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#FemalePleasure, Directed by Barbara Miller



Barbara Miller

Director of #FemalePleasure

Since 2001, Barbara Miller has directed over 20 acclaimed documentaries, focusing predominantly on human rights and gender and sexuality. Her award-winning documentaries *Forbidden Voices* and *#FemalePleasure* were featured at over 120 international film festivals worldwide and have won over 50 awards, including Best Documentary and Best Female Director. Barbara is a jury member for the European Film Awards and the Swiss Film Awards, and became President of the Directors Guild of Switzerland and Swiss Filmmakers Association in 2017.



Dr Leyla Hussein OBE

FGM social activist and protagonist in #FemalePleasure

Leyla Hussein is a psychotherapist, campaigner, and global leader on gender rights. She is an international lecturer and recognised key expert on female genital mutilation (FGM). She is the founder of The Dahlia Project, the UK's first specialist therapeutic service for FGM survivors. Leyla regularly appears as an expert commentator in the national press on women's rights and health. In 2019, she was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE). In October of 2020, Leyla was elected as the Rector of the University of St Andrews, making history as the first Black woman to hold the position.



Henriette Geiger

Director, People and Peace, Directorate General for Development and Cooperation, European Commission (DG DEVCO)

Henriette Geiger is responsible for implementing the European Commission's cooperation on human development including migration, security, gender equality, human rights, education and health. She has also worked in the European External Action Service, where she was responsible for the political dimension of the EU's relations with the Horn of Africa, East Africa and the Indian Ocean. Before joining the European Commission, Henriette held positions in the European Union's Council of Ministers and the United Nations General Secretariat, as well as in the private sector and NGOs.



Dagmar Schumacher

Director, UN Women Brussels Office

Dagmar Schumacher is the Director of the Brussels Office for the UN Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women). She previously worked at the headquarters of the United Nations Volunteers Programme in Bonn as Chief of the Partnerships Section. From 1998-2002, Dagmar worked with the UNDP in Hanoi, heading the Poverty and Social Development Unit; before which she worked with the UN in Latin America and New York. She holds a Masters Degree from Kiel University.



Sietske Steneker

Director, UNFPA Brussels Office

Sietske Steneker is the Director of the Brussels Office of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund. She has previously worked as UNFPA Representative in the Russian Federation, Honduras, and El Salvador. Ms. Steneker holds two Masters Degrees in International Law (from Leiden University, the Netherlands) and Public Health in Developing Countries (from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK).



Fabienne Pompey (moderator)

United Nations Regional Information Centre

Fabienne Pompey is Head of the French Desk at the United Nations Regional Information Centre. Previously, she worked as a Communications Officer for the World Food Programme in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Senegal. She has also worked as a journalist and reporter for *AFP*, *Le Monde*, in west and southern Africa. She is a single mother.

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, 25th November

Even before COVID-19, violence against women was one of the most widespread violations of human rights, with almost 18 percent of women and girls experiencing physical or sexual violence by an intimate partner within the last year. During the first weeks of COVID-19, calls to women's helplines **increased up to fivefold**. For every 3 months the lockdown continues, an **additional 15 million women are expected to be affected by violence**.

Calling for a "cease-fire at home", the UN Secretary-General urged governments earlier this year to make the prevention of violence against women and girls a key part of their national response plans to COVID-19. While [UN Member States responded](#), and 135 countries have [adopted measures](#) to prevent or respond to violence against women during this global crisis, only 48 countries –less than a quarter of the 206 analysed in a recent study—treated women's services as an integral part of their COVID-19 response plans, with very few adequately funding these measures.

The UN System's [16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence](#) activities, from 25 November to 10 December, will take place under our 2020 global theme: "**Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!**". Take action during this year's 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence. For more information, [see this year's concept note](#)



The Nairobi Summit on ICPD25 Anniversary

A year ago, at the landmark Nairobi Summit on ICPD25, more than 8,000 delegates from 170 countries, including a delegation from the European Commission, came together and committed to achieving three transformative results by 2030: zero unmet need for family planning, zero preventable maternal death, and zero gender-based violence and harmful practices like child marriage and female genital mutilation.

"The commitments made in Nairobi are more critical now than ever before. Far from dampening our ambition, COVID-19 has only sharpened our focus and resolve," says UNFPA Executive Director, Dr. Natalia Kanem.

In September 2020, UNFPA established a [High-Level Commission](#) to ensure all the commitments made at the Nairobi Summit stay on track, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We will never lose sight of the world we are fighting for -- one of sexual and reproductive health and rights for all," Dr. Kanem concluded.



Generation Equality

The [Generation Equality Forum](#) is a global gathering for gender equality, convened by UN Women and co-chaired by France and Mexico, in partnership with civil society. The Forum will [kick-off in Mexico City](#) and [culminate in Paris](#).

Twenty-five years after the historic [Fourth World Conference on Women](#) and the adoption of the [Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action](#), the most comprehensive blueprint to achieve women's empowerment and gender equality, the Forum will take stock of progress and chart an agenda of concrete actions to accelerate progress towards gender equality before 2030.



Spotlight Initiative

Check out the Spotlight Initiative, a global, multi-year partnership between the European Union and the United Nations to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.

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