

# REGIONAL FORUM

ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UNECE REGION

29 – 30 MARCH 2023 | HYBRID EVENT | GENEVA & ONLINE



## SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

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Event title

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How to ensure the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with inclusive STEM societies in the UNECE Region?

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Background and Rationale

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Women account for 30 % of scientists in Europe when research shows that gender mixity is boosting creativity and leadership of companies and yet EU has almost achieved gender parity among doctoral graduates: in 2018, women represented 48.1% of doctoral graduates at the European level and the proportion of women among doctoral graduates was gender-balanced in the majority of EU-27 and Associated Countries. Despite this progress, important gender gaps persist in specific broad fields of study. (She Figures report 2021). To achieve the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with inclusive STEM societies in the UNECE Region, we need to foster Gender Action Plans, in line with the EC policies, to take concrete measures and actions to strengthen gender equality in STEM areas. Case studies and practical experience conducted in various European countries will be presented.

Reference: <https://ec.europa.eu/research-and-innovation/en/knowledge-publications-tools-and-data/interactive-reports/she-figures-2021>

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Session objectives and expected outcomes

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Objectives include to present the status on gender in STEM in Europe and case studies from different countries to : (1) raise awareness (2) advocate (3) work in quality education (4) promote gender equality tools at various levels (5) voice at national and European level the need for encouraging women in STEM to become entrepreneurs

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Organizers

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**Lead organizers:** WOMENVAI

**Contributors:** Swiss Engineering Geneva, Switzerland + University of Cracow, Poland + University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy + BusinessAsNature, Portugal + EPF School of Engineers, France

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Agenda and Structure

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1:30pm -3pm CET

See programme and speakers below

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## List of Panellists

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*Please list the name and organisations of panellists intervening in the side event. The moderator should also be included in the list.*

Welcome address by Yvette Ramos, cofounder WOMENVAI and chair of the board Swiss Engineering Geneva, Switzerland. Speakers include:

- Elisabetta Venezia, Director, ApERLAB, University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
- Guillaume Pahud, Gender Advisory Board member UNCTAD, member Swiss Engineering Geneva
- Lidia Zakowska, secretary general WOMENVAI, Professor University of Cracow, Poland
- Liliane Dorveaux, Deputy Director EPF School of Engineers, France
- Betty Azzarelli, CEO Farmer Charlie, UK – facilitator at the WOMENVAI Academy
- Marise Almeida, Vice-President BusinessAsNature, Portugal

Q&A and conclusion

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## Sign-up / Registration Link

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[To sign-up people need to send an email to contact@womenvai.org](mailto:contact@womenvai.org)