



Progress toward gender equality

Interactive expert panel discussion: Getting back on track: Achieving gender equality in a context of overlapping emergencies

Thursday, 16 March 2023, 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Speaker biographies:

<u>Annie Namala</u> is the Director of the Centre of Social Equity and Inclusion, a civil society organization enhancing social, economic and cultural rights of socially excluded communities. Annie is a civil society activist and campaigner for citizen generated data in India with a strong focus on 'leaving no one behind' principle in exclusion-inclusion mapping of marginalized communities.

Lauren M. Phillips is the Deputy Director for the Inclusive Rural Transformation and Gender Equality Division of the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization, driving FAO's work on critical social dimensions underlying food and nutrition insecurity including poverty reduction and gender equality. Lauren is an international political economist and has published widely on finance and development.

Jerome De Henau is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at The Open University, pursuing his research interest in gender analysis of fiscal and social policy. Jerome is leading on a project with the ILO to stimulate the costs and benefits of investing in transformative care policy packages across 82 countries. His experiences, Jerome contributes to the UK Women's Budget Group, a think tank scrutinizing gender impact of UK government's policies.

<u>Marina Irigoyen</u> is a professor at the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos and serves as the Gender Advisor in the SERVIR Amazonia programme, a joint initiative of NASA and USAID that empowers actors across the Amzon region to track environmental changes in almost real-time, evaluate climatic threats and rapidly respond to disasters. Marina is a sociologist by training with extensive experience promoting dialogues aimed at resolving issues related to governance and gender.

<u>Hamsatu Allamin</u> is Founder and Executive Director of Allamin Foundation for Peace and Development, a West African peace building organization that elevates humanitarian and social crisis resulted from the emergence of Boko Haram in Nigeria. Hamsatu is an award winning educator, freelance writer, gender activists, human rights defender and peace maker who created multiple civil society networks to elevate the voices of victims and survivors of Boko Haram violent conflict and counter insurgency operations in North-east Nigeria.