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This conference is co-organised by Caritas Internationalis and the Holy See, under the patronage of UNESCO. This conference will be a means to raise awareness about the barriers women face in society due to poverty, violence and lack of access to education, to demonstrate how women's empowerment works to break down these barriers, to propose a way forward for concrete action, and to create the necessary synergies between these organisations and other key stakeholders in order to achieve these shared goals.

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## day1 | the Signs of Today's Times

### 10-10.30am Welcome address

1. **H.E. Mr. Santiago Irazabal Mourão**,  
Chairperson of the General Conference  
of UNESCO (TBC)
2. **Msgr. Éric Soviguidi**,  
Permanent Observer of the Holy See  
to UNESCO
3. **Aloysius John**,  
Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis

10.35-11.40am

### Keynote speech: An institutional commitment for women's leadership

**H. Em. Cardinal Pietro Parolin**,  
Secretary of State, Holy See

### Additional institutional remarks

1. **Tamara Rastovac Siamashvili**,  
Chairperson of the Executive Board  
of UNESCO (TBC)
2. **Anna Maria Majlôf**,  
Head of the Section for inclusion, rights  
and dialogue (representing Audrey  
Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO)
3. **H. H. Mme Haifa al Mogrin**,  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of the  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO (TBC)
4. **H.E. Mme Rachel Annick Ogoula Akiko**,  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Gabon  
to UNESCO
5. **H.E. Mme Nancy Ovelar de Gorostiaga**,  
Ambassador, Permanent Delegate  
of Paraguay to UNESCO

### 11.40am-12pm Break

12-1pm Panel 1:

### What does the full face of humanity look like? – Social, cultural and political perspectives on women's leadership

Speakers:

1. **Rev. Sr. Alessandra Smerilli**,  
Secretary, Dicastery for Promoting Integral  
Human Development of the Holy See
2. **Caoimhe de Barra**,  
Director, Trocaire (Caritas Ireland)
3. **Véronique Devise**,  
President, Secours Catholique-Caritas France
4. **Francine Guilbert**,  
Secours Catholique-Caritas France

Morning session's moderator:

**Marta Petrosillo**, Communications and Public  
Relations Director, Caritas Internationalis

### 1-2.30pm Lunch

2.30-3.45pm Panel 2:

### Challenges for building a safe environment for women

Speakers:

1. **Christina Lamb**,  
War journalist and author: "Our Bodies,  
Their Battlefield: What war does to women"
2. **Tabassum Yousaf**,  
Lawyer at the High Court of Sindh province,  
Pakistan
3. **Jasvinder Sanghera**,  
Founder, Karma Nirvana
4. **Fr Vyacheslav Grynevych**,  
Secretary General, Caritas Spes-Ukraine

### 3.45-4pm Break

4-5.30pm Panel 3:

### Conflict, poverty and peacebuilding – The impact on women and their key role in development and peacebuilding processes

Speakers:

1. **Rajaa Altalli**,  
Co-founder of Center for Civil Society  
and Democracy in Syria (UN Special Envoy  
for Syria) (Video message)
2. **Professor Fr Joseph Turay**,  
Vice Chancellor, Catholic University  
of Makeni, Sierra Leone
3. **Apinya Tajit**,  
Deputy Director of Stella Maris; 2022  
Trafficking in Persons Report Hero Award
4. **Martha Skretteberg**,  
Secretary General, Caritas Norway
5. **Brenda Arakaza**,  
President, Development and Peace- Caritas  
Canada

Afternoon session's moderator:

**Stephanie MacGillivray**, Officer Promoting  
women's leadership, Caritas Internationalis

### 5.45pm Reception

## day2 | Looking to the Future

### 9.30am Arrivals

10-10.25am

Keynote speaker:

**Mariam Yahia Ibrahim**

Witness and advocate for women rights

10.30-11.35am Panel 4:

### Creating conditions for empowerment – Enabling economic independence, health, nutrition and food security

Speakers:

1. **Marthe Wandou**,  
Founder of Action Locale pour  
un Développement Participatif et Autogéré
2. **Dr Lilly Achayo Bostell**,  
Medici con l'Africa Cuamm
3. **Fr Tony Labaio**,  
Director, Caritas Philippines
4. **Christine Allen**,  
Director, CAFOD
5. **Karam Abi Yazbeck**,  
Regional Coordinator, Caritas MONA

### 11.35-11.50am Break

11.50am-1pm Panel 5:

### The keys to opportunity – Equipping women to lead through education and capacity strengthening

Speakers:

1. **Stefania Giannini**,  
UNESCO Assistant Director General  
for Education
2. **Dr Hayat Sindi**,  
UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador; Saudi  
medical scientist; Consultative Assembly  
of Saudi Arabia
3. **Olivia Darby**,  
Director of Policy and Campaigns,  
The Wonder Foundation
4. **Sr Regina Ignatia Aflah**,  
Coordinator for Human Rights and Justice,  
Caritas Ghana

Morning session's moderator:

**Philip Pulella**, Vatican Senior Correspondent,  
Reuters

### 1-2.30pm Lunch

2.30-3.45pm Panel 6:

### Community and grassroots leadership – Restoring value in women's leadership and participation in decision making from local to global levels

Speakers:

1. **Ms. Gabriela Ramos**,  
Assistant Director-General, Social and Human  
Sciences, "Transforming MENTalities" project,  
UNESCO (TBC)
2. **Adela González**,  
World Union of Catholic Women's  
Organisations (WUCWO)
3. **Simon Manda**,  
Lecturer in International Development, Leeds  
University (TBC)
4. **Agustina Langwagen**,  
Executive Director, Caritas Uruguay
5. **Adélaïde Bertrand**,  
General Delegate, Secours Catholique-Caritas  
France

### 3.45-4pm Break

4-5.30pm Panel 7:

### Closing panel – Building a future for the full face of humanity

Speakers:

1. **Mons. Eric Soviguidi**,  
Permanent Observer of the Holy See  
to UNESCO
2. **Aloysius John**,  
Secretary General, Caritas Internationalis

Afternoon session's moderator:

**Alessandro Gisotti**, Deputy editorial director,  
Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See

### End of conference