

A JUST WORLD POST COVID-19:

CRITICAL DIALOGUES ON RELIGION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GENDER JUSTICE

1. PaRD Virtual Forum: Gender Equality and Empowerment Session

The PaRD Virtual Annual Forum will facilitate open and forward-thinking discussions between various donor organisations, governmental entities, multilateral agencies and Faith Based/Faith Inspired organisations (FBOs/FIOs) and other Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).

As part of the PaRD Virtual Forum, the Gender Equality and Empowerment Workstream will host an interactive event on COVID-19, Religion, Sustainable Development and Gender Justice (90 minutes). The event will be the launch of a series of interactive dialogues that will be hosted by the workstream throughout 2020 / 2021.

2. Logistics

Date: Friday 4th September 2020 | **Time:** 14:00 – 15:30 CEST | **At:** PaRD Virtual Forum

Platform: Microsoft Teams, link to be provided by PaRD Secretariat

Co-Chaired by: Shahin Ashraf, Rachel Tavernor, and Marie-Christine Lecompte

3. Context

The COVID-19 pandemic presents a significant challenge to achieving Agenda 2030, to Leave No One Behind. The COVID-19 crisis is increasing pre-existing inequalities in political, social and economic spheres. Around the world, gender roles have a marked impact on exposure, transmission, and outcome patterns. Women and girls are experiencing intersecting injustices, including discrimination based on gender, race, age, ability and class.

As business as usual is paused, stakeholders have an opportunity to discern: How can the COVID-19 pandemic be catalyst for strong action towards Agenda 2030? What action is required for achieving a world rooted in equality and justice for all? Where are the partnerships and pathways for achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG5) by 2030? Why are faith actors a vital stakeholder in this roadmap?

4. Proposed Format (90 minutes)

Time	Activity	Lead Person(s)
13:45 – 14:00	Open Microsoft Teams Meeting for participants to join. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Test speaker microphones, slides and audio.	PaRD Secretariat
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome and Introductions	Marie-Christine Lecompte Global Affairs Canada
14:05 – 14:10	The PaRD Gender Equality and Empowerment Workstream	Rachel Tavernor Side by Side
14:10 – 14:20	Spotlight 1: Faith, Feminism, Race and COVID-19	
14:20 – 14:30	Spotlight 2: Leaving No One Behind Stakeholders	
14:30 – 14:40	Spotlight 3: Economies, Trade and Financial Flows	
14:40 – 14:50	Spotlight 4: SDGs, Partnerships and Religion	
14:50 – 15:30	Questions and Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Opportunity for members to share insights.	Shahin Ashraf Islamic Relief Worldwide



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