

Expert dialogue on relevant issues in gender- and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis

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Speakers in Panel I: Data as a cornerstone of the Belém GAP



Adriana de Medeiros Gabinio

Adriana de Medeiros Gabinio is a Brazilian career diplomat and Second Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Itamaraty). She specializes in multilateral climate negotiations, maritime decarbonization, and intersectional climate justice. She serves as the Brazilian national gender and climate change focal point under the UNFCCC.



Catherine Dawson

Catherine Dawson is an Assistant Director at the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water at the Australian Government. She is Australia's national Action for Climate Empowerment focal point and national gender and climate change focal point under the UNFCCC.



Mwanahamisi Singano

Mwanahamisi (“Mishy”) Singano is a Director of Policy at WEDO providing strategic leadership for global policy across all three RIO conventions, ie (UNCBD, UNCCD, and UNFCCC) and UNDRR. She is also a global co-focal point of the Women and Gender Constituency (WGC) at the UNFCCC and global co-convenor of Women Stakeholder Group at UNDRR and member of the board of women caucuses at UNCBD. Mishy brings a feminist vision to climate action, and invaluable experience working with policy actors across the world on a number of thematic areas.

Speakers in Panel II: The Global State of Play: Gender- and age-disaggregated data and gender analysis in the context of climate change



Diana Üрге-Vorsatz

Diana Üрге-Vorsatz was elected IPCC Vice-Chair in July 2023. In the sixth assessment cycle she served as Vice-Chair of IPCC’s Working Group III.

She is a Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy at the Central European University (CEU). She holds a Ph.D. from the University of California (Los Angeles and Berkeley). She served as the Acting Head of Department at CEU in 2002-2003 and directed the PhD program in 2003 – 2004.

Diana Üрге-Vorsatz was a Coordinating Lead Author in two Assessment Reports of the IPCC. She served on the United Nation’s Scientific Expert Group on Climate Change, and led the buildings-related work in the Global Energy Assessment. She serves as associate editor of

the journal “Energy Efficiency”, and is a member of the Editorial Board of “Annual Reviews of Environment and Resources”.

She was a Visiting Professor at the International Christian University of Tokyo and a Research Scholar at IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis). She has been serving on the Governing and Advisory boards of several organizations, including Innogy (formerly RWE), the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund (KLIEN), the European Climate Foundation (ECF), the UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC), and the Hungarian Energy-Efficiency Cofinancing Program (HEECP), and the Club of Budapest.

She is regularly invited to high-level review panels, such as that evaluating the work at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the EU’s Joint Research Centre. She received the Hungarian Republic’s Presidential Award “Medium Cross” in 2008, as well as the “Role Model” award in 2009 and was invited as a member of Academia Europaea in 2017.



Brianna Howell

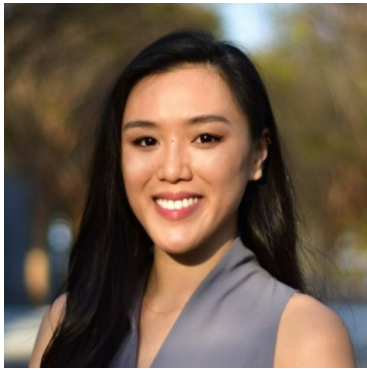
Brianna Howell works in UN Women's Research and Data team at UN Women Headquarters. She currently co-leads the Gender Equality and Climate Policy Scorecard and contributes to key research and data initiatives, including the forthcoming edition of Progress of the World's Women: Gender Equality in the Age of the Climate Crisis. Prior to joining UN Women, she worked as a Research Analyst at UNDP, where she led work on the COVID-19 Global Gender Response Tracker and the Gender Equality in Public Administration project.



Tom Slaymaker

Tom Slaymaker is Chief of the WASH, Climate & Environment Data Unit in the Data & Analytics Section at UNICEF Headquarters. He has over 25 years of experience working on

water, sanitation and hygiene and environmental issues in Africa and Asia and currently co-leads the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (JMP).



Elizabeth Tan

Elizabeth Tan is a researcher at ODI Global, where she works on unpacking the sources and quality of international climate finance. Her current research examines the climate and gender integration in tracking methodologies to identify truly transformative projects.



Leidy Ivelisse Ventura Delba

Leidy Ventura is a statistician by profession. She currently serves as Head of the Environmental Statistics Department at the National Statistics Office (ONE) and has six years of experience in the public sector. She holds an undergraduate degree in Statistics with a specialization in Socioeconomics, and postgraduate degrees in Specialized Statistics from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo (UASD). She also holds three diplomas in climate transparency, greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory processes, and GHG emissions estimation, and has extensive experience in climate change and disaster risk management. She has also worked on preparing technical reports and analyzing and visualizing statistical data for decision-making.

