

## AGENDA

### Young Women in Leadership Network Workshop

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago | January 22-23, 2026

In recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, UN Women Multi-Country Office-Caribbean, ParlAmericas, and Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWIL) launched the Young Women in Leadership Network as an ongoing mechanism to provide ongoing support to the alumni of Young Women in Leadership (YWIL) programs and other parliamentary programming in building the knowledge, networks, and skills needed to achieve substantive gender equality.

This workshop will bring together young women leaders from six countries across the region for training in effective communication, advocacy, and project planning for gender equality, as well as intergenerational and cross-regional exchanges on women's leadership and gender equality. Participants will also collaborate on the development of a regional advocacy roadmap focused on young women's leadership and gender-responsive action on priority themes.

<b>Day 1 - Intergenerational Conversations on Gender Equality</b>	
8:15	Registration
9:00 - 9:30	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspirational introductory messages by organising partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Alisha Todd</b>, Director General, ParlAmericas</li> <li>○ <b>L. Nana Oye Hesse Bayne</b>, President, Regional Board of Directors, CIWIL</li> <li>○ <b>Isiuwa Iyahen</b>, Head of Office, a.i, UN Women Multi-Country Office for the Caribbean</li> <li>○ <b>Audrey Veronneau</b>, Counsellor, High Commission of Canada to Trinidad and Tobago</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Security briefing for participants</li> </ul>
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Group photo</b>
9:45 - 10:45	<b>Ice-breaker activity</b>
11:00 - 12:30	<p><b>Fireside chat and dialogue</b>  <b>Pathways to Public Leadership on Gender Equality</b></p> <p>This session will explore leadership pathways, barriers and enablers of public leadership, and strategies for navigating political and advocacy spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator: <b>Michaela Harris</b>, social entrepreneur and leader from Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>• Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Senator the Honourable <b>Gloria Thomas</b> (Grenada), Minister for Social and Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs</li> <li>○ The Honourable <b>Vandana Mohit</b> (Trinidad and Tobago), Member of Parliament for Chaguanas East and Minister of the People, Social Development and Family Services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Terry Ince</b>, Convener, CEDAW Committee of Trinidad and Tobago</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>Lay of the Land: Exploring our Regional GE Priorities</b>	
13:30 - 14:45	<p><b><i>Round table discussions</i></b>  <b>Exploring our Regional Gender Equality Priorities</b></p> <p>During this roundtable session, participants will engage in discussion at thematic tables focused on current regional gender equality priorities. Group discussions will enable exchange on the key dimensions of the issue of focus in their countries, as well as avenues for accelerating progress towards gender equality.</p>
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:00 - 16:30	<p><b><i>Dialogue and reflections</i></b>  <b>Exploring our Regional Gender Equality Priorities</b></p> <p>Key takeaways from roundtable discussions will be shared in this session, with a panel of respondents offering guidance and suggestions of resources, data, and relevant international frameworks to support actions identified on the priority themes. The summaries of table discussions and the information shared by respondents will be captured to inform outcome materials from the meeting.</p>
16:30	<b>Wrap up by workshop facilitator</b>
18:00	<b>Departure for reception</b>
18:30	<b>Reception hosted by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago</b>

<b>Day 2 - Supporting Youth-Led Advocacy on Gender Equality</b>	
8:30	Gather in meeting room
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Welcome and reflections from day 1</b>
<b>Capacity Building Sessions on Communication and Advocacy</b>	
9:15 - 12:15	<p><b><i>Capacity-building workshop 1</i></b>  <b>Strategies for Effective Communication and Advocacy on Gender Equality</b></p> <p>This interactive workshop will cover good practices for messaging, use of communications tools, and building strategic partnerships to support participants' advocacy on gender equality through various platforms.</p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Akilah Dorris</b>, Planning and Coordination Specialist, UN Women Multi Country Office - Caribbean</li> <li>● <b>Chantal La Roche</b>, legal professional, educator, and content creator</li> </ul>

12:15 - 13:15	<b>Lunch break</b>
13:15 - 14:45	<p><b>Capacity-building workshop 2</b>  <b>Good Practices for Planning Projects and Activities</b></p> <p>This interactive workshop will cover key processes and tools related to the development and implementation of projects of varying sizes to support participants' abilities to implement initiatives on issues of importance in their communities and countries.</p> <p><i>Moderator: Michelle Boiselle, CIWiLTT National Chapter member and project management professional</i></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elish Elliott</b>, Deputy Director - Programming and M&amp;E, ParlAmericas</li> <li>• <b>La Fleur Quammie</b>, Member of the CIWiL St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Chapter and UN Country Coordinator for St. Vincent and the Grenadines</li> </ul>
14:45 - 15:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:00 - 16:30	<p><b>Interactive exercise</b></p> <p><b>Next Steps: The YWiL Network Roadmap for Action and Advocacy</b></p> <p>To close the workshop, participants will convene once more in small groups to discuss their individual and group roadmaps for action in the months to follow the workshop. Organising partners will also outline opportunities for support and further engagement, including resources to be created based on the meeting's dialogues.</p>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Wrap up by workshop facilitator and closing</b>



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