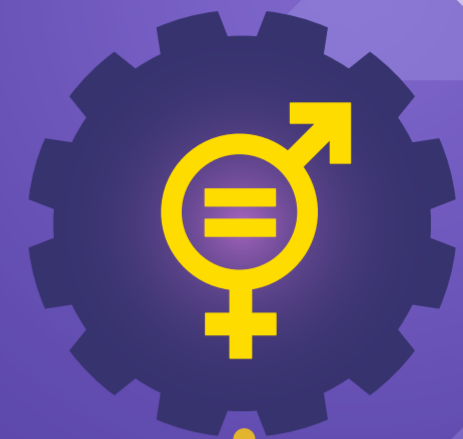


## GENERATION EQUALITY MIDPOINT REGIONAL EVENT



# ACCELERATING DIGITALIZATION IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA:

## Partnerships on innovation and technology for women's economic empowerment



Master of Ceremony:  
**Elnara Bainazarova**

**15 November 2023**  
Almaty, Kazakhstan

**09:00 – 17:00**  
GMT+06

## DRAFT AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00

**Registration, welcome coffee**

### OPENING REMARKS

9:00 – 09:20

#### INTRODUCTION BY MASTER OF CEREMONY

Opening Remarks by:

**Gülden Türköz-Cosslett** Regional Director a.i., UN Women Europe and Central Asia

**Malik Olzhabekov** Vice minister of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan

9:00 – 09:20

#### SETTING THE SCENE: “In the aftermath of the Global Generation Equality Midpoint Event and the Sustainable Development Goals Forum”

**Helene Molinier** UN Women Senior Policy Advisor on Innovation/ Senior Manager for the Action Coalition on Innovation and Technology

### PANEL 1:

#### REDUCING THE DIGITAL GENDER DIVIDE: Unlocking universal digital literacy and competencies and increasing investment in technology and innovation

9:30 – 11:00

This panel will explore concrete solutions and actions undertaken by commitment-makers to improve the accessibility of digital services and learning tools, advance innovative financing for 21st-century skills, address stereotypes to unlock digital literacy and access to technologies and explore challenges and opportunities to accelerate investments in feminist innovation and technology.

**Keynote speaker:**

**Malik Olzhabekov** Vice minister of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan

**Speakers:**

**Arbërie Nagavci** Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Kosovo<sup>1</sup>

**Valeriya Ionan** Deputy Minister for Euro Integration, Ministry of Digital Transformation of Ukraine

**Mariam Lashkhi** First Deputy Chairperson of Foreign Relations Committee, Member of Education and Science Committee, Member of Gender Equality Council, Georgia

**Emmanuelle Larroque** Founder and General Director, Social Builder

**Cristina Lunghi** President and Founder, Arborus

**Key discussants:**

**Makhabbat Boranbay** National Gender Youth Activist, Kazakhstan

11:00 – 11:15

#### TWO SUCCESS STORIES TO INFORM AND INSPIRE

**Elizabeta Jovanovska** Founder & CEO of Best Online Assistant, North Macedonia

**Fatma Aktaş** Co-founder, Esular, Türkiye

<sup>1</sup> All references to Kosovo should be understood in the context of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).

## PANEL 2: Boosting women and girls' leadership in innovation ecosystems

11:30 – 12:30

This panel will explore how to create and strengthen networks within digital/innovation hubs. It will also discuss how to meaningfully use data to measure and ensure diversity in digital economies.

### Speakers:

<b>Kęstutis Jankauskas</b>	Ambassador of the European Union to Kazakhstan
<b>Natalia Mochu</b>	Regional Director for CIS Region, International Telecommunication Union
<b>Gül Erol</b>	CEO of Yıldız Tech Company, Türkiye
<b>Xeniya Udod</b>	GEF Advocacy Lead, Co-founding Gender Expert, Central Asian Feminist Organization FemAgora
<b>Damir Maglajlić</b>	Executive Director of Bit Alliance
<b>Sascha Gabizon</b>	Executive Director, WECF International
<b>Nana Dikhaminjia</b>	Director of Digital Transformation Center, Alte University in Georgia
<b>Nino Enukidze</b>	Rector of Business and Technology University in Georgia

### Key discussants:

<b>Aziza Shuzheyeva</b>	President, Techno Women, Kazakhstan
<b>İlayda Eskitaşçıoğlu</b>	Member of the Generation Equality Youth Task Force

## Welcoming new commitment-makers and new commitments to the GENERATION EQUALITY JOURNEY

12:30 – 13:30

New commitment-makers and existing ones making new commitments come on board for a symbolic ceremony. This session provides background on the Action Coalition, the roles of commitment-makers and next steps.

<b>Helene Molinier</b>	UN Women Senior Policy Advisor on Innovation/ Senior Manager for the Action Coalition on Innovation and Technology
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### Our awardees:

<b>Arbërie Nagavci</b>	Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, Kosovo
<b>Malik Olzhabekov</b>	Vice minister of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan
<b>Stela Vasić</b>	Adviser in the Minister's Office, Ministry of Communications and Transport, Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Kamola Sobirova</b>	Adviser to the Minister on Attracting Youth and Women to the IT Sector, Uzbekistan
<b>Donjeta Sahatçiu</b>	Deputy Mayor, Municipality of Prishtina, Kosovo
<b>Viola Puci</b>	Head of Corporate Affairs, Vodafone Foundation, Albania
<b>Valbona Dudi</b>	Member of Chamber's Advisory Board, Albanian Diaspora Business Chamber
<b>Kristina Erak</b>	Operations Manager of Bit Alliance, Bosnia and Herzegovina
<b>Leonid Nigmatullin</b>	CITIX PR Director, Kazakhstan
<b>Aziza Shuzheyeva</b>	President, Techno Women, Kazakhstan
<b>Uranik Begu</b>	Board Member at Innovation Center Kosovo & Plug and Play Director CEE, Kosovo
<b>Nataša Čolić</b>	Research Associate, Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia
<b>Gül Erol</b>	CEO, Yıldız Tech Company, Türkiye
<b>Nargis Dustmatova</b>	Director, FinTech Association Uzbekistan

## CLOSING REMARKS

13:30 – 13:40

### Closing remarks by:

<b>Gülden Türköz-Cosslett</b>	Regional Director a.i., UN Women Europe and Central Asia
<b>Islambek Raimov</b>	Deputy Head of the Representative office of the Ministry of foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan

13:40 – 14:30

### Lunch Break

15:00 – 17:00

### STUDY VISIT FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL EVENT HOSTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALMATY

The Government of Kazakhstan will organise a study visit to the innovative collaborative space – the Smart Point, where local partners will present digital projects, products, and solutions to advance gender equality, build resilient societies, safe and smart cities, as well as initiatives created by women or/and developed to support women and girls in the country.

The presentations will be delivered by the T&I Experts of the Mayor's Office of the city of Almaty, the Ministry of Digital Development and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan and women-led digital projects and businesses to highlight unique experience of working on digitalization and innovation for sustainable development.