

EVENT

ANNUAL SESSION

GENDER-RESPONSIVE STANDARDS INITIATIVE (GRSI)



AT A GLANCE

EVENT DETAILS

- Wednesday, 8th June 2022
- 10:00 - 17:00, CEST
- Online
- Registration link [here](#).

SESSIONS

- 10:00 - 11:00, CEST
- 14:00 - 17:00, CEST

ORGANIZERS

- Organized by UNECE / ECTD /MAS /WP.6
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Standards are essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. By establishing technical specifications and procedures, standards facilitate product compliance, reduce transaction costs, and ensure the safety of products, processes, and services. As instruments borne by research, collaboration and innovation, standards play a fundamental role in accelerating economic growth and disseminating best practices techniques, driving progress for the 2030 Agenda

Olga Algayerova

Executive Secretary, UNECE

RATIONALE & BACKGROUND

The Annual Session of the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative (GRSI) (Morning Session, 10:00 CEST) will highlight the achievements of the Initiative over the period 2021-2022 and agree the programme of work for the coming year. Time will be given for participants to highlight their new areas of work, present best practice activities and propose activities to the Gender-Responsive Standards Initiative regarding future work.

The afternoon session (beginning 14:00, CEST) will feature a panel discussion on the topic of "Gender, digitalization, the environment: ensuring a sustainable future for all". The pressing nature of climate change has started to become the primary imperative for organizations, sometimes at cost of gender equality.

SESSION 1. AGENDA & STRUCTURE

- Opening
- Programme of work for 2022
- Agree activities & programme for 2023
- Best practice submission template & Report Comments
- Participant Input

SESSION 2. PANEL EVENT

The panel event will discuss the critical role of standards, at the intersection of gender, digitalization and the environment. Each Panel will have four presentations and a Q&A section.

PANEL 1.

Setting the scene: The intersection of standards with gender, digitalization and the environment.

PANEL 2.

Closing the Digital Divide: How standards underpin digital inclusion and foster innovation

PANEL 3.

Gender bias in advanced technologies & access to digital resources: The important role of standards in enabling change



Session 2

Moderator: Stephanie Eynon, Head of Standards - Makers Engagement & Inclusion, British Standards Institution (BSI) & Lead of ECE-WP.6 GRSI

Opening and moderating

PANEL 1

SETTING THE SCENE: THE INTERSECTION OF STANDARDS WITH GENDER, DIGITALIZATION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

PANELLISTS

Amelia Andersdotter - Founder, Dataskydd.net; former standards expert ARTICLE19

Ilaria Mariotti - Lead author of UNDP's guidance "Gender Equality in Digitalization"

Pamela Tarif - Head of Global Engagement, Environmental Coalition on Standards (ECOS)

Alyson Fick - Manager, Technical Committee Operations (TCO) Division, ASTM International

PANEL 2

CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE: HOW STANDARDS CAN STRENGTHEN DIGITAL LITERACY AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

PANELLISTS

Dr. Katriona O'Sullivan - Lecturer of Digital Skills in the ALL (Assisting Living & Learning) Institute, Department of Psychology, Maynooth University

Alice de Casanove - Culture Evolution, Intrapreneurship Director, Airbus North America at Airbus; Founder and former chair of the ISO TC 279 on innovation management

Erlend Øverby - CEO/Founder, Hypatia Learning; Former Chair, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 36 Information Technology for Learning, Education and Training

Prof. Katina Michael - Arizona State University, Chair of the 2089-2021 Standard Working Group, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

Session 2

PANEL 3

**GENDER BIAS IN
ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGIES:
THE IMPORTANT
ROLE OF
STANDARDS IN
RESHAPING THE
DIGITAL FUTURE
FOR ALL**

PANELLISTS

Mai Mavinkurve - VP, Data at TradeX; Chief Technology Advisor, Innovate Cities; Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

Nikki Böhler - Managing Director, Opendata.ch

Dr. Allison Gardner - Senior Scientific Adviser for AI at NICE; Honorary Senior Research Fellow Keele University; Co-founder Women Leading in AI

Marianna Kramarikova - Technical Officer, International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

REGISTRATION

This meeting is open to any interested parties. All types of standards development organizations as well as decision-makers from both the public and private sector, individual experts, academics, trade and professional bodies, non-governmental organizations etc. are encouraged to participate.

[Registration Link](#)