Speakers in Panel III: Bridging data gaps: advancing rights-based and non-extractive methodologies to deepen the climate evidence base



Angie Dazé

Angie Dazé is the Director of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion for Resilience at the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). With nearly two decades of experience at the intersection of gender, social justice, and climate change, her expertise ranges from conducting gender-responsive vulnerability assessments at the community level to contributing to global assessments of progress on gender-responsive adaptation planning. She collaborates with a wide range of actors to drive more inclusive and equitable climate action, currently focusing on advancing intersectional approaches to adaptation and strengthening civil society engagement in National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes.



Zizo Stimela

Zizo Stimela is the Lead Sustainability Advisor at Urban Earth and holds a Master's degree in Civil Engineering. She has over five years of experience in the climate change, energy, and sustainability sectors, serving as a researcher, project manager, strategic advisor, and facilitator for stakeholder engagement.

Her work focuses on policy analysis and capacity building, helping both public and private sector entities integrate climate and sustainability considerations into their planning and decision-making processes. Additionally, she ensures that Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) are systematically embedded in policies, strategies, and projects. Zizo is passionate about promoting meaningful inclusion and equitable representation of marginalised groups in climate action and the sustainable energy transition. She is particularly interested in collaborating with policymakers and practitioners to enhance climate change awareness and support disadvantaged communities in implementing practical measures to improve their resilience against current and future climate impacts.



Trimita Chakma

Trimita Chakma is a feminist researcher, organiser, and facilitator from the Indigenous Chakma hill tribe of Bangladesh with over 15 years of experience in social movement organising across Asia, Africa, and the Pacific. She specialises in using Feminist Participatory Action Research (FPAR) for evidence-based policy advocacy on climate justice, Indigenous Peoples' rights, women's rights, labour rights, and land and water governance. She co-founded the FPAR Academy (www.fparacademy.com) in 2022. She is currently undertaking a PhD at Edith Cowan University (Australia) examining how Indigenous women resist the coloniality of energy and rebuild their communities.



Aehshatou Manu

Aehshatou is an Indigenous People's rights Human rights and Gender Advocate with knowledge and strong interest in public policy and advancement of the Human Rights of marginalized groups and the advancement of climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts. She is a holder of a bachelor's degree in Business law with advanced skills in advocacy, Human rights, Leadership, Peace building, Gender, Project management project management and activism. She is equally experienced in qualitative field research methods.

Aehshatou has over 10 years of experience in community development activities. Currently, Manu is the Secretary General of the African Indigenous Women Organization Central African Network (AIWO-CAN) where he focuses on identifying the needs of women and girls, trainings, capacity building activities, project writing and implementation in indigenous and local communities in Cameroon. She has equally served in several organizations such as MBOSCUDA, RECODH, LELEWAL FOUNDATION, Mandela Washington Fellows Alumni Association... where she actively participated in the organization of sensitization and education campaigns, advocacy and training workshops, contributing in the drafting and implementation of policies and laws governing indigenous people's rights in Cameroon. Manu

is motivated, passionate and committed to reaching out to vulnerable persons especially people living with disabilities, the elderly, women and girls and impacting on their lives through sensitization and empowerment in different areas. This is because the needs of these vulnerable groups are yet to be effectively met in the country. Aehshatou Manu has participated in several trainings and programs. She focuses on Indigenous Policy, Environment-Poverty nexus, Livelihood Strategies, Social Institutions, Political ecology and political economy of local development, community development among others. Manu has for several years now through the support from the voluntary fund participated in different international meetings and workshops like the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, EMRIP, CEDAW, Human Right Council, SB 58, Douala workshop of former fellows of the Indigenous Fellowship Program...

Through her work and the collaboration with FIMI, IPACC, REPALEAC, AIWO... she has been able to carry out different activities which aim at promoting and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples in general and Indigenous Women and girls in particular in Cameroon, Africa and beyond. She support women and girls in capacity building, economic empowerment through the support of income generating activities, vocational skills and provision of start-up materials, in leadership skills, ensuring women are involve in decision making arenas/positions, support the education of young girls in schools to reduce GBV, support in modern agricultural technics and support in agro ecology projects and programs, trained women and girls on adaptation and mitigation strategies to reduce the negative effects of climate change on these women, revalorization of Indigenous traditional knowledge, creation of community forest, putting in place of dialogue platforms, and intergenerational dialogue committees to transfer the knowledge from the older to the younger generation, training of Indigenous youth in climate justice and environmental discussions.

