



# Gender and Development Forum



Date online 26-28 October 2021

## Preliminary programme



### 26 September 2021

16:00–17:30 hrs. CEST  
10:00–11:30 hrs. AST

#### Opening Ceremony

*Speakers*

**Prof. The Most Honorable Violet Eudine Barriteau,**

**Ms. Rebeca Grynspan,** Secretary-General of UNCTAD

**The Honorable Mia Amor Mottley,** Prime Minister of Barbados

*Keynote*

**Dr. Mariama Williams,** Institute of Law and Economics

*Moderator*

**Ms. Varia Williams**

17:40–18:25 hrs. CEST  
11:40–12:25 hrs. AST

#### Re-thinking gender, trade and development in the post COVID-19 'transformations' and landscapes

*Speakers*

**Dr. Mariama Williams** with **Dr. Tonya Haynes**

18:25–18:530 hrs. CEST  
12:50 hrs. AST

#### Gender and development, international trade and UNCTAD: future prospects

*Speaker*

**Ms. Isabelle Durant,** Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD

19:00–20:30 hrs. CEST  
13:00–14:30 hrs. AST

#### Finance, investment and entrepreneurship, a feminist viewpoint

*Speakers*

**Ms. Ajaita Shah,** Founder and CEO, Frontier Markets (tbc)

**Ms. Lauren Rawlings,** Director Economic Growth, Palladium (tbc)

**Ms. Tina Byles Williams,** CEO Xponance Inc.

**Ms. Polo Leteka,** Chair, IDF Capital (tbc)

**Ms. Sanola Daley,** Gender Lead, MAS, International Finance Corporation (IFC) (tbc)

**Ms. Jessica Espinoza,** Chair, 2x Collaborative (tbc)



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*Moderator* **Dr. Gillian Marcelle**, Founder and CEO  
Resilience Capital Ventures LLC (tbc)

20:30–21:50 hrs. CEST  
14:30–15:50 hrs. AST **Madan Sara Documentary**

*Moderator* **Dr. Fulvia Farinelli**, Senior Economist, Office of  
the Resident Coordinator, United Nations in  
Argentina

## 27 September 2021

14:30–15:45 hrs. CEST  
08:30–09:45 hrs. AST **Imbalances in the global political economy**

*Speakers* **Ms. Joan May Salvador**, Asia Pacific Forum on  
Women (APWLD)

**Dr. Corina Rodriguez Enriquez**, Development  
Alternatives with Women for a New Era

**Ms. Vanda Radzik**, Red Thread

*Moderator* **Ms. Aishu Balaji**, Regions Refocus

15:45–17:00 hrs. CEST  
09:45–11:00 hrs. AST **Commodities and gender: agriculture, fisheries, dairy and  
extractive sectors**

*Speakers* **Prof. Nursel Aydiner-Avsar**, Akdeniz University

**Dr. Azra Sayeed**, Roots for Equity

**Ms. Pauline van de Pallen**, Third World Network-  
Africa

*Moderator* **Dr. Kai-Ann Skeete**, University of West Indies

16:00–18:30 hrs. CEST  
10:00–12:30 hrs. AST **High-level panel: Creating gender-responsive  
economies and societies: which role can trade play**

*Opening remarks* **Ms. Isabelle Durant**, Deputy Secretary-General of  
UNCTAD

*Moderator* **Ms. Eleanor Wragg**, Senior Reporter, GTR, Trade  
Trade Review

*Session I – Gender equality and trade policymaking : the role of  
bilateral, regional and global trade policy initiatives alongside  
domestic policies*

*Speakers* **H.E. Ms. Béata Habyarimana**, Minister of Trade  
and Industry, Rwanda

**H.E. Mr. Ville Skinnari**, Minister for Development  
Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland

**Ms. Ana Guezmes**, Chief, Gender Affairs  
Division, UN Economic Commission for Latin  
America and the Caribbean - ECLAC



*Session II – Announcement of the winner of the alumni essay competition on trade and gender*

*Session III – Trade as a driver of gender equality in the post-pandemic recovery: perspectives from civil society, the private sector and the academia*

*Speakers* **Ms. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (tralac) South Africa

