buildings and sustainability. Some of them are; One of 10 Top Women in Engineering for the annual Standard Bank Topco Top 100 Women in Business & Government in 2016. Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans for Environment in 2016.







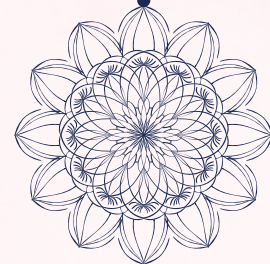
The Kingdom of Netherlands' Inspiring 50 Women in South Africa in STEM in 2017. Finalist for the inaugural Gauteng Premier's Women Excellence Awards for Young Achievers in 2018. She was also recognized by Forbes Africa Under 30 List for 2018 in the business sector category.



**Pratibha Vuppuluri**

#### **PANELIST**

Pratibha Vuppuluri conceived and launched Unreasonable Collective, a pledge fund with a mandate to invest in Series A & B Stage Climate Tech Ventures and Funds at the intersection of Race & Gender. To date, Unreasonable Collective has invested in 16 companies and 1 Fund. She is also a Venture Partner at Regeneration VC, Advisor for BayBridge Ventures, and a member of the Investment Committee for Cultivate Ventures. Pratibha is a frequent guest speaker at Bard MBA in Sustainability Program and several conferences, including the Green is the New Black, and ChangeNow. She is a writer and has been quoted on the role of private capital in tackling societal challenges, impact investing, and diversity & inclusion in various publications, including Business Insider, Reuters, and Forbes. Pratibha brings 20+ years of capital raising and investing experience across industrial and clean technology sectors and has executed more than \$7.5bn in transaction value at bulge bracket investment banks, including Deutsche Bank, UBS, and Barclays. She graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor's in Applied Economics and Management and an academic publication and also completed her Masters in International Affairs at Columbia University.



**Joanita Babirye**

### **PANELIST**

Joanita Babirye is the Co-founder and Director of Girls for Climate Action in Uganda. She is also a member of the Action Coalition on Feminist Action for Climate Justice. Joanita is training young women and girls in climate policy and advocacy. She advocates for greater gender equality and racial diversity in the climate change movement. She is also a Community Solutions Fellow at Women's Earth Alliance, the co-founder of Regeneration.VC, and an ambassador at the Africa Youth Climate Hub. She has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential young achievers by New Vision3 and has participated in several global events such as the Annual Leaders Gathering and the Generation Equality Forum.



**Aradhana Khowala**

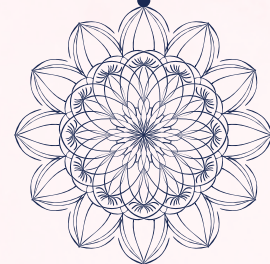
### **PANELIST**

Aradhana Khowala is the CEO and Founder of Aptamind Partners, a consultancy focused on regenerative tourism. She is a strategy expert in travel and hospitality, diversity and inclusion, and women's health. Her entrepreneurial career spans over 75 countries. Prior to founding Aptamind Partners, Ms. Khowala worked as the Managing Director of Tourism at NEOM, which is the US\$ 500 Billion land of the future in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She has also worked as a consultant for various organizations such as the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC). Ms. Khowala is a global authority on the travel, tourism and hospitality industries with over two decades of experience across five continents. She is also the Founder of FiveEightTen, which is a platform that connects women entrepreneurs with investors.



## SESSION 3

### 15 JUNE 2023



## Transformation through emerging & frontier technologies- accelerating progress and bridging the gender digital divide

### BACKGROUND

Transformation through emerging and frontier technologies offers immense potential to accelerate progress and bridge the gender digital divide. This session focuses on how these technologies can be harnessed to drive positive change and empower women in the digital era.

Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and the Internet of Things have the capacity to revolutionize sectors ranging from healthcare and education to agriculture and finance. By leveraging these technologies, we can unlock new opportunities for women's economic empowerment, access to information, and participation in decision-making processes.

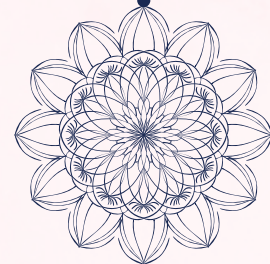
The session will delve into the challenges faced by women in accessing and utilizing these technologies, such as limited digital literacy and unequal access to resources. Additionally, the session will highlight the importance of ensuring women's meaningful participation in the design, development, and governance of these technologies to avoid perpetuating existing gender disparities.

By embracing emerging technologies and bridging the gender digital divide, we can create a more inclusive and equitable digital future, empowering women and unlocking their full potential as agents of transformation and progress.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- Discuss the potential use of emerging and frontier technologies in bridging the gender digital divide
- Review the existing policy framework on digital transformation and bridging the gender digital divide.
- Address challenges and barriers faced by policymakers in bridging the gender digital divide.
- Share best practices being followed around the world in the domain of digital transformation.





**Ms. Suma Ronanki  
Chander**

### **MODERATOR**

As the current principal and leader of the Digital Transformation Services Advisory at PKF O'Connor Davies, Suma Chander is an experienced leader in digital transformation. Prior to her current role, she held multiple "C-Suite" leadership positions at hedge funds, where she led technology and operations teams. She has also advised social organizations on technology-driven solutions within the social enterprise sector, where she led public and private partnership decisions, fundraising, grant acquisition, and infrastructure projects proposing digital solutions to drive innovation and profitability. With expertise in product management, software development, technology architecture, and product implementation, Suma is a visionary leader recognized for her innovative strategies and technical oversight using the latest platforms. She has successfully managed technology efficiency and controls for various organizations and delivered large-scale implementations.

