

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](#) 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](#):

- 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/2rlvayz4S>

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

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, Nigeria Aisha Khurram, Afghanistan Aruna, Indonesia Chisomo Banda, Malawi

		Chuying Huo, Canada Juliana Sofia Riano, Mexico Maha Gmira, Morocco Racheal Kalinaki, Uganda Un Wa Lok, China Zuriel Oduwole, US
11h25-11h45	Storytelling from the audiences and sharing of collected stories	Claudia Delgado Barrios, UNESCO IESALC Sara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC
11h45-11h55	Empowerment and Celebration	Kabelo Botlhe Dikobe, UN Women Bosen Lily Liu, UNESCO IESALC
11h55-12h00	Closing	Sara Maneiro & Giulia Ribeiro Barao, UNESCO IESALC

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