

United Nations Observance of International Women's Day 2021

*Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world
on the way to the Generation Equality Forum*

8 March 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. EST

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Hosted by *Sophia Pierre-Antoine*, PSEA Officer at IOM HQ
and Former Board Co-Chair of FRIDA Young Feminist Fund

Speakers include:

H.E. António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations

H.E. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly

H.E. Mher Margaryan, Chair of the 65th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director of UN Women

Somaya Faruqi, Member of the Afghan Girls Robotic Team

Women's Leadership in a COVID-19 World

Eddie Ndopu, SDG and Disability Rights Advocate, in conversation with:

H.E. Katrín Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland

H.E. Elizabeth Gómez Alcorta, Minister of Women, Gender and Diversity of Argentina

Aya Chebbi, Outgoing African Union Youth Envoy,

Chair of Africa Young Women Manifesto Group

Xiye Bastida, Climate justice activist and Co-Founder of Re-Earth Initiative

Generation Equality Forum Segment featuring key messages from:

H.E. Élisabeth Moreno, Minister for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities of France

H.E. Marcelo Ebrard, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Chamathya Fernando and *Anika Jane Dorothy*, Members of the GEF Youth Task Force

Zoneziwoh Mbondgulo-Wondieh, Member of the GEF Civil Society Advisory Group

Panel discussion on the Generation Equality Forum Action Coalitions and
the Women, Peace and Security and Humanitarian Action Compact, featuring:

Faith Kasiva, Secretary Gender, State Department for Gender, Kenya

Jarmo Sareva, Ambassador for Innovation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Sivananthi Thanenthiran, Executive Director of ARROW

Joanita Babirye, Programme Director, Girls for Climate Uganda

Rosita Najmi, Senior Director, Head of Global Social Innovation of Paypal

Kavita Ramdas, Director, Women's Rights Programme of Open Society Foundations

Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Special video message by *Eva Longoria*, Actress, Activist, Producer and Philanthropist

Musical performances by *Pihcintu Chorus*, *Angelica Hale* and *Broadway Singers*

The colour for International Women's Day 2021 is **yellow!**

The Observance will be broadcast live on webtv.un.org and https://youtu.be/hyOOQ_6L-2I

