

Women Engineers and Scientists achieving SDGs for an equal future through leadership in public and private arenas

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Paris - 3 PM CET

19 March 2021

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Event organized at the **NOKIA** headquarter France, in partnership with



The event will take place, in English language, on March 19, 2021, from 3pm CET. It will also take place online and will be recorded and made available on the Youtube WOMENVAI Channel.

CONTEXT

UN Women announces the theme for the International Women's Day, 8 March 2021 (IWD 2021) as, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world." The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, "Women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life, as well as the elimination of violence, for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls", and the flagship "Generation Equality" campaign, which calls for women's right to decision-making in all areas of life, equal pay, equal sharing of unpaid care and domestic work, an end to all forms of violence against women and girls, and health-care services that respond to their needs.

To uphold women's rights and fully leverage the potential of women's leadership in pandemic preparedness and response, the perspectives of women and girls in all their diversity must be integrated in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs in all spheres and at all stages of pandemic response and recovery.¹

REINFORCING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP WITH EQUALITY PLANS AND MORE CONCRETE AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

How to reinforce women leadership, including in STEM* areas? How to integrate better diversity and equality policies, in all environments, at Engineering & Science faculties and universities, at business and local authorities' levels? How to achieve professional equality in Public and Private scientific and technological sectors? How can Equality tools and labels support better national policies and guidelines for concrete gender mainstreaming activities in SMEs? Which best initiatives help foster strategic positions held by women, in both developing and developed countries?

**STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths*

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¹ More on <https://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2020/11/announcer-international-womens-day-2021>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

Najat Vallaud-Belkacem

ONE's France Director, an NGO fighting to end extreme poverty and preventable diseases. Between 2012 and 2017, she became Minister in charge of Women's Rights, then Minister of National Education, Higher Education and Research (2014-2017). She was the first woman ever to hold this position in France.



Lidiya Grigoreva heads the NGO Liaison Unit at the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). She serves as a Gender Focal Point for the UN, Geneva, and supports the implementation of the Policy for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women. She has a two masters degree from Uzbekistan and UK (human rights).



Yetunde Holloway, Chair World Federation of Engineering Organisations WIE Committee. Registered Engineer with the Council for the Regulation for Engineering of Nigeria (COREN), Yetunde is as an executive director with the Special Committee for Rehabilitation of Public Schools (SCRPS) in Lagos State as appointed in 2020 by the Governor of the State.



Inès Aivazian, Student at ESME-SUDRIA, nominated Engineer of the Futur Prize 2020, France. Inès is treasurer of the WOMENVAI international NGO established early 2018 to address development issues, especially technological solutions to climate change adaptation, and propose mentoring programmes for girls and women entrepreneurs in STEM in rural areas.



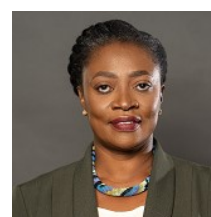
Aline Aubertin is President of the French Women Engineers Association, working at influencing to get more women in STEM. Also B2B business expert, she is currently global sourcing Manager, managing multicultural cross-functional teams.



Jean-Michel Nicolle, Director General of EPF Ecole d'Ingénieur.es, one of the Top internationally ranked Engineering faculties, first one in History of France to have delivered engineering grades to women. He is also the Vice-president CDEFI, the Institutional congress gathering all Directors of French Engineering Schools, from both public and private sectors, and all accredited by the Commission des Titres d'Ingénieur (CTI) to issue the official title of engineer grade.



Carlien Bou-Chedid, President Federation of African Engineering Organisations, Ghana, is a Consulting Structural/ Earthquake Engineer with more than 35 years of experience. She serves on a number of Boards including currently, the Electricity Company of Ghana and the Architectural and Engineering Services Ltd, Also a member of the Board of Direction of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, USA.



Lidia Zakowska, Professor at the Cracow University of Technology in transport engineering and international researcher on sustainable urban mobility, equality in transportation, environmental protection and safety. Active Member of WFEO-WIE, of the Polish FSNT NOT, and SITK RP. As H2020-GEECCO leader and co-founder of WIEmy Network at CUT she works for women equality in engineering.



