

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

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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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