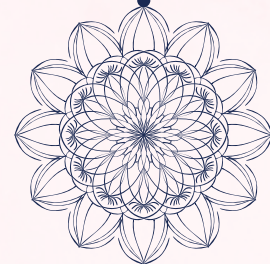


**Dorothy K Gordon**

### **PANELIST**

Dorothy K Gordon is the Chair of the UNESCO Information For All Programme and a Board member of the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education. She has worked in the field of international development and technology for over thirty years and is recognized as a leading technology activist and specialist on policy, education, and development issues. Ms. Gordon is a global leader in the field of technology and development with a focus on digital transformation. As a feminist, she works to bring about greater understanding, engagement, and action regarding the impact of technology on society.





**Mariagrazia Squicciarini**

### **PANELIST**

Dr. Mariagrazia Squicciarini is the Chief of Executive Office and Director a.i. at the Social and Human Sciences Sector (SHS) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). At UNESCO Mariagrazia leads and supervises policy-relevant work related to the transformation of societies, inequalities and inclusion in the digital era; Artificial Intelligence and neurotechnology; gender-based resilience and the digital gender divide; and sport for inclusion and development. She is the UNESCO focal point for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group, where UNESCO is a knowledge partner of the Indian Presidency in relation to priority 3: digital skilling. Among others, she has authored the G20 report “ Bridging the Digital Gender Divide: include, upskill, innovate” featured in the G20 2018 Salta Declaration, and a number of policy relevant publications at the crossroad between technology, innovation, gender and skills. Mariagrazia holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Essex (UK). Before joining UNESCO, she worked for more than ten years at the OECD as Senior Economist – Head of Unit. Prior to that, she had appointments at VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland (FI), the University of Essex (UK) and the European Commission-Joint Research Centre (IPTS, Spain), among others. She has published extensively and continues to lead research and knowledge creation at SHS.

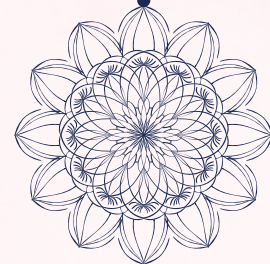


**Laureline M Josset**

### **PANELIST**

Laureline M Josset is an Associate Research Scientist at the Columbia Water Center. She works on the evaluation of water stresses through integrated assessments, the optimization of management strategy for water quantity and quality, and the transitions in the Food-Energy-Water nexus. She has a bachelor's and master's degree in Physics from the EPFL (CH) and a Ph.D. in Earth Sciences from the University of Lausanne (CH). She is also a researcher and educator in water data literacy to address gaps, biases and associated risks. She has published several papers on topics such as groundwater challenges, water data gap, and water risks in the textile industry. She has also worked on projects such as the Arctic Mars Analogue Svalbard Expedition 2010, the Data for Water Risks project, and the Water Justice project.





**Simonetta Zarrilli Traeger**

### PANELIST

Simonetta Zarrilli Traeger is the Chief of the Trade, Gender and Development Programme of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the organization's Gender Focal Point. She has been assigned to lead UNCTAD's work on trade and gender since 2010. She is an experienced trade analyst with a long and successful career at the United Nations. Her work focuses on making policies more gender aware to bring better development outcomes to the countries that most need it. She has carried out numerous analytical, intergovernmental and technical cooperation activities on this issue, and has produced and coordinated many publications, including country and regional studies, official UN documents and commentaries. She has also participated in several events such as the Reshaping Trade through Women's Economic Empowerment workshop in 2018. She holds a postgraduate degree in European studies from the College of Europe and a degree in law from the University of Siena.



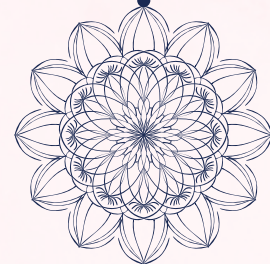
**Ifeoma Nwakwesi Uddoh**

### PANELIST

Ifeoma Nwakwesi Uddoh is a Nigerian social entrepreneur and the founder of Shecluded, a fintech credit company aimed at women in Africa. She is dedicated to creating economic prosperity for women in Nigeria and has over a decade of career experience in strategy consulting, analytics and seed funding for notable companies such as PwC and IROKO Partners Ltd. In December 2019, Uddoh was one of five female entrepreneurs to emerge as winners of a UK-Nigeria Tech Hub competition sponsored by the British High Commission in Lagos. Uddoh is also one of the award recipients for the 2021 Google Black Founders Fund, the winner of the 2022 SelectUSA pitch competition, and a 2022 Halcyon Fellow. She has been featured on several entrepreneurship panels and masterclasses hosted by First Bank, EDC, FinTech Asia, Global Entrepreneurship Week, John Hopkins University, Takedia Institute, etc. She is a proud girl mom and loves spending time with her family and travelling.