Moderators



Jahanara Saeed

As Manager of Programs, Jay leads WEDO's gender data and evidence platforms, including the Gender Climate Tracker and the Gender & Environment Data Alliance. She oversees governance, grants, and key data releases, ensuring that feminist climate advocacy is backed by credible, inclusive, and accessible evidence. With her extensive and diverse background, Jay brings experience in gender data, education policy, and international development.



Diego de León

Diego de León Segovia is the Advocacy Chair at Out for Sustainability and Founder of Queers X Climate, where he leads efforts to advance LGBTQ+ inclusion in climate policy and environmental justice across multilateral spaces. Through his work, Diego champions scientific evidence-based, community-led advocacy that bridges the gap between LGBTQ+ rights and climate action, helping shape more inclusive and resilient responses to the climate crisis.

Prior to working with Out for Sustainability, Diego served as the director for Climate Change at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he coordinated the national delegation for the 2019 climate action summit and COP25. Among his various responsibilities, he was the negotiator for loss and damage and the main representative of the EIG during the creation of the Santiago network, where he pushed for the inclusion of a provision on Human Rights.

Diego holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Tec de Monterrey and a master's in development practice from Columbia University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Facilitators



Caterina Bittendorf

Caterina Bittendorf is a climate advocate and consultant dedicated to advancing youth leadership, gender justice, and ACE within climate policies. She serves as PUSH Sweden's International Policy Lead, founded the Nordic Youth & Children Climate Conference, leading to the Nordic Youth Climate Alliance (NYCA), and served as Germany's UNFCCC Youth Delegate.



Cathy Konzémius

Cathy Konzémius is a Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Climate Change Programme Analyst with UNFPA Headquarters in Nairobi, working at the nexus of gender equality, climate change, and innovative finance. Her work focuses on the intersection of GBV and climate change: integrating GBV prevention and response into climate policy, finance, adaptation, and loss and damage processes, while strengthening the climate resilience of GBV programs and systems. With experience across five continents, Cathy utilizes technical expertise and intersectional approaches to place gender equality at the center of climate action and sustainable development.



Claudia Rubio

A Dominican-Colombian feminist lawyer and Policy Coordinator, Claudia supports advocacy implementation and coalition coordination across WEDO's policy processes. She leads and contributes to technical briefings, working groups, and convenings, while strengthening linkages between data initiatives and advocacy engagement. She co-leads the Gender Working Group of the Women and Gender Constituency.

Claudia brings experience in environmental justice and gender data advocacy across Latin America and globally, grounding her coordination work in both legal analysis and movement collaboration. She holds an LL.M. in Environmental Law.



Haidee Bell

Haidee Bell is Head of Equity for Climate and Health at health research funder Wellcome Trust where she leads efforts to embed equity across strategy, funding and research, including a recent focus on bringing a gender intentional lens across Wellcome's work. Since 2018, Haidee has led Wellcome's approach to community engagement, ensuring that those most affected by global health challenges help define the research that impacts them. With 25 years of experience spanning health systems, social enterprise, research, design and technology innovation, Haidee brings a career long commitment to dismantling structural inequity and fostering meaningful participation in change-making. Before joining Wellcome, she led design and innovation teams at Save the Children, Nesta, and the Design Council.



Jackie Siles

Costa Rican agricultural engineer with a master's degree in Natural Resources Management specializing in watershed management, and more than 25 years of experience leading environmental and agricultural initiatives across the Mesoamerican region. Her work has focused on promoting gender equality, women's empowerment, sustainable development, and the integration of social and gender considerations into public policies. She has worked with organizations including CARE International, International Union for Conservation of Nature, Wetlands International, and Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center, providing technical assistance to governments, ministries, women's and Indigenous organizations on watershed management, community participation, organic agriculture, gender, and social inclusion.

At International Union for Conservation of Nature, she has served as Interim Director of the Human Rights in Conservation team and as a senior specialist leading environmental, advocacy, and renewable energy initiatives in Central and South America. Her expertise includes integrating gender equality, human rights, Indigenous Peoples' rights, and gender-based violence risk reduction into initiatives related to protected areas, conservation, forests, climate change, REDD+, and forest landscape restoration across Latin America and Africa. She has also contributed to work under the Three Rio Conventions, developed publications

and knowledge products on gender and environment, and designed training methodologies that promote gender equity and women's empowerment.