**Mr. Andrew Dunnett**, Director of SDG , Sustainability and Foundations, Vodaphone Group Plc

**Ms. Eudine Barriteau**, Professor of Gender and Public Policy, University of West Indies Cave Hills Campus, Barbados

[https://unctad.org/system/files/information-document/U15gender-forum01\\_concept-note\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/system/files/information-document/U15gender-forum01_concept-note_en.pdf)

17:00–18:00 hrs. CEST **Finance and investment** - Breakout session  
11:00–12:00 hrs. AST

*Facilitator* **Dr. Gillian Marcelle**, Resilience Capital Ventures LLC

17:00–18:00 hrs. CEST **Debt and tax** - Breakout session  
11:00–12:00 hrs. AST

*Facilitator* **Ms. Attiya Waris**, African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET) (tbc)

17:00–18:00 hrs. CEST **Commodities** - Breakout session  
11:00–12:00 hrs. AST

*Facilitator* **Dr. Kristina Hinds**, University of West Indies

17:00–18:00 hrs. CEST **COVID-19 crisis** - Breakout session  
11:00–12:00 hrs. AST

*Facilitator* **Dr. Angelique Nixon**, Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS)

17:00–18:00 hrs. CEST **Labor/Care economy**  
11:00–12:00 hrs. AST Breakout session

*Facilitator* **Dr. Leith Dunn**, Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS)

18:00–19:00 hrs. CEST **Women, trade and entrepreneurship** - Networking session  
12:00–13:00 hrs. AST

17:00–17:15 hrs. CEST **Gender and development, international trade and UNCTAD: Future prospects** - Lightning talk  
13:00–13:15 hrs. AST

*Speaker* **Ms. Pamela Coke-Hamilton**, Executive Director, International Trade Centre (tbc)

*Moderator* **Dr. Kristina Hinds**, University of West Indies

19:15–20:30 hrs. CEST **Regional trade agreements and gender**



13:15–14:30 hrs. AST

- Speakers*
- Ms. Nadira Bajat**, Gender and Trade Consultant, UN Women
  - Ms. Diyana Yahaja**, Gender and Trade Coalition member (FTC)
  - Dr. Edme Dominguez**, WIDE+ (Women in Development Europe+) and GADIP (Gender in Development Practice) (tbc)
  - Ms. Maureen Penjueli**, Pacific Network on Globalization (PANG)
  - Ms. Simonetta Zarrilli**, Chief, Trade, gender and Development Programme, UNCTAD
- Moderator*
- Dr. Michelle Maziwisa**, African Women's Development and Communications Network (FEMNET)

20:30–21:45 hrs. CEST

14:30–15:45 hrs. AST

**Advocacy and accountability: who gets to be at the negotiating table** - Strategy session

- Speakers*
- Ms. Wardarina**, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD)
  - Ms. Nicole Bidegain Ponte**, Social Affairs Officer, Division for Gender Affairs
  - Ms. Marsha Drakes**, CARICOM Office of Trade Negotiations
- Moderator*
- Dr. Jean-Yves-Remy**, Shridath Ramphal Centre for International Trade Law, Policy and Services

21:45–23:00 hrs. CEST

15:45–17:00 hrs. AST

**High-level global townhall**

- Speaker*
- The Honorable Mia Amor Mottley**, Prime Minister of Barbados
- Moderator*
- Ms. Roberta Clark**

## 28 September 2021

14:30–15:30 hrs. CEST

08:30–09:30 hrs. AST

**Sustainability, climate and extractives: Restructuring development and trade**

- Keynote*
- Ms. Anita Nayar**, Regions Refocus
- Moderator*
- Dr. Maya Trotz**, Strong Coasts

15:30–16:30 hrs. CEST

09:30–10:15 hrs. AST

**Feeling blue: feminist perspectives on the blue economy**

*Cross-regional dialogue*

- Speakers*
- Ms. Emeline Siale Ilolahia**, Pacific Island Association of NGOs (PIANGO)