**Veronica Kamanga-Njikhoo**

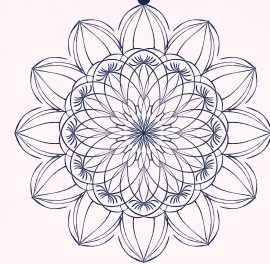
### **PANELIST**

Currently working as Regional Advisor- Gender Equality with UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia. Veronica brings along over 20 Years of experience mainly in Championing Gender Equality, Women empowerment and Human Rights programming integration in Policy and Programme. She has extensive experience in both development and Humanitarian context, which she has accumulated while supporting governments, CSOs and other partners in Africa (Malawi, Uganda, South Sudan), the Middle East (Iraq) and South Asia (Afghanistan and currently advising all 8 SAR Countries). She has worked with The UN system mainly UNICEF and UNFPA in various functions, but mainly the leading Gender and women empowerment portfolio.

Prior to joining the UN system, Veronica worked with CSOs in her country and within the Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC block) mainly focusing on Human Rights, (mainly women's rights), civic and political space (governance programmes) and broader Regional Advocacy on Women's issues.

## SESSION 4

### 16 JUNE 2023



## Call to Action- Breaking the Glass Ceiling

### BACKGROUND

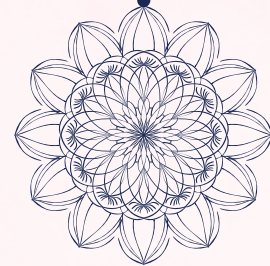
The glass ceiling is the invisible barrier that prevents women from being promoted to top-tier leadership due to gender prejudices held in society. Due to this, they are often discriminated against at their workplace. Through W20 our goal is to break this metaphorical glass ceiling and help women reach the top ranks in management. The glass ceiling not only affects women but organisations as well. It is shown through various studies that diversity in leadership promotes innovation which is profitable for the organization.

The first step towards breaking this glass ceiling is recognizing that there exists a barrier that prevents women from reaching the top, rather than just disguising it under the name of culture or tradition. Then it is also important to engage in purposeful action and raise awareness. This will ultimately help women gain confidence and rise up the ranks in their respective fields. By breaking these barriers, we will contribute to the comprehensive growth of women and the development of a diverse and inclusive workplace.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness about the importance of diversity and inclusion in leadership positions and their role in promoting gender equality.
- To explore strategies for overcoming gender bias and stereotypes and promoting women's leadership through mentorship and sponsorship.
- To discuss existing policy frameworks in place to promote women to leadership positions.
- To deliberate on gender bias practices and stereotypes that restrict the growth of women's careers.





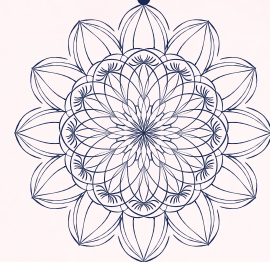
**Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan is an Indian Politician belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and currently serves the party as its National President of Mahila Morcha (Women's Wing). She started serving the BJP in the year 1993 and has held various key positions within the party.

Vanathi is a lawyer by profession, and she is also a women's welfare activist, orator, social activist, author, and philanthropist. She is known for her advocacy of girl-child education, empowerment of single-mothers and is one of the few politicians to deliver polite and precise political answers on live-television debates.

She hails from Coimbatore and belongs to an agricultural family. She attained her primary education in Coimbatore and did higher studies in Covai and Chennai. She started practicing law at Chennai High Court in 1993. After entering active politics, she began focusing mostly on her political career and contested in Tamil Nadu Assembly elections twice (2011 – Mylapore, Tamil Nadu & 2016 – Coimbatore South, Tamil Nadu).

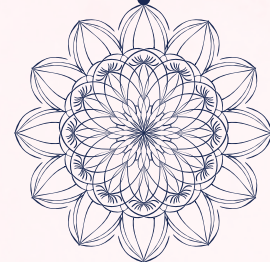


**Prof. Dr. Neeta Inamdar**

### **MODERATOR**

Prof. Dr. Neeta Inamdar is the Head of the Manipal Centre for European Studies (MCES) and Jean Monnet Chair at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal, India. She leads a team of young scholars in European Studies with a multidisciplinary approach and focuses on research in education policies, practices and harmonization efforts in Europe and other parts of the world. Inamdar has been a professor and head of the Department of Manipal Centre For European Studies since 2009. She is also the Chief Editor of Manipal Universal Press (MUP) and a consultant for higher education. Inamdar has been awarded several prestigious grants from the European Union, such as the Jean Monnet Chair in EU Economic Integration and European Identity (2017-2020), the Jean Monnet Project on EU Higher Education Policy - The Bologna Process and Internationalization of Indian Universities (2015-2017), and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for MCES (2018-2021). She was also the Principal Coordinator of an Erasmus Capacity Building project in Higher Education (CBHE) on Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) with three European and three Indian partners. Inamdar has co-edited three books on the internationalization of higher education, India-EU engagements, and cross-border education. She is also the founding Secretary of Association of European Studies in India. She is currently guiding PhDs in the field of education, particularly in internationalization of higher education, global citizenship education, higher education regionalism and the like.



