

# FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT POLICY

## Transforming International Cooperation

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is honoured to invite you to a high-level conference on feminist development policy as a response to multiple global crises.

Please join the conference  
on Tuesday, 27 September 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CEST  
via livestream.

*“We are living in times of multiple crises that are making existing gender inequalities particularly evident. The reasons for this are discriminatory social structures, norms, and roles, which must be overcome if we want to achieve gender equality and sustainable democracies. And this is precisely why we need a feminist development policy, especially in times of crisis.”*

(Svenja Schulze, German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Women and girls in all their diversity are key agents of change for socially, economically, and ecologically sustainable development and lasting peace. Yet, no country in the world has achieved gender equality.

**In order to accelerate progress, I have adopted a feminist development policy that is aimed at a gender-just society and equal participation of all people in the social, political, and economic spheres.**

At the event, I would like to engage in a discussion with high-ranking participants and with practitioners from civil society and international organizations on important features of Germany’s new feminist approach to development cooperation.

The main objective of the event is to receive further input and have an **exchange on best practices, approaches, and core elements of a feminist development policy**. Moreover, peacebuilders and activists from the Middle East and North Africa region will illustrate the crucial role women play in peace and dialogue processes and share their expectations of a feminist development policy. The programme will be rounded off by creative and activist input on our feminist future.

Please register [HERE](#). We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,



Svenja Schulze

### Provisional Agenda

09:00 – 09:30 a.m.	REGISTRATION COFFEE	
09:30 – 09:40 a.m.	INTRODUCTION	<b>Minu Hemmati</b>   Moderator
09:40 – 10:00 a.m.	KEYNOTE	<b>Svenja Schulze</b>   Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
10:00 – 10:05 a.m.	WELCOME MESSAGE	<b>Sima Bahous</b>   Executive Director, UN Women
10:05 – 10:10 a.m.	INSPIRATIONAL INPUT	<b>Liesje Schreinemaker</b>   Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands (tbc)
10:10 – 10:55 a.m.	PANEL I: Feminist Approaches in the Limelight – Discussing Key Elements and Good Practices	<p><b>Svenja Schulze</b>   Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <p><b>Liesje Schreinemaker</b>   Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, Netherlands (tbc)</p> <p><b>Nate Brown</b>   Executive Director, Pan Africa ILGA (International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association)</p> <p><b>Spogmay Ahmed</b>   W7 Advisor, Senior Global Policy Advocate, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)</p> <p><b>Rosebell Kagumire</b>   Human Rights Defender and Feminist Writer, Nala Feminist Collective</p>
10:55 – 11:10 a.m.	COFFEE BREAK	
11:10 – 11:20 a.m.	LIVE PERFORMANCE	<b>Enana Alassar</b>   Singer and songwriter
11:20 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	PANEL II: Realities and Demands: Women as Change and Peace Agents in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)	<p><b>Anita Bhatia</b>   Deputy Executive Director of UN Women (tbc)</p> <p><b>Hind Al-Eryani</b>   Journalist and Human Rights Activist, Member of Yemeni Women’s Pact for Peace and Security (Yemen)</p> <p><b>Suzan Aref</b>   CEO of Women Empowerment Organisation Iraq, W7 Advisor (Iraq)</p> <p><b>Hajer Sharief</b>   UN Women WPS Champion, Co-Leader of Together We Build It (Libya) (tbc)</p> <p><b>Taban Shores</b>   Founder and CEO of The Lotus Flower, Member of Action Network on Forced Displacement (Iraq)</p>
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	HIGHLIGHTS from the panel discussions – initial reactions to the expectations and demands	<p><b>Vira Mistry</b>   Young Feminist Europe</p> <p><b>Rachel Gasser</b>   Berghof Foundation</p>
12:30 p.m.	CLOSING	<b>Minu Hemmati</b>   Moderator
12:35 – 14:30 p.m.	NETWORKING LUNCH	