

## Online event: Women speak up – The impact of COVID-19 on women and girls in the Global South and its policy implications, 23.03.2022

### Panelists:



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Since 2013, **Annelies Vilim** has been the director of Global Responsibility which is the Austrian Platform of 35 member organizations working in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. After completion of her studies in sociology and cultural anthropology at the University of Vienna, she started her career as a manager in political campaigning in Austria. After that, Annelies worked as a freelance trainer for managers and as a consultant for organizational and strategy development. She also gained experience in public affairs management in several European countries.



#### Âurea Mouzinho

**Âurea Mouzinho** is a feminist economist and organizer from Luanda, Angola and the co-founder and co-coordinator of the Angolan feminist collective called Ondjango Feminista. For the last six years, she has developed work at the intersection of research, advocacy, grant-making, and movement-building to challenge the detrimental implications of neoliberal economic policies and governance frameworks for Africans, particularly women in Angola. Âurea holds a Master in Development Studies from SOAS, University of London. Her most recent writing reflects on the [contemporary economic liberatory practices of African peoples worldwide](#).



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**Clarisse Konombo**



**Clarisse Konombo** is the project manager of Caritas Burkina Faso (OCADES) where she also serves as health and nutrition focal point. She manages activities which are part of the program "[RéCouVrer](#)" implemented by seven Austrian aid organizations with their partner organizations in Burkina Faso and Senegal. The program aims at strengthening the resilience of women and people with disabilities in relation to the negative impact of the COVID-19 crisis. Clarisse holds a master in Economics and Management from the University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Ouagadougou.

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**Ilauda Manala**

**Ilauda Manala** has been working for almost five years as communication manager at Light for the World in Mozambique. Previously, she has worked as a journalist with radio, TV and newspapers and as freelancer for international media companies. With almost 10 years of experience working as a journalist, her main passion is to give the voice to the unheard. Usually the most vulnerable are the ones who have no opportunities to speak up, while this is one of the best ways to ensure that their needs and worries are known and taken into consideration.



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**Ina Girard**



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**Ina Girard** holds two masters in Public Health Management from Tbilisi Medical State Academy and from Brandeis University in Boston. She is currently working with the Austrian Red Cross in the South Caucasus office in Tbilisi as country coordinator and manager of a program for professional home care in Georgia with funding from Austrian Development Cooperation. At the same time, Ina is a founder and director of the local non-governmental organization 'Girls Leading Our World – Georgia' which focuses on young girls' empowerment.

## Ingrid Pech

**Ingrid Pech** is an official in the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, in the Directorate for International Cooperation. After postings abroad in Addis Abeba, Moscow, Bangkok, Rome and Munich she returned to the Ministry in 2013, where she dealt with environmental issues, water, energy and food security, and, most recently gender. She holds a degree in law of the University of Vienna.



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## Janepher Taaka



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**Janepher Taaka** is a human rights activist with twenty years of experience in humanitarian and international development, with expertise in women's and girls' rights programming in a range of organizations, both international and women's grassroots civil society organizations (GIZ, IOM, CARE in Africa). She has expertise in gender-based violence, safeguarding, psychosocial support, governance, social norms, gender analysis, and gender mainstreaming.

## Margarita Langthaler

**Margarita Langthaler** is a Senior Researcher with the Austrian Foundation for Development Research (ÖFSE). Her activities focus on education and development cooperation, education policy in developing countries and technical and vocational education and training in developmental contexts. She holds a PhD in political science from Vienna University.



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