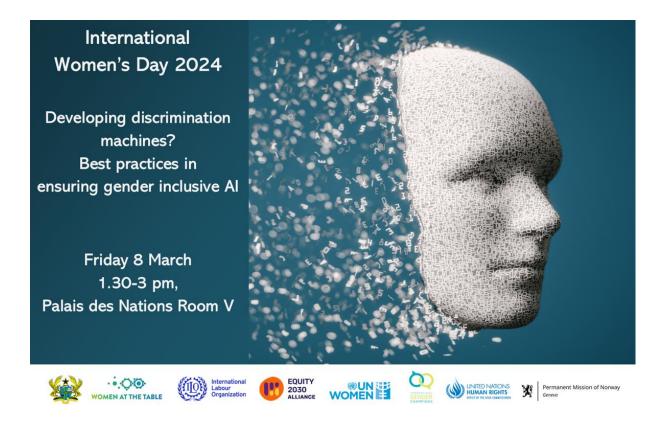# International Women's Day 2024

Developing discrimination machines? Best practices in ensuring gender inclusive AI

Friday 8 March 1.30-3 pm, Palais des Nations Room V (Building A)

(Refreshments will be served outside Room V from 1 pm)

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On **International Women's Day**, Ghana and Norway as co-champions of the UNFPA Equity 2030 Alliance, together with UN Agencies and Women at the Table are organising a panel discussion to explore challenges and best practice in developing gender inclusive approaches to artificial intelligence.

AI has the potential to be enormously beneficial. As the High Commissioner for Human Rights has said,[1] AI could improve strategic foresight and forecasting, democratize access to knowledge, turbocharge scientific progress, and increase capacity for processing vast amounts of information.

But what are the canaries in this gold mine? The robustness of the new systems that we develop will depend on making sure we do not recreate old stereotypes in order to ensure that risks do not outweigh benefits.

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[1] Artificial intelligence must be grounded in human rights, says High Commissioner | OHCHR

Leading up to *Summit of the Future: Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow*, UN Women recently published a study on placing gender at the heart of *Global Digital Compact*, a once in a generation opportunity to establish a framework for digital cooperation. Other actors have developed or are in the process of publishing documents to help guide the way forward within their respective sectors or organisations.

Purpose

This event will gather representatives across health, humanitarian, human rights and labour sectors and look at measures that have been taken – or need to be taken – to ensure gender inclusive approaches to AI.

Speakers

- **Welcome** by Amb. Tormod C. Endresen, PR of Norway

- **Introduction** by moderator Caitlin Kraft Buchman, Co-Founder and Leader of Women at the Table and A+ Alliance

- **Setting the scene** by Hélène Molinier, UN Women Senior Adviser on Digital Gender Equality Cooperation

- **A practitioner's perspective** by Ishita Barua, Co-founder and Chief Medical Officer, Livv Health

- **Updates from key actors:**

    - **Labour: AI and the future of work** by Mia Seppo, ILO Assistant Director-General of for the Jobs and Social Protection Cluster

    - **Health: Regulation of AI for health** by Steve MacFeely, WHO Director of Data and Analytics

    - **Human rights: Grounding artificial intelligence in human rights** by Scott Campbell, OHCHR Senior Human Rights Officer, Technology and Human Rights Project lead

    - **Humanitarian: Using AI to support the delivery of protection mandates** by Hovig Etyemezian, UNHCR Head of Innovation Service and Rebecca Moreno Jimenez, Data Innovation Programme Lead

- **Q&A and statements from the floor**

- **Closing remarks** by Amb. Emmanuel Kwame Asiedu Antwi, PR of Ghana