



GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON GENDER EQUALITY & SOCIAL INCLUSION *An official side-event to the ECOSOC Youth Forum*

23 April 2025, 9am ET: Register [here!](#)

Welcome & Introduction (9:00 - 9:05 AM ET)

- [Amanda Abrom](#), Director of [Global Schools](#) at the [UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#), welcomes participants, introducing the discussion focus and the session flow.

Interactive Word Cloud (9:05 - 9:10 AM ET)

- Participants engage via Mentimeter to create a collaborative word cloud, sharing 3 key words they associate with Gender Equality/SDG 5.

The Global Challenge (9:10 - 9:15 AM ET)

- [Monika Froehler](#), Chief Executive Officer of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens, along with [Jerry Azilinson](#), Gender Equality Activist and #HeForShe Champion from Benin, will introduce the topic of gender equality and social inclusion, sharing their insights on why these issues are critical and what has motivated their commitment and leadership.

Discussion Round 1 (9:15 - 9:30 AM ET)

- Prisha Bishen, a youth leader from India, moderates the first discussion round with Monika Froehler and Jerry Azilinson on: “What are the biggest barriers to gender equality and social inclusion today, and how can different sectors – governments, businesses, and communities – work together to break them down?” as well as [pre-submitted and upvoted questions by young people](#).





Interactive Poll (9:30 - 9:35 AM ET)

- Participants engage in a poll related to Gender Equality, Social Inclusion, and Youth Empowerment, sharing perspectives and insights.

Discussion Round 2 (9:35 - 9:50 AM ET)

- Koyratty Taahirah, a student from Ebene SSS Girls School in Mauritius, leads the second discussion round with Monika Froehler and Jerry Azilinson on: “How does gender inequality show up differently across cultures and regions, and what can we learn from each other to create more inclusive societies, especially when it comes to youth-driven action?” as well as [pre-submitted and upvoted questions by young people](#).

Interactive Action Brainstorm (9:50 - 9:55 AM ET)

- Participants share actionable ideas on how young people can promote gender equality and social inclusion in their schools, homes, communities and the world.

Closing & Call to Action (9:55 - 10:00 AM ET)

- [Yande Chionita Banda](#) (TBC), Zambian Women’s Rights and Education Activist, Founder of Africa Girls Think Tank, and Member of the [SDG 4 Youth & Student Network](#), and [Selena Marwaha](#), 10-year old student activist from the United Arab Emirates, summarize key insights from the dialogue and share 1-2 concrete opportunities for young people to get active at the global level.

Optional Peer Exchange (10:00 - 10:20 AM ET)

- Participants join breakout rooms to discuss key takeaways, share perspectives, and reflect on action ideas with their peers.