- Ms. Beverley Wade**, Director of Fisheries,  
Government of Belize
- Moderator* **Ms. Mereoni Chung**, Development Alternatives  
with Women for a New Era (DAWN)
- 16:00–18:30 hrs. CEST  
10:00–12:30 hrs. AST
- UNCTAD Gender and Development Workshop: Our work  
makes a difference**
- Welcome and opening remarks
- Session I – UNCTAD’s capacity building initiative on trade and  
gender
- Session II – Gender perspectives in trade facilitation reforms
- Session III – Better data for gender inclusive trade policy
- Session IV – eTrade for Women
- Session V – Women entrepreneurship
- Wrap-up session
- 16:30–17:45 hrs. CEST  
10:15–11:45 hrs. AST
- Indigenous knowledge and technologies: rethinking  
sustainability, economy and ecology**
- Speakers* **H.E. Ms. Froyla Tzalam**, Governor General of  
Belize
- Ms. Alisi Rabukawaqa**, Ocean expert and climate  
activist, Fiji Pacific representative, Indigenous  
Peoples Advisory Group for the Global  
Environment Facility
- Ms. Araba Opoku**, Visual Artist, Ghana
- Moderator* **Prof. Violet Eudine Barriteau**, University of the  
West Indies at Cave Hill
- 17:45–18:00 hrs. CEST  
11:45–12:00 hrs. AST
- Repositioning gender analyses to address structural  
inequalities affecting social and economic development**
- Lightning talk*
- Speaker* **The Honorable Kamina Johnson Smith**, Council  
for Trade and Economic Development (COTED) of  
the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)
- Moderator* **Ms. Tonni Ann Brodber**, UN Women Multi-  
country Office Caribbean
- 18:00–19:00 hrs. CEST  
12:00–13:00 hrs. AST
- Africa-Caribbean cross regional dialogue on the creative  
industries**
- Welcome* **Ms. Shanika Burnett**, Fashion designer SHAKAD  
Eco Lifestyle, Barbados
- Ms. Sheena Rose**, Contemporary Artist,  
Barbados
- Ms. Rehema Isa**, Womanomics Africa, South  
Africa



		<b>Ms. Araba Opoku</b> , Visual Artist, Ghana
	<i>Keynote</i>	<b>Dr. Tonya Haynes</b> , Co-lead organizer, UNCTAD15 Gender and Development Forum
19:00–20:15 hrs. CEST 13:00–14:15 hrs. AST		<b>The future of work: Precarity and gig economy, erosion of unionization, eCommerce, artificial intelligence</b>
	<i>Speakers</i>	<b>Ms. Isabelle Durant</b> , Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD <b>Ms. Ina Leblanc</b> , National Union of Domestic Employees <b>Ms. Sofia Scasserra</b> , World Labor Institute, National University Tres de Febrero (tbc) <b>Ms. Anita Gurumurthy</b> , IT for Change
	<i>Moderator</i>	<b>H.E. Dr. Halimah DeShong</b> , Ambassador / Second Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the United Nations
20:15–21:15 hrs. CEST 14:15–15:15 hrs. AST		<b>Migration and trade; gender, trafficking, and forced labour</b>
	<i>Speakers</i>	<b>Ms. Beena Pallical</b> , Asia Dalit Rights Forum <b>Dr. Geraldine Adiku</b> , University of Ghana <b>Ms. Eni Lestari</b> , International Migrants Alliance
	<i>Moderator</i>	<b>Dr. Joan Philips</b> , University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus
21:15–22:15 hrs. CEST 15:15–16:15 hrs. AST		<b>Underwriting economic exploitation: unpaid labour, care work, and social reproduction</b>
	<i>Speakers</i>	<b>Ms. Lebohang Liepollo Pheko</b> , Senior research fellow, Trade collective, Founding fellow of the Thabo Mbeki Leadership Institute <b>Ms. Daisy Arago</b> , Asia Pacific Women Law and Development (APWLD), Labour Programme and Centre for Trade Union and Human Rights (CTUHR) <b>Ms. Valeria Esquivel</b> , Employment Policies and Gender Specialist Employment Policy Department, International Labour Organization <b>Ms. Helene Davis-Whyte</b> , Public Services International
	<i>Moderator</i>	<b>Prof. Alissa Trotz</b> , Red Thread (Guyana) and University of Toronto
22:15–23:15 hrs. CEST 16:15–17:15 hrs. AST		<b>Towards UNCTAD 16 - Closing</b>



<i>Speakers</i>	<b>Ms. Rebeca Grynspan</b> , Secretary-General of UNCTAD <b>Prof. Violet Eudine Barriteau</b> , <b>Dr. Tonya Haynes</b> <b>Ms. Roberta Clarke</b>
<i>Moderator</i>	<b>Ms. Toni Ann Brodber</b> , UN Women Multi-country Office Caribbean