Elisabeth Eude, Eng. Telecom expert, Senior product manager on 5G in Nokia. Co-founder and board member of StrongHer since 2011, a gender diversity network promoting equal opportunities for women and men in Nokia, who received GEM-TECH award from ITU & UN Women in 2014. Former Executive Director of the Alcatel-Lucent Foundation. Awarded in 2015 & 2016 in the Top100 young business leaders in France.



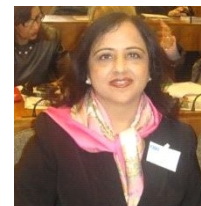
Asma Brini, CEO ABSHORE, Tunisia. After more than 16 years experience as an international consultant, for different domains such as healthcare, banking, telecoms, Asma founded ABSHORE in 2012, a company specialized in Digital Transformation and Consultancy. With more than 8 years existence, ABSHORE grow up rapidly in terms of members and clients and partners.



Betty Azzarelli-Bonnardel, CEO AB5Consulting, an award-winning London SME developing innovative solutions in an enabled environment. As a strong supporter of gender balance in STEM, Betty is a keen supporter of STEM careers and education. Betty has kicked-off a new start-up named after Farmer Charlie.



Sangeeta Wij, Structural Engineer, Managing Partner at SD Engineering Consultants, a 23 year old Detailed Engineering Consultancy firm in India, she is President, Women in Science and Engineering (WISE India), and has encouraged and facilitated formation of WISE in neighbouring Asian countries like Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.



Cristina Lunghi, PhD in Law, since 1995 President and Founder of the NGO Arborus, established in 1995, specializing in issues of equality in employment and equal opportunities. Since 2007 until now: funder of CEPD (Conseil en Egalité Professionnelle et Diversité) spécialisée on gender and diversity training, study, consultancy.



Olga Johnson is a Franco-Beninese activist, entrepreneur, political woman, passionate about women's emancipation. She is Special advisor, Africa of Fondation "Energies pour le monde", ambassador for Africa of Winch Energy, ex-Councilor of Paris 17 in charge of Citizen Cohesion and Gender issues, Ambassador of Women in Africa Initiative.



Mandjalé TOURE, Ha Sylá, is Principal Inspector of Education, in post at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Ivory Coast. She founded and manage the International Chamber of African Women and Youth for Sustainable Entrepreneurship (CIFJA) and ASODED (Solidarity and SDG's), also she works for the professional integration and empowerment of women.



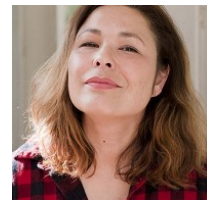
Marie-Christine Maheas, MSc. Eng. Head of Business Development Europe - SilverRail Technologies- Expedia Group, Director of the Observatory for Gender Balance (Observatoire de la Mixité) which provides a toolbox for leaders with the 6 gender initiatives, coordinator of the think tank "Women Entrepreneurs" at Positive Planet.



Susana Viseu, experienced CEO with a demonstrated history of working in the management consulting, environment industry and non-profit sector, founder and president of NGO BUSINESS as NATURE (BasN), a non-profit association working in the areas of sustainability and defense of the role of women.



Ayumi Moore Aoki, Founder and President of Women in Tech, a leading global organization whose mission is to achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in STEM fields. With thousands of members in over 70 countries, the Movement reaches women worldwide through different programs focusing on education, entrepreneurship, science & innovation and social inclusion.



Saida Agrebi graduate from UC/Berkeley USA chaired high level positions for Women Rights Empowerment in the Arab African Region served as Member of Tunisian and Pan-African parliaments, activist within Civil Society Volunteer actions, founded an International NGO for Solidarity Amity Tolerance, OISAT/WASAT, which Consultative UN/ECOSOC Status



Marie-Laure Charles, Charter President, Rotary e-Club Paris International, is an international and intercultural CEO who has worked for Honeywell, Thales and Engie. She is also a French Navy Officer.



Nathalie Pilhes, President 2GAP Gender and Governance Action Platform, France, is Senior high-ranking Civil servant at the Ministry of the Interior. She has a long inter-ministerial experience, focused on security and international cooperation.