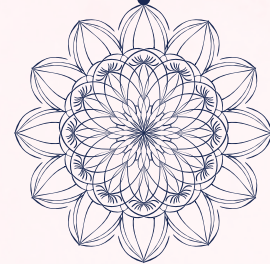


**Bharati Ghosh**

### **PANELIST**

Bharati Ghosh is a former IPS, former UN staff officer, and presently a grassroots leader and National Spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party. She is also a member of the National Executive Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party. She served the international community under the auspicious of the United Nations as Commander of Kosovo Polje in the UN mission in Kosovo. She also served as Policy and Planning Advisor to the DPKO (Department of Peacekeeping Operations) in the UN Secretariat for five years and in this capacity, She served different UN missions including that of Somalia, Chad, Haiti, Iraq & other UN missions. Her last mission was in Bagdad. She received 6 medals from the United Nations and many appreciation letters from different heads of missions all over the world.

Her education includes degrees in International Marketing and Psycho-Analytic Theory from Harvard University, USA. She is also a Chevening Gurukul Commonwealth Scholar and an alumni of the London School of Economics, UK. She also holds MBA Degree from Jadavpur University and LLB degree from Burdwan University. She is trained at the Embakasi Military Institute of Kenya and also at the Bramshill International Police Academy UK. At home, She was the first lady Superintendent of Police in West Bengal and she served as SP of two maoists districts simultaneously- Jhargram and West Midnapore. She initiated the surrender of hundreds of top maoists and brought in the transition from a state of bloodshed to peace. She received the Chief Minister's Medal for Commendable Service for her work in the Naxal belt. In 2017, she resigned and joined the BJP in 2019.

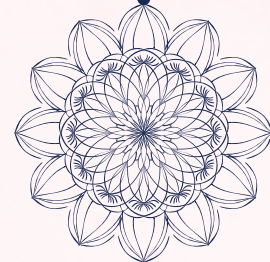


**K. Ratnaprabha**

### **PANELIST**

K. Ratnaprabha is a retired IAS officer and former Chief Secretary of Karnataka. She is the Founder and President of Ubuntu Consortium, a platform for Women Entrepreneurs Associations in India. Ratnaprabha has a distinguished career in public service, spanning over 42 years. She has held various positions in the state and central governments, such as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Women and Child Development, and Additional Chief Secretary in the Department of Commerce and Industries. Ratnaprabha is a passionate advocate for women's empowerment and entrepreneurship. She has initiated several schemes and policies to support women entrepreneurs in Karnataka, such as Think Big Summit, Invest Karnataka, and Ujjwala Scheme. She has also been awarded with several prestigious honours, such as the Fulbright Scholarship, the Littauer Fellowship at Harvard University, and the induction into WXN Top 100 Most Powerful Women Hall of Fame. Ratnaprabha is currently leading Ubuntu Consortium, which aims to create a network of women entrepreneurs' associations across India and provide them with business advisory services, mentoring, training, and access to markets. She is also an inspirational speaker, coach, consultant, and author of several books and studies on women's issues. She started her career in 1983 as the first lady Asst. Commissioner Bidar, Deputy Commissioner Raichur & Bidar the backward districts of Karnataka.





**Sanjam Sahi Gupta**

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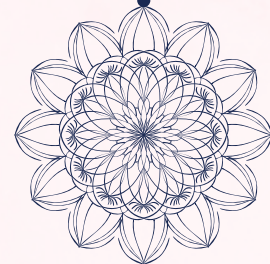
Sanjam Sahi Gupta is Director for Sitara Shipping Ltd. She is an advocate for gender diversity in the maritime. She is a founder member of Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) India creating a platform for women in maritime in India. She's a member of the Executive Board of Directors of the World Maritime University based in Malmo, Sweden. In May 2018, she was the recipient of the Sandvik Gender Award –for her outstanding contribution and commitment to gender equality. In June 2019 she was invited as part of a High-Level panel initiative by The Norwegian Prime Minister, Erna Solberg for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. She is also part of the Diversity Committee of the International Chamber of Shipping. She is a gender expert empanelled by the UN ESCAP and International Maritime Organization and is committed to driving change for a more inclusive maritime industry.



**Dr. Nursem Keskin Aksay**

### PANELIST

Dr. Nursem Keskin Aksay is an Assistant Professor at Ibn Haldun University's Department of Sociology in Istanbul, Turkey. She received her Ph.D. from Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universitat Political and Social Sciences Department. She is working as researcher and coordinator with NGOs, ministries and municipalities for social policy recommendations on women's rights. Her research interests include gender, women's studies, anthropology of the city and social movements. Dr. Aksay is also an Executive Board Member of KADEM (Women and Democracy Association) and the Head of Delegation for Turkey at W20 (Women 20), which is a G20 engagement group that promotes gender equality.



**Adriana Carvalho**

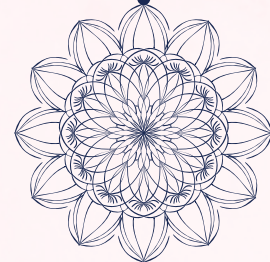
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Adriana has more than 25 years of experience in diversity & inclusion, supply chain and business management positions and is passionate about building a better world. She is currently CEO of Generation Brazil, a NGO that works to educate, place, and support vulnerable people into life-changing careers in 17 countries. She is also a member of Ambev DEI committee, “Elas Lideram” (women in leadership) global compact movement advisory board, “Gerações e Futuro do trabalho” (Generation and Future of work) Forum and “Meu Futuro Digital” (My digital future) advisory board. From 2020 to 2021 she was Latin America Diversity and Inclusion and Corporate Responsibility leader at EY Brazil and South America. From 2014 to 2020, she worked at UN Women Brazil first managing the Women Empowerment Principles (WEPs) platform, overseeing, building and enduring the relationship with 400 private and public signatory companies and several associations, governments and institutions committed to gender equality in Brazil. Later, she had led Win-Win: gender equality means good business, joint-program between UN Women, International Labor Organization and the European Union, in LatAm. Adriana has also worked at Dow Brazil and Latin America, with various leadership roles. She has a BA in Economics and a master’s in Business Administration



