

2024 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
“Closing the Gender Gap in Science: Accelerating Action”
Friday, 9 February 2024, 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m., Room II, UNESCO Headquarters

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Opening Plenary Session

Welcoming Remarks

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

Aiséen Etcheverry Escudero, Minister of Science, Technology, Knowledge and Innovation, Chile

Coline Barré & Tiphaine David-Rogeat, President and Head of Women in Science, AFNEUS

Launch of the UNESCO Call to Action “Closing the Gender Gap in Science”

Ana Persic, Programme Specialist, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, UNESCO

Maria Begona Lasagabaster, Director, Gender Equality Division, UNESCO

*Master of ceremony: **Ezra Clark**, Chief, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, UNESCO*

10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Coffee Break

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Roundtable #1 – UNESCO Campus: Fostering Girls’ Interest in Science through Innovative Education in the Digital Age

Justine Sass, Chief, Section of Education for Inclusion and Gender Equality, UNESCO

Sunshine De Caires, PhD student and Soil Science technician, University of the West Indies, the Caribbean / 2023 L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Caribbean Region Young Talent

Salma Sylla Mbaye, PhD student in Astrophysics, Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal

*Moderated by **Ana Persic**, Programme Specialist, Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Section, UNESCO*

With the online participation of middle and high schools as part of the [UNESCO Campus](#)

2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Roundtable #2: Promoting Empowering Work Environments for Women in Science

Catherine Beaumont, Delegate for Parity and the Fight Against Discrimination, INRAE, France

Jane Catherine Ngila, Executive Director, African Foundation for Women & Youth in Education, Sciences, Technology and Innovation, Kenya / 2021 L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Laureate

Khaled Machaca, Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Weill Cornell Medicine, USA & Senior Associate Dean for Research, Innovation & Commercialization, Weill Cornell Medicine, Qatar

Stéphanie Hemon, Vice-Dean of Student Life and Quality of Life at Work, Faculty of Science and Technology of University of Lille, Conference of Scientific University Deans, France

Marielza Oliveira, Director, Division for Digital Inclusion and Policies and Digital Transformations, UNESCO

*Moderated by **Coraline Montariol**, PhD student, AFNEUS network*

4 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. | Coffee Break

4:20 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. | **Roundtable #3: Inspiring Women and Girls in Science through Role Models and Mentors**

Bria Macklin, Postdoctoral Fellow, Gladstone Institutes, USA / 2023 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science USA Young Talent

Safia Kessas, Author, journalist, and award-winning documentary filmmaker, Belgium

Nouf Mahmoud, Founder of CROSSTALK LAB, Associate Professor of Pharmaceutics and Nanotechnology, Al-Zaytoonah University, Jordan & Adjunct Professor, Qatar University, Qatar / 2020 L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science International Rising Talent

Moderated by **Manon Huguenot**, PhD student, AFNEUS network



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