**Fireside Chat to Celebrate International Women’s Day**

“Women and Girls, Innovation, and Higher Education”

Background of the Fireside Chat

Materialized from [Transforming Education Summit](https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit) in September 2022, the UNESCO Young People on Transforming Education Project has been committed to creating spaces for inter-generational dialogues that share action, ambition, solidarity, and solutions to transform education under the following [five action tracks](https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/action-tracks):

1. Action Track 1: **Inclusive, equitable, safe and healthy** schools.
2. Action Track 2: **Learning and skills** for life, work and sustainable development.
3. Action Track 3: Teachers, **teaching** and the teaching profession.
4. Action Track 4: **Digital** learning and transformation.
5. Action Track 5: **Financing** of education.

These inter-generational dialogues are organized in two categories – by themes and by geographical regions. Thematic Dialogues include a) Kickoff Dialogue; b) Dialogue for Women and Girls; c) South-South Dialogue; and are organized by UNESCO at a multi-national or multi-regional scope. Regional and national Dialogues can be hosted UNESCO, the Member States, or UNESCO partners.

Dialogues are generally organized for 1.5-2 hours, inviting different generations of learners to share past, current, and future practices in innovative education. The general scope of these dialogues is on higher education, including university and higher technical and vocational education and training, as well as education transiting to and out of higher education.

This Fireside Chat is the thematic Dialogue for Women and Girls.

Fireside Chat description

To celebrate women and girls in innovation, for innovation, and with innovation, this Fireside Chat hopes to include as diverse a group as possible, creating a more intimate and casual setting so every participant feel invited, safe and comfortable to share their experiences.

Women and girls are invited to join as “storytellers”, sharing their story on “innovation and higher education” – this includes but is not limited to:

1. **Innovative paths** in getting **access** to their higher education.
2. **Innovative learning practices** to get through their education.
3. Innovative learning practices that enhanced their experiences as learners both **inside and outside the classroom.**
4. Studying and working to **design new technology and broader forms of innovation**.

The Fireside Chat will be open to all genders to celebrate women and girls together. The storytelling segments will be given priority to women and girls who hope to tell their own stories. Other genders are more than welcome to tell the stories they know about women and girls.

For more information of the event: <https://www.iesalc.unesco.org/en/evento/fireside-chat-women-and-girls-innovation-and-higher-education-save-the-date/>

Preliminary agenda

**Date:** March 6, 2023

**Location:** Online

**Time:** 10h00 – 12h00 (Caracas time: GMT-4)

**Language:** English

**Interpretation:** Spanish

**Participation** can be one of the following two options:

* Zoom (can turn on mic): <http://bit.ly/41pBix6>
* Facebook (cannot turn on mic): <https://fb.me/e/2rIvayz4S>

**Event MC:** Sara Maneiro and Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Storyteller** |
| 10h00-10h10 | Welcome and introductory video  | Sara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao UNESCO IESALC |
| 10h10-10h25 | Icebreaking activity | Sara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC |
| 10h25-11h25 | Storytelling from the identified speakers | Abby Asekun, NigeriaAisha Khurram, AfghanistanAruna, IndonesiaChisomo Banda, MalawiChuying Huo, CanadaJuliana Sofia Riano, MexicoMaha Gmira, MorrocoRacheal Kalinaki, UgandaUn Wa Lok, ChinaZuriel Oduwole, US |
| 11h25-11h45 | Storytelling from the audiences and sharing of collected stories | Claudia Delgado Barrios, UNESCO IESALCSara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC |
| 11h45-11h55 | Empowerment and Celebration | Kabelo Botlhe Dikobe, UN WomenBosen Lily Liu, UNESCO IESALC |
| 11h55-12h00 | Closing | Sara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC |

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