## SESSION 5

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## Economic Empowerment through Trade and Investment

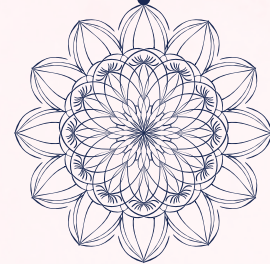
### BACKGROUND

Trade and investment play an important role in uplifting women's position in society, as economic empowerment is the key to women's empowerment. Trade and investment will help to generate more jobs and in turn increase women's bargaining power in society. By creating an enabling environment for women in the investment and trading sector, we can create a more prosperous and equitable and prosperous world.

Our goal today is to explore the role of trade and investment in women's economic empowerment, the importance of gender-sensitive trade policies, role of investment in promoting women's entrepreneurship. It will also explore the challenges faced by women business owners in assessing finance and markets. Through this W20 also aims to provide women with the necessary opportunity to women to network with other women entrepreneurs and business leaders and learn from their experiences.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness about the importance of gender-sensitive trade policies and their role in promoting women's economic empowerment.
- To explore the role of investment in promoting women's entrepreneurship and creating opportunities for women-owned businesses to access finance and markets.
- To provide a platform for women entrepreneurs and business leaders to share their experiences and insights on how trade and investment can help overcome the barriers and challenges they face in the global economy.



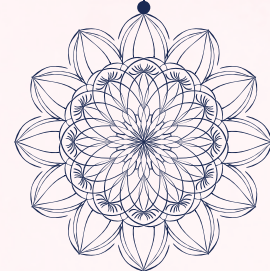
**Jahnabi Phookan**

### **MODERATOR**

Jahnabi Phookan is an entrepreneur of over three decades, from Assam, India. She is the co-founder with her husband Ashish, of two National Tourism Award-winning companies : Jungle Travels India and Assam Bengal Navigation Company under JTI Group, both of which are recipients of India's National Tourism Awards . A proponent of sustainable livelihoods for women's economic empowerment, Jahnabi believes that the tourism and handloom sectors are the ideal models of sustainable livelihood for women, particularly in the fragile ecosystem of India's Northeast region.

Jahnabi has been involved in the handloom sector since 2004, as founder of Lahé Looms ( Lahé = slow), and has worked with women weavers of her state, as a revivalist of Assam's unique weaving vernacular. Jahnabi serves as a board member of the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship under the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MOSDE) . She was conferred the Doctorate of Letters (D.Litt) \_ Honoris Causa by Assam Downtown University, in recognition of "outstanding work and contribution in eco-tourism and in efforts for women's causes". Jahnabi is now the Regional Convenor of the Responsible Tourism Society of India. Jahnabi serves as a member of the National Board at the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship ( under MOSDE). Ms. Jahnabi is the Senior Advisor, UNCTAD-Empretec Programme for India, working towards fostering entrepreneurship. Jahnabi was the 37th National President (2020-21) of FLO, the women's wing of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry).

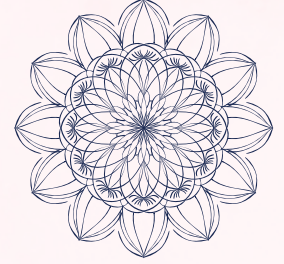




**Anoush Der Boghossian**

### **PANELIST**

With more than 16 years of experience in the WTO, Ms. Anoush der Boghossian is the Head of the WTO Trade and Gender Unit, leading the Organization's work on trade and gender since 2016. She was appointed as the WTO's first trade and gender expert by former Director-General Roberto Azevêdo. Anoush is a recognised researcher and trainer on gender responsive trade policy. She is one of the co-authors of the WTO/World Bank report on "Women and Trade" and the lead author of the gender chapter (4) in the Aid for Trade Global Review 2022 publication. In 2023, She has six new forthcoming publications with the World Trade Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, Sherbrooke University and Journal of Legal Issues of Economic Integration and the ILO. Her research mostly focuses on the links between trade policy, trade rules and agreements, aid for trade and women's economic Empowerment. Driving research on trade and gender globally, she is the Founder and Chair of the WTO Gender Research Hub, a global research network that fosters research and experts' partnerships on gender equality in trade.



In December 2022, she initiated and chaired the first edition of the World Trade Congress on Gender, the first research conference on trade and gender organised internationally, building a bridge between researchers and trade policymakers. In 2023, Anoush has been nominated to represent the WTO at the G20 Empower Initiative and the W20. Anoush is also a policymaker on gender issues and she drafted the first gender policy of the WTO, issued and adopted by Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala in December 2022. She studied in France and Scotland and holds a Masters in European and International Law, and a Masters in Communications.

