

Launch of the Report

7 November 2023

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UNESCO in Action for GENDER EQUALITY

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Background

The compounding global crises that have emerged and amplified over the past two years require transformative, structural solutions if we are to build and shape sustainable and peaceful societies. Education has experienced the largest disruption in history as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. Biodiversity has seen a steep decline – at alarming rates—on both land and in the ocean. Conflicts and emergencies that destabilise progress towards just and peaceful societies have increased in number, while human rights violations are multiplying online and offline. The decisions we make and the actions we take –now -- will have consequences for generations to come.

None of these intersecting crises can be solved by one country alone and none of them are gender neutral. Placing gender equality at the heart of multilateral action can harness the talents, ingenuity, and visions of the other half of the world’s population to make the paradigm changed needed now.

UNESCO in Action for Gender Equality 2022-2023 presents solutions to some of the pressing challenges to gender equality from across its mandate and around the world to reduce inequalities. It establishes a baseline of key data, best practices and lessons learned during the 2022-2023 biennium.

Launch of UNESCO in Action for Gender Equality 2022-2023

To mark the release of the *UNESCO in Action for Gender Equality 2022-2023* report, a launch event is organised on 7 November 2023 from 13h30 to 14h30 pm at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (Room XI), during the [42nd session of UNESCO’s General Conference](#).

The event will not only introduce the findings of the report but will also emphasize the importance of addressing gender equality in a transversal way. It will include the participation of UNESCO senior officials and UNESCO’s partners on the ground. By amplifying their voices, this event will not only provide our partners with a platform for inspiring others with their stories but also recognize their invaluable role as agents of change. Their testimonies will serve as powerful reminders of the transformative impact of UNESCO's initiatives in empowering women and girls on a range of key areas, including girls’ education, the protection of women journalists, artists and scientists in conflict situations, the promotion of inclusive societies free of gender-based violence, and the empowerment of women and girls at the forefront of scientific innovation for the climate and ecosystem crises.

The event will have simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish.

Agenda

Opening

- **Begoña Lasagabaster**, Director of the Division for Gender Equality

Panel 1: Building Resilience and Empowerment

Results from the field:

- **Hamida Aman**, Media manager, journalist and founder of radio Begum, developing and diffusing educational and media content by women and for women (Afghanistan)
- **Cándida Jiménez Bojorquez**, Embroiderer from Mani, representative of the group *U Najil Chuy*, and participant in the UNESCO-Banorte Foundation project « Economic and social development with a gender perspective through textile art in Yucatan» (Mexico)
- **Halleluya Naantu Ekandjo**, Exploration geologist and researcher, recipient of UNESCO's support for ReSToRE - Researching Social Theories, Resources and Environment International Summer School (Namibia)

Aspirations for the future:

- **Lidia Brito**, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences
- **Tawfik Jelassi**, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information
- **Ernesto Ottone R.**, Assistant Director-General for Culture

Panel 2: Diversifying Narratives to Re-shape Harmful Social and Gender Norms

Results from the field:

- **Jack Chishala**, Assistant Director of Curriculum Development at the Zambian Ministry of Education and UNESCO partner in the *Our Lives, Our Rights, Our Future* (O3) programme, working to end gender-based violence in schools (Zambia)
- **Judith Dipodiputro**, Member of the Indonesian Film Board and UNESCO partner of the Gender Equality and Social Inclusivity Guidelines for the film industry (Indonesia – video testimony)
- **Mohamed Outahar**, Professor and researcher of sociology at the National Institute of Social Action (INAS), partner of the *Transforming MEN'talities* initiative (Morocco)

Aspirations for the future:

- **Stefania Giannini**, Assistant Director-General for Education
- **Gabriela Ramos**, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences

Moderator: Danielle Cliche, Chief of Policies and Strategies, Division for Gender Equality