

## **2025 International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

### **“Unpacking STEM Careers: Her Voice in Science”**

**Tuesday, 11 February 2025, Room II, UNESCO Headquarters**

#### **Afternoon programme:**

**2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Opening Plenary Session**

**Welcoming remarks: Ms Lidia Brito**, Assistant-Director General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO

**Presentation of the UNESCO Call to Action “Closing the Gender Gap in Science” and launch of the communication campaign “Imagine a World with More Women in Science”**

**2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Roundtable #1: Unpacking STEM Careers  
- The Power of Diversity and Inclusion in Shaping the Future**

**Mr Appolinaire Djikeng**, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Kenya and Ethiopia; Professor at the Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

**Ms Melonie Parker**, Chief Diversity Officer, Google, USA

**Mr Julio Alberto Pertuze Salas**, Associate Professor at the School of Engineering, Universidad Catolica de Chile; Former Vice-Minister of Economy, Chile

**Ms Mariam Abbas Ibrahim Abdelghafour**, Professor of Clinical Chemistry at the College of Medical Laboratory Science, Sudan University of Science and Technology (SUST); Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair in Women, Science and Technology, SUST, Sudan

*Moderated by Ms Lily Paemka, Deputy Director (Research and Entrepreneurship), West African Genetic Medicine Centre (WAGMC); Senior Lecturer in the Biochemistry, Cell and Molecular Biology Department, University of Ghana, Ghana*

**3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Coffee break**

**4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. | Roundtable #2: Her Voice in Science - Inspiring Change in the Media**

**Ms Georja Calvin-Smith**, News anchor and Presenter of *Eye on Africa* and *Across Africa*, France24, France/United Kingdom

**Mr Jamy Gourmaud**, Journalist and Presenter of *Le Monde de Jamy* (formerly *C'est pas Sorcier*); Founder of the media *Épicurieux* on social media, France

**Ms Ayumi Moore Aoki**, Founder and CEO, Women in Tech® Global and Tech Diplomacy Forum, France

**Ms Anne Richardson**, Senior Project Manager for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Strategies, European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland

*Moderated by Ms Malu Junco, Science communicator and integrated sciences scholar, Claremont McKenna College, Brazil/USA*

**5:15 – 5:30 p.m. | Closing remarks**

**Ms Danielle Cliche**, Chief of Strategies and Policies, Gender Equality Division, UNESCO

**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Cocktail break**

### Evening programme:

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | **Screening of the documentary:**

*“Women of Science: These women who change our lives”*

### Opening remarks

**Ms Lidia Brito**, Assistant-Director General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO

**Mr Yves Coppieters**, Minister of Health, Equal Opportunities and Women’s Rights, Wallonia-Brussels Federation, Belgium

### Screening of the documentary, followed by a roundtable with:

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**Ms Yasmine Belkaid**, President, Institut Pasteur, France (TBC)

**Ms Ieva Plikusienė**, Professor at the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences and Faculty of Medicine, Vilnius University; 2022 L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Rising Talent, Lithuania

**Ms Sarah Baatout**, Deputy Director of the Institute Nuclear Medical Applications, Belgian Nuclear Research Centre (SCK CEN), Belgium

Moderated by **Ms Safia Kessas**, Author, journalist, and award-winning documentary filmmaker, Belgium

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