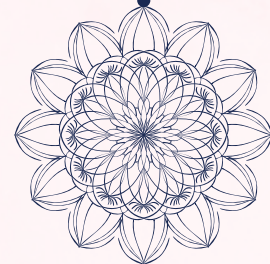


**Bansuri Swaraj**

#### **PANELIST**

Ms Bansuri Swaraj was enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi in the year 2007, and since, has sixteen years of experience in the legal profession. After her undergraduate studies at the University of Warwick with a B.A. (Hons) in English Literature, Ms. Swaraj went on to read Law at the prestigious BPP Law School in London. She qualified as a Barrister at Law and was called to the bar from the Hon'ble Inn of Inner Temple, London. Thereafter, she completed her Master of Studies at St. Catherine's College at the University of Oxford. Ms. Swaraj is a formidable arguing counsel, having represented several high-profile clients in contentious litigation across various judicial fora. Her professional portfolio has an eclectic mix of dealing with disputes involving contracts, real estate, tax, international commercial arbitrations, as well as several criminal trials. Ms. Swaraj has been appointed as the Additional Advocate General for the State of Haryana, in conjunction with running her private practice.



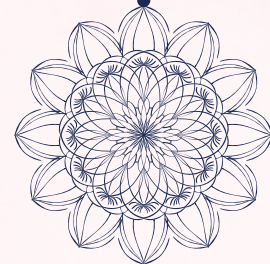


**Dr. Stephanie Oestreich**

### **PANELIST**

Stephanie Oestreich is Chief Business Officer at Galecto and serves on the boards of Harvard Kennedy School's Women's Network, the German American Business Council in Boston, the French American Chamber of Commerce of New England and is the board chair of the McCloy Alumni Association. She is also on the faculty of MIT, a member of the Launchpad Venture Group, an advisor at grIP Venture Studio and with the drug development and investment company OrangeGrove Bio.

Previously she was Vice President at cell therapy company Mnemo Therapeutics heading up operations and alliance management in the US and in Paris, a Venture Partner at RA Capital and Executive Vice President at Evotec where she built its North American investment arm and started an incubator with Samsara BioCapital. She also worked as International Business Leader at F. Roche Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., and for Novartis in Business Development and in Commercial in different geographies and therapeutic areas where she built teams and successfully launched 6 drugs in immunology and oncology. Stephanie Oestreich conducted the research for her Ph.D. in biochemistry in the laboratory of a Nobel Prize winner at Harvard Medical School and obtained an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School. As a professional-level violinist, she performs with Philharmonic orchestras in Carnegie Hall and other international venues and conducts workshops with live orchestras, demonstrating the similarities between teams and leadership in music and management.



**Dr. Marina K Glazatova**

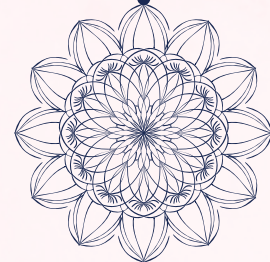
### **PANELIST**

Dr. Marina K. Glazatova is an Advisor to the Scientific Director of the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) and Deputy Director of the HSE Institute of Trade Policy in Russia. Dr. Marina K. Glazatova received a degree in Physiology from Lomonosov Moscow State University. She also holds a degree in Public Administration and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Russian Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Russian Federation. Dr. Marina K. Glazatova worked for 15 years in the civil service and participated in the preparation of laws and decisions of the Russian Government to support small business, deregulation and technical regulation.



## SESSION 6

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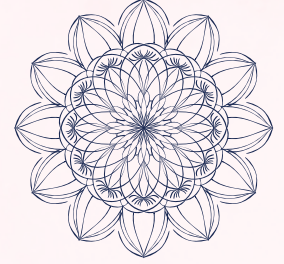
## Investing in Services and Infrastructure for an Enabling Care Economy

### BACKGROUND

Women and girls disproportionately bear the burden of care work, which includes childcare, care of the elderly, and household chores. Though this work is essential for the functioning of societies and economies, it is often undervalued and underpaid. Social infrastructure and investment in the activities that provide health care, education, childcare and adult long-term care are vital to maintaining and growing the productive capacity of an economy, as well as being essential ways of developing people's quality of life. Moreover, investing in care services will alleviate barriers to employment for women and thus increase their participation in the labour force. With more women taking up the newly created jobs, especially in other sectors as an effect of this infrastructure, the equalizing employment effect of investing in care would be more pronounced than currently observed especially in fields with large gender employment gaps.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness about the importance of care work for economic growth and development and its disproportionate impact on women.
- To explore strategies for valuing and recognizing care work and investing in services and infrastructure that support an enabling care economy for women.
- To discuss existing infrastructure and policy framework in the care economy sector.
- To suggest policy solutions for building infrastructure and services in the care economy sector.



**Kelsey Harris**

### **MODERATOR**

Kelsey Harris is the Interim Deputy Director of Policy and Advocacy at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). She is a Senior Global Policy Advocate based out of the ICRW-US office, where she manages a global policy and advocacy coalition on women's economic empowerment. With over 10 years of experience, Kelsey specializes in policy, advocacy, coalition building, and project management. Prior to joining ICRW, Kelsey worked at InterAction, an alliance of international development and humanitarian INGOs, where she coordinated Congressional and Administration policy and advocacy efforts focused on international development issues.