Joanne Crawford

Joanne (Jo) Crawford, AM is Strategic Advisor with the Equality Insights program at the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA). She has been involved in the development and advocacy of individual-level, gender-sensitive measurement of multidimensional poverty and inequality since 2008 through the formative research on the Individual Deprivation Measure, which IWDA is now taking forward as [Equality Insights](#). The measure includes Environment as one of its 15 dimensions. Equality Insights is also collaborating with the University of Technology Sydney's Institute for Sustainable Futures on the [Revealing Resilience](#) initiative, which champions inclusive, individual-level data and measurement tools to strengthen gender equality, disability and social inclusion in climate resilience and sustainable development. From 2021-2023, she contributed to the Interim Steering Committee of the Gender and Environment Data Alliance, and served on the committee again from 2024-26. Her engagement with gender and environment issues dates back to 1991 when she represented the Australian Government at the World Women's Congress for a Health Planet, which developed a Women's Action Agenda 21 ahead of the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development. She also led drafting of the Australian Government Statement on Women and Environment published for UNCED. Jo was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2024 'for significant service to women's rights, to gender equality, and to international development', and inducted onto the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2021. She has a Masters in Public Policy and Management (University of Melbourne), a Graduate Diploma in Strategic Studies (ANU) and an Honours Degree in Economics.



Katie Tobin

Katie Tobin is Director of Programs, Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), where she oversees WEDO's convening role in the Gender and Environment Data Alliance as well as delivery of other core initiatives, with a specific focus on the macroeconomic aspects of a gender-just transition. She has 15 years of experience in sustainable development and feminist advocacy, particularly in coalition-building, organizational strategy, and economic justice. Katie joined WEDO in 2021, after working at the UN, on feminist and progressive economic policy as a co-founder of Regions Refocus, and with several NGOs. She has degrees from Barnard College and SOAS (University of London).



Nidya Pesantez

Nidya Pesántez has more than 35 years of experience in sustainable development, human rights advocacy, and the promotion of women's rights. She holds an MBA in Integrated Quality, Safety, and Environmental Management, a Bachelor's degree in Information Sciences, and a Diploma in Public Budgeting for Poverty Eradication and Gender Equality in Latin America. In addition, she has a postgraduate degree in Anthropology and Social Conflicts with a focus on gender, as well as two specializations in Organizational Development Support and the Systematization of Experiences in development processes. Throughout her career, she has led the GAMMA Foundation, an organization specializing in gender, environment, and communication. She served as Deputy of the Mechanism for the Advancement of Women in Ecuador and has worked as a consultant on gender, environment, and communication for various bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies. Since 2010, she has been part of UN Women, gaining experience in Ecuador, Peru, and Myanmar. In 2022, she assumed the position of UN Women Representative in Bolivia. Since 2023, she has coordinated UN Women's regional strategy for Latin America and the Caribbean to mainstream a gender perspective and promote women's empowerment in environmental management. Since April 2026, she has served as UN Women Representative in Guatemala.



Rebecca Heuvelmans

Rebecca Heuvelmans (she/her, 28) is a Dutch feminist with extensive experience on the UNFCCC gender agenda item, currently serving as the Head of Strategy & External Relations with the non-profit ecofeminist organization Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF International). She is an expert in creating linkages and synergies across different thematic areas and policy processes at the intersection of gender equality and the triple planetary crisis. A storyteller at heart, she employs her background in communications and rhetorics to moderate and organize purpose-driven, interactive events.



Sinéad Magner

Sinéad Magner is an Irish feminist, organizer, and Coordinator of Policy & Programs at WEDO, where she leads on capacity building of women leaders and feminist climate justice advocates, including via the Women Delegates Fund program. She also leads WEDO's just transition and Climate and Care work, and co-leads the Women & Gender Constituency (WGC) Just Transition Working Group. Shaped by feminist and climate justice movements, Sinéad brings strong facilitation, coalition-building, and organizational skills to advancing women's and feminist leadership in climate decision-making. She draws on an interdisciplinary background spanning gender, conflict, human rights, and climate change management.



Zainab Yunusa

Zainab Yunusa is a feminist and international development specialist focusing on gender-transformative programming, policy advocacy, and research to advance the rights of women and girls, particularly in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), climate justice, and meaningful youth engagement. She is currently a Gender and Climate Change Programme Analyst at the UNFPA East and Southern Africa Regional Office.

**Zoe Brent**

Zoe W. Brent is the Senior Research Specialist for the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Programme at UNRISD. She is an interdisciplinary social science researcher with an emphasis on feminist political economy of natural resources and food systems. Her current work focuses care and just transition.

Previously she was a researcher with the Agrarian and Environmental Justice team at the Transnational Institute (TNI) in Amsterdam, where she collaborated with social movements, activists, policy makers, scholars and academics on issues related to just transition, food, land, gender and environmental politics. She holds an MA in International Relations from the Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, Argentina and a PhD in Development Studies from the ISS in The Hague. She speaks English, French and Spanish.