

# FEMINIST VOICES

Millions of people across the world stand on the right side of history every day. They speak up, mobilize and take big and small actions to advance women's rights.

## Peggy Antrobus

Caribbean feminist activist, author and leader of the Jamaican delegation to the First World Conference on Women.

**“At the UN Women’s conferences, women from around the world first encountered each other in a sustained and ever deepening process... [that] was to nurture and expand this movement in a way that not even its strongest protagonists could have imagined.”**

## Sana Afouaiz

Director of Womenpreneur, which advances women's entrepreneurship and roles in technology and innovation in the Arab States.

**“Women’s rights are not a charity nor a privilege, they are human rights.”**

## Sharon Bhagwan-Rolls

Pacific women's rights activist and Chair of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict.

**“Almost 20 years since the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 1325, we don't just need to be at the peace table. It's time to redesign the table.”**

## Vanessa Nakate

Ugandan climate activist and Founder of the Rise Up Movement.

**“Climate change does not just cause floods and disasters, many girls’ dreams are destroyed as well... Climate change is a social issue, it's a gender issue.”**

## Racha Haffar

Founder and president of 'Not 4 Trade,' the first anti-trafficking NGO in Tunisia.

**“I want to create a better world where everyone is living equally and is respected, regardless of their gender, sex and sexual orientation. I can't believe that we are in the 21st century and we are still fighting for gender equality. We have to smash the patriarchy!”**

## Pip Gardner

LGBTI leader and activist in the United Kingdom.

**“Homophobia and transphobia are driven by gender discrimination, it's the same forces and arguments that have been used to discriminate against all women. We need to come together and realize that we are fighting the same fight: for our human rights to be respected and defended regardless of gender or sexuality.”**

## Ana Peláez Narváez

Spanish disability rights activist and the first woman with a disability to be represented on the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

**“There are 600 million women with disabilities in the world, but many disability rights organizations do not pay attention to the gender dimensions, and many women's organizations don't include women with disabilities... Nothing about disability should be done without women with disabilities.”**

## Teodora Mileska

Student in North Macedonia and peer educator for comprehensive sexuality education.

**“Gender equality is not only about women, it's about everyone. Every single person joining the movement for women's rights makes it stronger and better.”**

## Alicia Garza

Co-founder of Black Lives Matter, United States.

**“My definition of feminism is a social, political, economic system by which all genders are valued, respected and can live dignified lives.”**

## Maria Alejandra Rodriguez Acha

Co-Executive Director of FRIDA, the Young Feminist Fund, in Peru.

**“The fight for social justice is not separate from the fight for environmental sustainability. The most impoverished people, rural indigenous women, for example, are the most impacted by natural disasters.”**



## Jaha Dukureh

UN Women Regional Goodwill Ambassador for Africa, survivor of female genital mutilation and child marriage.

**“We must work with religious and traditional leaders, communities of men, boys and parents who think differently. We must listen to and understand their rationale and belief systems respectfully... This approach would create an enabling environment for dialogues, and breakthroughs in social norms, mindset and behaviour change.”**

## Wazhma Frogh

Afghan women's rights activist, and co-founder of the Women and Peace Studies Organisation, Afghanistan.

**“Women are pushing to be part of the peace process. And when it becomes inclusive, it doesn't only bring women, but also many men who haven't had an opportunity to be heard... We talk about the needs of the communities, justice, schools, health, education, not just about men deciding which power positions to hold.”**

## Natasha Wang Mwansa

Zambian activist on health and gender equality and youngest-ever recipient of the WHO Global Health Award.

**“We are not going to be beneficiaries any longer... We need positions of power. We see improvements when young people decide enough is enough and make moves to influence decision-making.”**