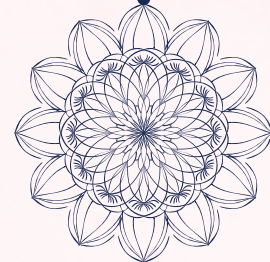


**Aditi Das Rout**

### **PANELIST**

Aditi Das Rout is Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Government of India. She is responsible for Saksham Anganwadi and Mission Poshan 2.0, Media, G20-related matters, and Food & Nutrition Board. She has over 35 years of experience in Government and has held various positions in different ministries and departments. She has also represented India in various international forums. She has contributed to the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for the welfare and development of women and children under the flagship scheme Mission Poshan 2.0.





**Aya Matsuura**

### **PANELIST**

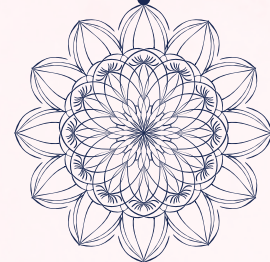
Aya Matsuura is a Gender Specialist at the International Labour Organization (ILO) Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia. She has over 15 years of experience in international development and humanitarian work, with a focus on gender equality and women's empowerment. Prior to joining ILO, Aya worked as a Chief Technical Advisor for the Way out of Informality Project in South Asia. She has also worked as a Gender Specialist/Chief Technical Advisor for the International Development Professional and Consultant. Aya has been involved in various initiatives related to gender equality, women's economic empowerment, and humanitarian issues. She is passionate about promoting gender equality and women's rights and has contributed to the formulation and implementation of policies and programs for the welfare and development of women. She holds a Master's degree in International Policy Studies from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.



**Esther Achumi Dennis**

### **PANELIST**

Esther Achumi Dennis worked in North East India for NEIDAC, KRIPA Foundation in the area of Counseling, Capacity building, skill development in Prevention, Care and Treatment for Government agencies, Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and communities during the Drugs and HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region. She has also worked for Oxfam GB India in Monitoring and Evaluating HIV/AIDS care services in India that were funded by the European Union. After moving to the US, Esther worked with two Counties in Ohio, both Stark and Summit County Board of Developmental Disabilities as Service and Support Administrator developing and monitoring care service plans for personal home care providers and families, funded by Medicaid and by the local tax dollars program for individuals with developmental disabilities..



From 2019 until present, Esther had a career change due to a personal tragedy and took over the family business as a real estate investor and entrepreneur while caring for a minor child at home. Esther has a Masters in Social Work and specialised in Medical & Psychiatric Social Work from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India.



**Mitali Nikore**

#### **PANELIST**

Mitali Nikore is an economist and gender policy specialist and the founder of youth-led research group Nikore Associates. She advises multilateral organizations such as the ADB, UN Women, the World Bank and private sector. She works extensively on gender mainstreaming in infrastructure, particularly on transport, urban and social infrastructure in South Asia and Africa. Mitali is an awardee of prestigious India-UK Achivers honours, and has been recognised amongst Forbes 22 for 2022 industry leaders in India.



**Chiou See Anderson**

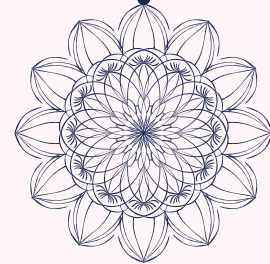
#### **PANELIST**

Chiou See Anderson, is the President of the National Council of Women of Australia (NCWA) and a board member of the International Council of Women. She was appointed to the Australian Government's inaugural Women's Economic Equality Taskforce in the Prime Minister of Australia's cabinet, which advises the government on a broad range of issues facing women in Australia, including informing the development of a National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality. Anderson also owns and operates two retirement communities and a technology business.



# CLOSING SESSION

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## Celebrating the Power of Women Empowerment

### BACKGROUND

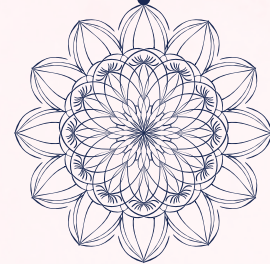
Women empowerment is a celebration of strength, resilience, and progress. It is a collective recognition of the power that lies within every woman. It signifies breaking barriers, shattering stereotypes, and overcoming challenges. Women empowerment acknowledges the invaluable contributions women make in every aspect of life, from the boardroom to the household. It encourages equal opportunities, education, and decision-making, enabling women to fulfil their potential and shape a better future. It is a testament to the indomitable spirit of women, inspiring generations to come. In this session, we celebrate the power of women empowerment, knowing that when women rise, societies flourish, and the world becomes a more equitable place.

This session aims to celebrate the power of women empowerment and acknowledge the contribution of women to overall societal and economic progress in the world. By empowering women, we can improve the education and health status of the entire nation as empowered women prioritise the education and healthcare of the family. Further, this session aims to explore the progress made by Women 20 and reiterate W20's commitment to empowering women from all walks of life with the objective of achieving gender parity.

### SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To highlight the significance and impact of women empowerment on individuals, families, communities, and society as a whole.
- To explore the challenges and barriers that women face in achieving empowerment.
- To discuss the importance of equal opportunities, education, and decision-making for women's empowerment.
- To foster a sense of solidarity and commitment towards championing the cause of women empowerment.
- To discuss the progress made by Women 20 engagement group.





