# AGENDA
## Gender Data: a Secure Investment for Accelerated Progress

**IWD 2024 THEME - INVEST IN WOMEN: ACCELERATE PROGRESS**

- **Event hosts:** UN Women East and Southern Africa, West and Central Africa and Arab States
- **Event partners:** Data2X, ECA and AfDB
- **Programme Directors:** Isabella Schmidt and Dominique Kanobana (UN Women, ESA & Arab States)
- **Moderator/Facilitator:** Presidential debate host & fêted journalist Yvonne Okwara

**Date:**  Wednesday, 6th March, 2024  
**Time:** 11hrs to 13:30hrs East Africa Time (EAT)

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<td>11:00</td>
<td>Welcome remarks</td>
<td>Krista Jones Baptista, Executive Director, Data 2X</td>
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<td>11:05</td>
<td>Framing the event</td>
<td>Dominique Kanobana (UN Women, Arab States)</td>
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<td>11:10</td>
<td>Keynote address and introduction to Community of Practice</td>
<td>Antonia Ngabala-Sodonon, UN Women Special Representative &amp; Head of Liaison to the African Union Commission (AUC), and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</td>
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**TOPIC 1: Investing in gender data as a vehicle for driving change**

11:15  *Introduction by ESA and the media:* gender data as a vehicle for progress for all  

**Speakers:** Isabella Schmidt UN Women Gender Statistics Specialist for East and Southern Africa  
& John Allan Namu, award-winner CNN/Multichoice African Journalist (2009), TRACE Prize (2019), Human Rights Defender of the Year (2022)  
& Christine Mungai, 2018 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, Senior producer, CNN As Equals, Al Jazeera author, and Lead Curator at Baraza Media Lab

11:30  **Rwanda case:** How gender data is being used to invest in women for progress  

**Speaker:** Mr. Rurihose Florien, Deputy Chief Gender Monitor, Rwanda Gender Monitoring Office

11:40  **UNECA:** Continental perspective  

**Speaker:** Pamela Nabukhonzo, Statistics Specialist

11:50  **Moderator:** Topic wrap-up

**TOPIC 2: Prioritizing gender-responsive budgeting**

11:55  *Introduction by Morocco:* gender-responsive budgeting  

**Speakers:** Ben-Nasar Boularbah, Head, Gender-Responsive Budgeting & Ms. Imane Lakhiri, Head, Knowledge Management Service Morocco Ministry of Finance, Center of Excellence for GRB

12:05  **Cameroon case:** understanding and appropriating budget preparation for gender mainstreaming  

**Speaker:** Sedric Tiibo’o, Women Count lead, UN Women, Cameroon with extensive experience at National Institute of Statistics (INS) creating the conditions and establishing the capacities to put official statistics at the heart of development policies

12:15  **Uganda case:** linking public spending to gender-sensitive results and gender and equity budgeting (GEB)

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| 12:25 | **Liberia case:** linking public spending to gender-sensitive results  
**Speaker:** Sarah Mulbah, Assistant Minister for Budget designate, Ministry of Finance and Development Planning |
| 12:40 | **Moderator:** Topic wrap-up |
| **TOPIC 3: Shifting to a care society and implementing gender-responsive financing** |
| 12:45 | **Introduction by ESA:** Shifting to a care society and implementing gender-responsive financing  
**Speaker:** Mehjabeen Alarakhia – Policy Advisor for Women Economic Empowerment, UN Women |
| 12:55 | **Kenya case:** Time use, care economy  
**Speaker:** Madam Mercy Wanjau, Secretary to the Cabinet and ex-officio member of the Cabinet |
| 13:05 | **Senegal case:** Time use, care economy & implementing gender-responsive financing  
**Speaker:** Ministry of Gender Head of Gender Statistics and Studies Office at the Gender Equity and Equality Department Ms. Sadio Kanouté |
| 13:15 | **Moderator:** Topic wrap-up and roundtable Q&A |
| 13:25 | **Closing remarks:**  
**Isabella Schmidt** UN Women Gender Statistics Specialist for East and Southern Africa |