

LIST OF PANELISTS – BIOGRAPHIES

Patricia Adjisseku

Patricia Adjisseku is a Togolese journalist and editor-in-chief at Radio Kanal FM. She studied Sociology of Information and Communication and has also a Master's degree in Educational Sciences. Patricia is the first woman to have led the Union of Independent Journalists of Togo (UJIT) from 2014-2020. She is one of the founding members of the Togolese Observatory for the Image of Women in the Media (OTIFEM) and trains women journalists on "Safety" in the workplace.

Jane Pillinger

Jane Pillinger (Ph.D) is a global expert on gender equality and gender-based violence at work, working with national and global unions, ILO and UN Women. She has an academic background in social policy and as an activist in ending gender-based violence for over 35 years. Jane is a co-author of a book published by Agenda Publishing in 2022 (with Robin Runge and Chidi King) "Stopping gender based violence and harassment in the world of work- The campaign for ILO Convention.

Maureen Odunga

Maureen Odunga is a reporter at the Tanzania Standard Newspapers (Daily News) and a trainer on aspects of gender and safety issues in the media. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Research and Public Policy (MRPP) at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) as well as holds a Bachelor in Public Relations and Advertising from the same university. Through the support of the Norwegian Union of Journalists and Journalists Workers Union of Tanzania (JOWUTA), Maureen has conducted several workshops on gender equity and safety for female journalists across the country. Coming from a background where girls and women are deprived of some of their rights. She has been using her work to advocate for the rights of women and girls.

Concepcion Oviedo

Concepcion Oviedo is a journalist, an institutional communicator and a popular educator. She studied a bachelor's in Communication Sciences with a specialisation in Latin American Studies. Concepcion holds the position of Gender Secretary of the Paraguayan Journalists Syndicate (SPP). In addition, she is an activist at the Organisation of Peasant and Indigenous Women CONAMURI, the Via Campesina LGBTI Collective, and the World March of Women.

Dominique Pradalié

Dominique Pradalié is a journalist and trade unionist and worked throughout her career in French public broadcasting like ORTF and France Télévisions. She was in particular the editor-in-chief of the nightly news on France 2. Dominique has also held the position of Secretary General and spokesperson for the SNJ. She was elected President of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) on 2 June 2022.

Maria Angeles Samperio

María Angeles Samperio is a journalist member of the IFJ Gender Council from almost its creation and the President of the Council since 2019. She's a member of the Federation of Spanish Journalists' Associations (FAPE) and has served as the organisation's vice-president on several occasions. She has been president of the Association of Journalists of Cantabria (APC) for 16 years. She works as an editor at El Diario Montañés. She is the vice-president of GAMAG, the Global Alliance on Media and Gender.

ENGLISH

Michelle Stanistreet

Michelle Stanistreet worked as a journalist for 10 years at the Sunday Express newspaper as feature writer and books editor. She was elected as general secretary of the union in April 2011. Under her leadership the union has won landmark cases for equal pay in the industry and, working with the IFJ, she has been at the forefront of protecting journalists and freedom of speech across the globe.

Raida Waqqaf

Raida Wakkaf is a Syrian journalist and program editor and presenter for main political interviews and news in her country. She has been on political and cultural media assignments all over the world. Raida holds several positions and assignments such as Vice-Chair of the IFJ Gender Council, Vice-Chair of the Syrian Journalists Union and lecturer at the Media Department at Damascus University. She was awarded Top rank holder of the 2005 inquiring Journalists award from Thomson Foundation.