



# **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2021**

**Monday 8th March 2021  
2:30pm to 4:00 pm**

**Women in Leadership:  
Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world**





This year's theme for me resonates with Women's full and effective decision-making (in all areas of life) and participation as well as elimination of violence, achieving gender equality and the continued empowerment of all women and girls.

It basically opens up the key discussion on what other ways such efforts can be built upon especially as we push to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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**Olivia Aguma-Muwanika**





The incredible efforts by women's and girls' leadership around the world during the COVID-19 pandemic is commendable. Making decisions, developing strategies, and implementing plans to ensure that the needs of women and girls are not forgotten, and that response and recovery is inclusive of all.

We need more women's and girls' leadership for the essential knowledge, skills, resources and experience. We should also seek to inspire more women, lead well and stay devoted to making a difference in the lives of the women and girls in our societies during these trying times.

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**Mariam Namakula**



Enshrined and rooted in the vision of equality in the UN Charter, achieving an equal future will not be complete without women's leadership and participation.

It's an opportunity to drive change, revisit and build workable solutions in a COVID-19 world. It's about being truthful to ourselves!

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**Machane Daniel Issac**



Women in leadership roles right from the household to a large organization's level, need to stay frequently connected to bridge the distance by the fact that we must exercise social distancing. In this way they will be able to share ideas, provide support, even over personnel matters in a bid to maintain stability and work life balance during the pandemic.

In addition, to keep safe and fight the spread of the disease, women leaders need to provide capacity building and authentic feedback on matters related to COVID-19.

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**Theresa Aciro**



Women and girls have been disproportionately hard hit by COVID-19 which has worsened an already unequal position, women leadership is needed at all levels to address these inequalities and ensure that the voices of women and girls are heard and taken seriously.

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**Jonas Halvorsen**





COVID-19 has brought a heavy burden on the working and stay-at-home women everywhere in the world. In order for women to be adequately supported, their voices and participation need to be included in all areas of decision making.

On this day, I would like to send the message to the younger generations and especially young girls: 'Know that you can be leaders and do not limit yourself.'

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**Milena Stepanovic**



Comprehensive and inclusive solutions are as a result of collaboration and blending of visions rather than depending on one-sided perspectives. As women, we need to come forward and share in the reconstruction of the world. Collectively we have impact.

#Women4Women #Men4Women #Society4Women

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**Bernadette Atuhairwe**





For me, a modern woman is independent, ambitious, hardworking, multifaceted, resilient, persevering, connected to her family and friends, and most of all, emancipated.

She could be a homemaker, pilot, engineer, doctor, lawyer, artist, entertainer, sportsperson, actor, household help or a part of any other profession - from the thousands available to her now - that she wishes to take up. She may even be a juggler, who effortlessly manages to multitask and straddle two or more spheres, both at home and in the workplace and even beyond.

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**Thittayal Ayyar Satish**

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The theme this year is very encouraging especially to women but more so young girls that were greatly affected by the pandemic. It sets the pace for an equal opportunity for both women and young girls in times when we are still recovering from the effects of a pandemic.

With the theme, more light is shed on the impact of the pandemic on women and young girls. With the involvement of women in leadership and development; the effects of the pandemic on society in general is greatly reduced. I aspire to be involved in several of these initiatives that would create a shift in the conditions of women in society.

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**Catherine Nabwile**



It means in our different spheres of influence as women in leadership, we must strive to always be solution providers. support others in achieving their goals and making positive sustainable changes in our world.

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**Edna Sudi**





Thank you!  
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