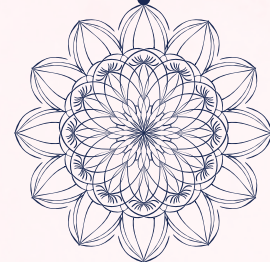
**Bharati Ghosh**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Bharati Ghosh is a former IPS, former UN staff officer, and presently a grassroots leader and National Spokesperson of the Bharatiya Janata Party. She is also a member of the National Executive Committee of the Bharatiya Janata Party. She served the international community under the auspicious of the United Nations as Commander of Kosovo Polje in the UN mission in Kosovo. She also served as Policy and Planning Advisor to the DPKO (Department of Peacekeeping Operations) in the UN Secretariat for five years and in this capacity, She served different UN missions including that of Somalia, Chad, Haiti, Iraq & other UN missions. Her last mission was in Bagdad. She received 6 medals from the United Nations and many appreciation letters from different heads of missions all over the world.

Her education includes degrees in International Marketing and Psycho-Analytic Theory from Harvard University, USA. She is also a Chevening Gurukul Commonwealth Scholar and an alumni of the London School of Economics, UK. She also holds MBA Degree from Jadavpur University and LLB degree from Burdwan University. She is trained at the Embakasi Military Institute of Kenya and also at the Bramshill International Police Academy UK. At home, She was the first lady Superintendent of Police in West Bengal and she served as SP of two maoists districts simultaneously- Jhargram and West Midnapore. She initiated the surrender of hundreds of top maoists and brought in the transition from a state of bloodshed to peace. She received the Chief Minister's Medal for Commendable Service for her work in the Naxal belt. In 2017, she resigned and joined the BJP in 2019.





**Thiru Thangam Thenarasu**

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Thiru Thangam Thenarasu is an Indian politician and the Minister for Finance, Planning, Human Resources Management, Government of Tamil nadu. He served as Minister for School Education in Tamil Nadu during 2006-2011. He has a bachelor's degree in Engineering. He has been elected to the Tamil Nadu assembly five times.

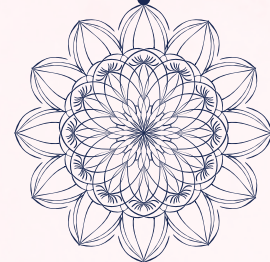


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**Gulden Turkkan**

### ADDRESS

Dr. Turkkan, appointed in 2015 as the Founding Chair of the W20 – Women 20, the outreach group of G20 as a platform to enhance the women's status and participation in the respective economies of the G20 countries. This year, in 2022, she has been appointed as the Rural women Co-Chair of the W20 under the presidency of W20 Indonesia. She is now a member of the Presidential Council of KAGIDER. In KAGIDER, she undertook the leadership to promote establishment of W20 and she was appointed as the founding President of the W20, the women outreach group of the G20 that supports gender-inclusive business and economic growth for all G20 countries. he was behind a very successful program known as FEM – an equal opportunity program at the workplace. She works as consultant and mentor for various small to large companies establishing steps for their progress and development. She has been elected to be the President of the Board of the International Women's' Forum in Turkey in 2019 and now she is serving her second term as the president.



**Linda Laura Sabbadini**

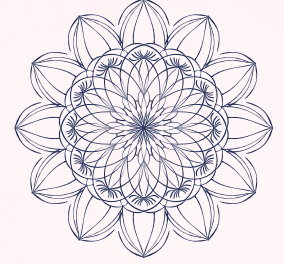
### ADDRESS

In Italy she has guided the process of renewing social and gender statistics, giving visibility in official statistics to invisible people, social subjects such as women, young people, children, the disabled, migrants, the poor, the homeless, the elderly, lgbtqi persons and to phenomena such as violence against women, discrimination, poverty, corruption, quality of life. She was part of the National Equality Opportunity Commission for many years. She went to International conference of women of Beijing as delegate, editing the volume Different Times - translated into 4 languages and distributed during the same conference -

She is a member of the Scientific Committee of the UPB Parliamentary Budget Office. She is the author of more than 100 scientific publications. She participated at many High Level groups and centers of excellence of UN, OCSE, and Eurostat. Since 2016 she has been a columnist for La Stampa, important newspaper of Italy publishing articles on social, gender, generational and territorial inequalities and since 2020 also for Repubblica the most important newspaper in Italy. She has received numerous awards (20). In particular, the President of the Italian Republic Ciampi gave her the honor of Commendatore in 2006, and the President of the Italian Republic Mattarella gave her the honor of Grande Ufficiale in 2021. In 2015 she was included in the publication on the 100 italian excellencies.







**Uli Silalahi**

### **ADDRESS**

Ms. Hadriani Uli Silalahi is a practitioner in women empowerment with more than 25 years of experience. As the Vice President of Kowani, she is able to reach 87 million Indonesian women with financial, digital, and self-improvement programs. Just last year, 1000 Women MSMEs joined the Kowani Fair Online with a digital capacity-building agenda in collaboration with Indonesia's leading e-commerce. She is also passionate about increasing Indonesian literacy by bringing millions of affordable books since 2016 through Big Bad Wolf.



**Prof. Narnia Bohler-Muller**

### **ADDRESS**

Professor Narnia Bohler-Muller is a divisional executive in the HSRC's Developmental, Capable and Ethical State research division. She specialises in participatory democracy and social justice as well as gender equality and the fulfilment of socioeconomic rights. She has led numerous large projects for the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, the Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation in the Presidency, the European Union Commission in South Africa, and the UK Commonwealth and Foreign Office. Ms Bohler is currently a research associate with the Centre for Gender and Africa Studies and has officially represented South Africa at various international forums.



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