



High-level interactive dialogue among Ministers on the priority theme

Building alliances for social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

Tuesday, 12 March 2019, 3.00pm – 6.00pm, CR4, United Nations Headquarters

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria is the seventh United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Prior to this, Ms. Bachelet Jeria was elected President of Chile on two occasions, and also served as Defense and Health Minister. In 2010 she chaired the ILO/WHO Social Protection Floor Advisory Group to promote social policies to stimulate economic growth and social cohesion. In 2011, she was named the first Executive Director of UN Women. In March 2018, she was named Chair of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. As Co-Chair of the High-Level Steering Group for Every Woman Every Child (EWEC), Ms. Bachelet launched Every Woman Every Child Latin America and the Caribbean, the first platform for tailored, regional implementation of the EWEC Global Strategy.

Ms. Mary Robinson is Chair of the Elders and was the first woman President of Ireland from 1990-1997. She is also a former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997-2002) and a passionate forceful advocate for climate justice, gender equality, women's participation in peace-building and human dignity. Ms. Robinson is an institutional reformer who brought the human rights agenda into the core of United Nations activities. She is also former UN Envoy on Climate Change and Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Great Lakes region, and Chancellor of the University of Dublin. She is president of the Mary Robinson Foundation: Climate Justice.

Ms. Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen is CEO of Plan International since September 2015. Prior to this, Ms. Albrechtsen was United Nations Assistant Secretary General and Deputy Executive Director for Management at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Ms. Albrechtsen is also Chairman of the Board of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data and a member of the United Nations Every Woman Every Child High Level Steering Group, the Generation Unlimited Global Board and the International Civil Society Centre Board. Ms. Albrechtsen has previously held senior leadership positions in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNFPA and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.