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Speakers' Bios

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Adriana leads UN Women's work at the Human Rights Council and all high-level actions in non-humanitarian areas, such as trade, labour, health or innovation, and technology. She has more than 20 years of experience leading efforts in the areas of Gender Equality, Elimination of Gender-based Violence, Access to Justice, and Women's Economic Empowerment. She has supported the creation of youth development programs, access to trade and credit for the benefit of indigenous and Afro-descendant women, as well as programs to combat stigma and discrimination. Born in Bogotá, Colombia, Adriana has a master's degree from the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, and a second Master's degree in Economics and International Development from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Panelists

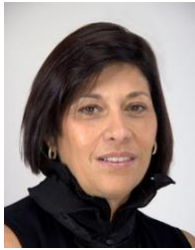


Yusra Qadir - Chief Programs and Advocacy Officer - Mothers Matter Canada (MMC)

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Yusra holds a Masters in Sociology and is an Erasmus Mundus Fellow for her Masters in Human Rights Practice. She has over 15 years of senior-level experience in designing and implementing programs for gender equality, human rights, and socio-economic inclusion. She has worked at the frontlines supporting forcibly displaced communities, especially women, young people and children in conflict-affected and fragile contexts in the global south. She has mainstreamed gender equity across emergency, early relief and resettlement programming in Asia, Africa, and North America. As the Chief Programs and Advocacy Officer at the MMC, Yusra leads a social innovation lab to advance the Sustainable Development Goals for vulnerable, isolated, and often low-income newcomer mothers in Canada. She champions evidence-based approaches to support service delivery partners in implementing client-centric and culturally appropriate programs. As a mother herself, she truly believes that when mothers thrive, children flourish, and communities prosper.



Lorena Aguilar - Executive Director - Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls, Binghamton University New York



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Global leader passionate about human rights, inclusion, and sustainable development, with over three decades providing strategic contributions to national and international policies. Leading inclusive collaboration with government counterparts, UN agencies, international organizations, and civil society towards advancing inclusive and equitable sustainable development. Lorena has field experience in more than 50 countries across Latin America, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Africa, and Asia. Ms. Aguilar also served as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica. At present, she is the Executive Director of the Kaschak Institute for Social Justice for Women and Girls at Binghamton University.



Iolanda Fresnillo - Policy and Advocacy Manager - Debt Justice – Eurodad



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Over the last two decades, Iolanda has been closely involved in local, national and international social movements and has campaigned on development finance, debt, human rights, feminism, environment, peace, trade and responsible consumption. She has worked for more than 10 years as a researcher, campaigns and communications manager at Observatori del Deute en la Globalització and as a research consultant at Eurodad, Medicos Sin Fronteras-MSF and Transnational Institute, among others. Iolanda holds a MA in Development and Cooperation and a BA in Sociology, both from the University of Barcelona.



Céline Charveriat - Founder and CEO - Pro(to)topia (member of the Forum for caring societies)



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With 25 years devoted to sustainability and systemic change, Céline Charveriat's journey spans academia to global campaigns. At Oxfam, she led initiatives on inequality, climate, and conflict, making waves with groundbreaking campaigns. She has also been Executive Director of the Institute for European Environmental Policy, a sustainability think tank where she spearheaded strategic planning efforts leading to the creation of Think Sustainable Europe (TSE) and Think2030. Having been Chair of the Board within Climate Action Network (CAN) Europe and now Climate Catalyst, she continues to drive strategic planning processes aimed at catalysing impactful change. Currently, Céline Charveriat serves as the Director of Prototopia and also holds the position of adjunct professor at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA). Recently, she contributed to the work of a high-level group of the European Commission on innovation, notably offering insights into transforming education during polycrisis situations. Her current research endeavors delve into new

economics, including alternative indicators to GDP. In addition to being a civil society leader, she is also advising several NGOs on organizational development and individuals as coach and mentor and supporting professional women in leadership positions in her field.



Olivier De Schutter - UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights - United Nations Special Rapporteur

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Olivier De Schutter is professor at UCLouvain and SciencesPo, and he taught in the past at Columbia University, at UC Berkeley, and at Yale University. He was the UN Special Rapporteur on right to food between 2008 and 2014, and a Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights between 2015 and 2020. He is currently co-chair of the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) and the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights.

Welcome & Closing



Shahnaz Pakravan - Communications Manager at Make Mothers Matter

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Shahnaz is a well-known figure in British and Middle Eastern media through her work with the BBC and ITN including, Arab World Direct, Tomorrow’s World and Channel Four News. Her news presentations have included high profile interviews with international leaders in government and business. Shahnaz also produced and presented her own weekly women’s programme Everywoman for Al Jazeera International. With women’s issues at its core, the show covered a range of topics including social impact, entrepreneurship, religion, gender equality, education and the arts. This was a first-of-its-kind programming which paved the way for many other ‘pro-women’ channels. Shahnaz founded her own media company SP productions which undertakes filmmaking, MCing, events management and overall communications consultancy. A mother of two grown up girls, Shahnaz works alongside MMM teams at the EU, UN, and UNESCO, building visibility and exposure for the NGO. She says of her work at MMM: “I come from a family of strong women. My own mother was a campaigning woman who believed that the education of every girl in every society was not just a necessity but critical for all our futures. Working at MMM is the continuation of that dream.”

