

**Interactive dialogue with youth representatives on the priority theme
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'
Thursday, 14 March 2024, 3.00-6.00 p.m.**

Speaker biographies:

Dr. Harshita Umesh: is a Doctor at Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, India. She also serves as a Youth Policy Champion for SRHR with the Youth Ke Bol Coalition at UNICEF India. She is research enthusiast, and a certified public health and disaster medicine trainer advocating for mental health, sexual and reproductive health rights, climate change and human rights.

Anzhelika Bielova: holds a master's degree in psychology and is the founder of the NGO "Voice of Romni" dedicated to defending the rights of Roma women and girls. The organization educates Roma women and girls on their rights and career prospects, provides humanitarian aid and legal assistance to the Roma community, develops long-term programs for socio-economic recovery of Roma internally displaced persons and advocates for their rights at the national and international levels.

Melike Bal: is an undergraduate law student at the Social Sciences University of Ankara focusing on disability rights law and issues of disabled children's rights in medical settings. Living with Cerebral Palsy, her advocacy, her advocacy is focused on issues concerning disabled children's rights in medical settings. She is part of the Association of Women with Disabilities (ENG-KAD), the European Network on Independent Living (ENIL), and the European Law Students' Association (ELSA).

Yassine Jrad:, a Youth Gender advocate with UN Women Tunisia, is a junior researcher with a master's degree in marketing. He is a multidisciplinary activist focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). He is also part of the Danish Youth Sounding Board at the Danish Youth Council and a trainer at Y-Peer Tunisia.

Samara Vaxun Crendo: is a young indigenous woman from Brazil. She is an influencer, communicator and photographer for Xokleng Youth and also a "seed woman and communicator for the National Articulation of Indigenous Women Warriors of Ancestry. She uses her social media platforms to showcase the struggle and resilience of her Xokleng people, highlighting the strength of indigenous women through photography.