

The United Nations and British Museum present:

The Poetess

Directed by: Stefanie Brockhaus, Andreas Wolff

The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with:



Alia Alzoughi

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BAFTA nominated, dynamic story-teller and educator

Alia is BAFTA-nominated dynamic artist, educator & cultural producer. Her practice is based on storytelling techniques and traditions and, as well as performing, she curates and produces cultural events. Alia has been chairing the National Theatre's 'We Need to Talk...' sessions since 2017. She is also currently curating the British Museum's launch weekend for the new Albukhary Gallery of Islamic Arts.



Andreas Wolff

Filmmaker (video message)

In 2006 Andreas enrolled at USC's Graduate School of Cinematic Arts in Los Angeles and continued his studies at HFF University for TV and Film Munich where he graduated with a Diploma/MFA in documentary filmmaking. His previous films include 'On the Other Side of Life', co-directed by Stefanie Brockhaus, and 'The Pirate and his Captain'; both of which won several awards at international film festivals. Andreas Wolff's work as a filmmaker was aired by broadcasters like ARTE, Canal Plus, BBC, ZDF, ARD, among others.



Dagmar Schumacher

Director of UN Women, Brussels Office

Dagmar is the Director of the Brussels office of the UN Entity for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment (UN Women). Ms. Schumacher previously worked at Headquarters of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme, Bonn, as Chief of the Partnerships Section. From 1998 – 2002 she worked with UNDP in Hanoi, heading the Poverty and Social Development Unit; before which she worked with the UN in Latin America and New York. She holds a Master Degree from Kiel University.



Deborah Seward

Director of UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre

Deborah is Director of the United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC) in Brussels. Prior to arriving in Brussels, she served as Director of the Department of Public Information's Strategic Communications Division at UN Headquarters New York. Before joining the United Nations in 2011, Ms. Seward was an international journalist for nearly 25 years, with postings in Berlin, Bonn, Moscow, New York, Paris, Prague and Warsaw. She holds an honours degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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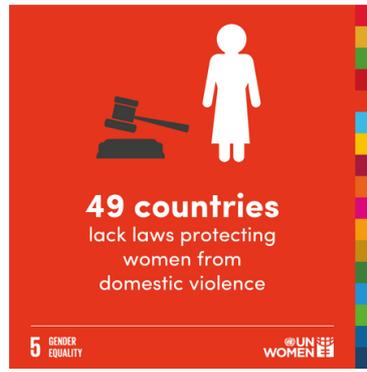
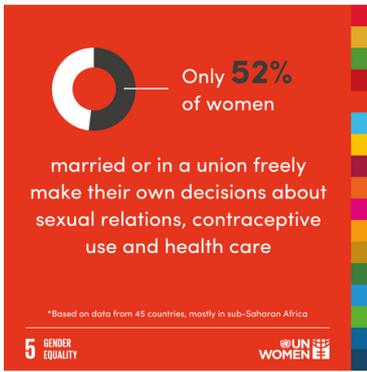
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Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, peace and justice. The Goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each Goal and target by 2030.

Goal 5 Gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. Gender equality by 2030 requires urgent action to eliminate the many root causes of discrimination that still curtail women’s rights in private and public spheres. For example, discriminatory laws need to change and legislation adopted to proactively advance equality. Yet 49 countries still lack laws protecting women from domestic violence, while 39 bar equal inheritance rights for daughters and sons.

Women do 2.6 times more unpaid care and domestic work than men. While families, societies and economies depend on this work, for women, it leads to lower earnings and less time to engage in non-work activities. In addition to equal distribution of economic resources, which is not only a right, but accelerates development in multiple areas, there needs to be a fair balance of responsibility for unpaid care work between men and women.

While women have made important inroads into political office across the world, their representation in national parliaments at 23.7 per cent is still far from parity.

Only 52 per cent of women married or in a union freely make their own decisions about sexual relations, contraceptive use and health care ([Turning Promises Into Action, 2018](#))

TARGET 5.1

END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

TARGET 5.C

ADOPT AND STRENGTHEN POLICIES AND ENFORCEABLE LEGISLATION FOR GENDER EQUALITY

TARGET 5.5

ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP AND DECISION-MAKING