



Sixty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective

Expert Group Meeting: Programme of Work

Convened by UN-Women

3-6 October 2023<sup>1</sup>

Virtual

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<sup>1</sup> **Note on Time Zones:** all hours are New York time (EDT/GMT-4). Please confirm your local time on the days of the meeting in the event of time changes in your respective time zone

<b>Tuesday, 3 October 2023</b>	
<b>07:45 - 8:00</b>	<i>Sound Check and Connection</i>
<b>8:00 - 8:15</b>	Briefing of experts (organization of work) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zohra Khan, Senior Policy Advisor, UN-Women</li> </ul> Election of Co-Chairs
<b>08:15 - 08:30</b>	Welcome and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Hendriks, Deputy Executive Director, ad interim, UN-Women</li> </ul>
<b>Session 1: New development strategies and reform of the financial architecture</b>	
<b>08:30 - 9:45</b>	Presentation of background papers (30 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane Elson, Professor Emeritus, University of Essex <i>Reducing Women's Poverty Through New Development Strategies</i></li> <li>• Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst <i>The International Financial System and Women's Poverty</i></li> </ul> Discussant (10 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, Chair, UN Working Group of the Human Rights Council on the issue of discrimination against women and girls</li> </ul> General discussion on emerging policy recommendations
<b>9:45 -10:00</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>Session 2: Economic and social policies to address women's poverty</b>	
<b>10:00-11:30</b>	Presentations (20 mins each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caren Grown, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution <i>Using tax policies and systems to expand fiscal space for addressing women's poverty</i></li> <li>• Yumiko Yamamoto, Associate Professor of Economics, Okayama University <i>Macroeconomic policy and its potential for valuing, reducing, and redistributing poor women's unpaid labour</i></li> <li>• Heba Nassar, Professor of Economics, Cairo University <i>Economic and social policies for eradication of women's poverty in the Arab Region</i></li> </ul> Discussant (10 mins): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christina Laskaridis, Assistant Professor, The Open University</li> </ul> General discussion on emerging policy recommendations
<b>11:30 – 12:00</b>	Synthesizing reflections from Day 1
<b>Wednesday, 4 October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 3: Mobilising financing for women living in poverty</b>	
<b>08:30 - 10:00</b>	Presentations (20 minutes each): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, Researcher, National Council for Scientific and Technical Research of Argentina (CONICET) <i>Gender bonds: Do they leverage or threaten women's rights?</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Durreen Shahnaz, Founder, Impact Investment Exchange <i>Orange Bond Initiative</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant (10 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attiya Waris, Independent expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights</li> </ul> <p>General discussion on emerging policy recommendations (20 mins)</p>
<b>10:00 - 10:15</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>Session 4: Fiscal space and addressing the climate-care nexus</b>	
<b>10:15 - 11:45</b>	<p>Presentations (20 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chenai Mukumba, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network Africa <i>Taxing for gender equality and justice</i></li> <li>Leia Achampong, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Climate Finance, Eurodad <i>Gender-responsive climate finance: the key to just climate action and tackling inequalities</i></li> <li>Leila Hessini, Feminist Strategist and AWID Board Member <i>Feminist approaches to resource mobilization</i></li> </ul> <p>General discussion on emerging policy recommendations</p>
<b>11:45 -12:00</b>	Synthesizing Reflections from Day 2
<b>Thursday, 5 October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 5: Strengthening institutions to address women’s poverty</b>	
<b>08:30 – 10:00</b>	<p>Presentations (20 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ana Patricia Munoz, Executive Director, International Budget Partnership <i>Learnings on Promoting Gender-Responsive Budget Systems</i></li> <li>Yasmine Ergas, Senior Lecturer in Discipline, International and Public Affairs, Columbia University SIPA <i>The infrastructure for gender equality and the eradication of women’s poverty in times of backlash</i></li> <li>Sohela Nazneen, Senior Fellow, Governance Cluster, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex <i>Making Political Institutions address gendered poverty: Context, Capabilities and Change</i></li> </ul> <p>General discussion on emerging policy recommendations</p>
<b>10:00-10:15</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>Session 6: Accountability through collective action and women’s mobilization</b>	
<b>10:15-11:45</b>	<p>Presentations (20 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jahnvi Andharia, Director, Institute of Social Studies Trust <i>Role of Collectives – Strengthening State Accountability, Promoting Women’s Rights Achieving Gender equality</i></li> <li>Esther Camac Ramirez, Founder, Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas (ECMIA)</li> </ul>

	<p><i>A Vision from the Continental Link of Indigenous Women of the Americas</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violet Shivutse, Chair and Africa Regional Representative for the Huairou Commission <i>Grassroots Women Led Approaches in Strengthening Accountability towards a Gender Just Economy</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant (10 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Rogan, Associate Professor of Economics and Economic History, Rhodes University</li> </ul> <p>General discussion on emerging policy recommendations</p>
<b>11:45-12:00</b>	Synthesizing Reflections from Day 3
<b>Friday, 6 October 2023</b>	
<b>Session 7: Advancing feminist alternatives</b>	
<b>08:30-10:00</b>	<p>Presentations (20 mins each):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ipek Ilkcaracan, Professor of Economics, Istanbul Technical University <i>Purple Economy Framework</i></li> <li>• Wendy Harcourt, Professor of Gender, Diversity and Sustainable Development, International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam <i>Feminist Political Ecology</i></li> <li>• Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, Executive Director, Global Initiative for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights <i>Human Rights as an Alternative Framework</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussant (10 mins):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meghna Abraham, Executive Director, Centre for Economic and Social Rights</li> </ul> <p>General discussion on emerging policy recommendations</p>
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<i>Break</i>
<b>Session 8: Key messages and policy recommendations</b>	
<b>10:15 – 11:15</b>	Co-chairs will facilitate the session to reach consensus on key messages and recommendations to be put forward to the Commission for their deliberations at their 68 <sup>th</sup> Session in March 2024.
<b>11:00 – 11:15</b>	<p>Closing and Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catarina Carvalho, Director, Intergovernmental Support Division, UN-Women</li> </ul>