Denisse Salas, committee member, Swiss Engineering Geneva, graduated as Systems Engineer, MSc. Eng. (ICT). As a Master Scrum professional, Denisse has accumulated life and work experience living several years in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe. Passionate by AI, Gender equality, environment and in constant reinvention of herself.



Flávia Roxin, President founder of AFEAG-MG, Women's Association of Engineering, Brazil, Civil Engineer with specialization in Environmental Eng., member of the Management Committee of the Woman Program of the Crea-MG and member of the Board of Ingenieras Luso-Hispanicas group since 2020.



Pascale Fressoz, MBA, Director of Millenium consulting, specialized in strategic planning, sustainable development, and participative democracy. President of AIODD, the International Alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals based in 20 countries. Co-founded of the Millenium Development Goals Coalition. Elected at local level in France



Yvette Ramos, with a MsSc.Eng.(EPF) and MBA(IAE) is an expert and international Consultant, working in project management positions for hydromet and climate services. Moreover, she is the Managing Director of an Intellectual Property Law firm based in Geneva since 2012. First woman president of the +100 years aged Swiss Engineering Geneva Chapter, she is one of the cofounders of WOMENVAI.



PROGRAMME 19th March 2021 – 3 pm CET

Facilitators: Yvette Ramos, President WOMENVAI, member of WFEO-WIE committee and
Pascale Fressoz, President AIODD

15h00 **Welcome note by the Host and Introductory Speech by the United Nations**

Thierry Boisson, President of Nokia France
Antonio Guterres, General Secretary of the United Nations (video)
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Director General UN Women (video)

15h20 **Paving the way for women leaders**

Keynote speakers: Najat Vallaud-Belkacem, Director One Campaign France, ex-Minister France
Lydia Grigoreva, Political Affairs Officer at United Nations Office at Geneva (online)
Yetunde Holloway, Chair World Federation of Engineering Organisations Women In Engineering
Committee, Nigeria (online)
Inès Aivazian, Student at ESME-SUDRIA, nominated Engineer of the Futur Prize 2020, France

15h45 **A major goal of the SDG's: Women Engineers and Scientists achieving an equal future, through leadership in public and private arenas- round tables**

Engineering & Science faculties/universities

Aline Aubertin, President Femmes Ingénieures, France
Jean-Michel Nicolle, Vice-president CDEFI Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, Director General EPF
Ecole d'Ingénieur.e.s, France
Carlien Bou-Chedid, President Federation of African Engineering Organisations, Ghana (online)
Lidia Zakowska, Professor Cracow University of Technology, Poland (online)

Small & Medium & Large Enterprises

Elisabeth Eude, 5G radio product manager, cofounder and board member StrongHer Nokia, France
Asma Brini, CEO ABSHORE, Tunisia
Betty Azzarelli-Bonnardel, CEO AB5Consulting, UK (online)
Sangeeta Wij, President Women In Science and Engineering, India (online)
Cristina Lunghi, President founder Arborus, France (online)

Local authorities, municipalities

Olga Johnson, Ex-Counselor in Paris 17^{ème}, Special advisor, Africa - Fondation Energies pour le
Monde, France (online)
Mandjale Touré Sylla, President cofounder ASODED, Côte d'Ivoire
Marie-Christine Maheas, Head Business Development SilverRail Technologies Expedia Group, France
Susana Viseu, founder and president of NGO Business as Nature, Portugal (online)

Non Governmental Organisations

Ayumi Moore Aoki, Founder & CEO Women in Tech Founder & CEO Social Brain
Saida Agrebi, President, OISAT/WASAT
Marie-Laure Charles, Charter President, Rotary e-Club Paris International
Nathalie Pilhes, President 2GAP Gender and Governance Action Platform, France
Denisse Salas, committee member, Swiss Engineering Geneva, Switzerland (online)
Flávia Roxin, President AFEAG-MG, Women's Association of Engineering, Brazil (online)

18h-18h30: Questions and Answers

18h30 **Closing by signing the Statement – to be read by the Sciences-Po Paris students 2021-2025 SDGs programme by Women leading the path in public and private arena**