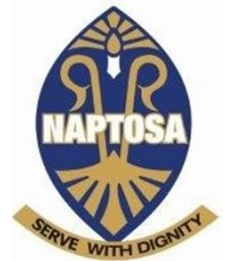


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UN Women is pleased to invite you to the United Nations Observance of International Women's Day 2021. The event will take place virtually on **Monday, 8 March 2021 from 17h00 – 19h30 [SA Time]**. Kindly RSVP at the following link: <https://unwomen-iwd2021.eventbrite.com>



## 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*

**Date: 8 March 2021**

**Time: 17h00 – 19h30 [SA Time] [Register on the link above]**

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 65<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

*Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka*, Executive Director of UN Women

*Ms. 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

*Ms. Aya Chebbi*, Outgoing African Union Youth Envoy and

Chair of Africa Young Women Manifesto Group

*Ms. 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

*Representative of the Government of Mexico*

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

*Ms. 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

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!**



Aligned with the priority theme of the 65th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, *the theme* for the United Nations Observance of International Women's Day 2021 is **"Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world, on the way to the Generation Equality Forum."**

In addition to celebrating the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will also 'lift the curtain' and bring increased attention to this year's Generation Equality Forums in Mexico City (29-31 March 2021) and Paris (June 2021).

The Observance will feature high-level dignitaries from the United Nations and governments, as well as other gender equality advocates and champions who will offer reflections on the day's theme and amplify the work of the upcoming Generation Equality Forums. The event will also include musical performances by Angelica Hale, the Pihcintu Chorus, and Broadway singers.

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

The hashtags for social media will be **#IWD2021** and **#InternationalWomensDay**.

*We hope to see you there!*

**BASIL MANUEL**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**