Interactive expert panel discussion: Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls

Tuesday, 14 March 2023, 3.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Speaker biographies:

Alison Gillwald is the Executive Director of Research ICT Africa, an African digital policy and regulatory think-tank. She is also adjunct professor at the University of Cape Town's Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance where she supervises research on the digital economy and society in Africa. She co-leads the Data Justice workstream of the Data Governance working group of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) and serves on the Digital Inclusion Roundtable of the UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation.

Elisa Lindinger is Co-Founder and Managing Director of SUPERRR, a community and a lab developing visions and projects with the goal to create more equitable futures, including by researching technologies. Elisa works at the intersection of technology, the arts and the humanities. Her research focuses on open digital infrastructure communities, digital civil society, and the social impact of emerging technologies.

Anita Gurumurthy is a founding member and executive director of IT for Change, where she leads research on the platform economy, data and AI governance, democracy in the digital age, and feminist frameworks on digital justice. Anita serves as advisor and expert on various bodies, including the UN Secretary-General's 10-Member Group in support of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism.

Mónica Roqué is a physician and master in Gerontology. She is currently serving as General Secretary of Human Rights, Community Gerontology, Gender and Care Policies of the National Institute of Social Services for Retirees and Pensioners of Argentina, and is Honorary President of the Latin American Association of Community Gerontology. She is a professor at national and foreign universities in the field of Gerontological Public Policies with a Human Rights Approach.

Nino Enukidze is the Rector of the Business and Technology University, Georgia. Nino is the Founder of Coding School for women – winner of Grace Hopper and Emerging Europe awards, and is named among 200 Leaders Distinguished in the "Strong Women in IT Global Edition''. Nino is also actively involved in supporting women entrepreneurship in the country and is managing the "Founder's Gap'' program in Georgia, supporting startups and SMEs founded by women.

Reem Alsalem is the Special Rapporteur of the United Nations Human Rights Council on violence against women, its causes and consequences. Reem is an independent consultant on gender issues, the rights of refugees and migrants, transitional justice and humanitarian response. She has consulted extensively for United Nations as well as for non-governmental organizations, think tanks and academia. Previously, she worked as an international civil servant, serving with the UNHCR in thirteen countries.