

## Gender Equality & Sport+ Conference: “Connecting for Change”

**Preliminary Programme - Tuesday 30 September 2025**

Lausanne – Switzerland

### Morning

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| 8:00 am - 9:00 am   | <b>Arrival and registration</b>   |
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am   | <b>Welcome Words</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. Lombe Mwambwa, CEO, Global Observatory for Gender Equality and Sport</li><li>- Mrs Christelle Luisier Brodard, President of the State Council, Canton of Vaud</li></ul>  |
| 9:30 am - 9:45 am   | <b>Keynote Presentation</b>   |
| 9:45 am - 10:45 am  | <b>Session 1: Meaningful inclusion and participation in and through sport</b> <p>Panelists explore tensions and opportunities surrounding inclusion and will examine global developments and will interrogate systemic forms of exclusion, legal frameworks and policy-level interventions.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Dr. Decious Chipande, African Union Sport Council</li><li>▪ Nikki Dryden, OLY, Human Rights &amp; Sport Lawyer</li><li>▪ Hugh Torrence, European Gay &amp; Lesbian Sport Federation</li><li>▪ Hasnae El Ayoubi, International School Sport Federation</li></ul> <p>Moderator: Prof. Adele Pavlidis, Griffith University</p> |
| 10:45 am - 11:00 am | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | <b>Session 2: Who is responsible for preventing and responding to gender-based violence?</b> <p>This session will delve deeper into institutional responsibility, prevention and responding, disclosure mechanisms, and experiences, media reporting, and the alignment of global frameworks with global experiences and voices.</p>  |

Panelists:

- *Prof. Kirsty Forsdike, La Trobe University*
- *Dr. Hesbon Hansen Owilla, Aga Khan University*
- *Mathilde Grenet, En Garde*

*Moderator: Anne Tiivas, Safe Sport International*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

### **Session 3: Measuring Impact - Going beyond the numbers**

This session will explore strategies to measure gender equality outcomes in meaningful and impactful ways. It considers inclusive data collection, impactful evaluation frameworks, and sustainable evidence-based strategies to provide deeper insights on how to continue to advance gender equality in physical education, physical activity, and sport.

Presenter:

- *Jules McGreever, Equal Careers*

Panelists:

- *Belén Martinez, Ibero America Sport Council*
- *Dr. Nana Adom Aboagye, Research Fellow*
- *Angela Mantilla, Adidas Foundation*

*Moderator: Assistant Prof. Nonhlanhla Mkumbuzi, Northumbria University*

## **Afternoon**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

### **Lunch**

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

### **Session 4: Keynote - Harnessing the potential of digital technology & AI**

This session dives into how digital technology, AI, and big data are transforming the sport ecosystem and implications for safe and inclusive sport.

Presenter: *Lucy Mills, Ready Sport*

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

### **Session 5: Reimagining sport - Athlete empowerment**

This session brings lived experience to the forefront- sharing how athletes are advancing gender equality through their platforms and personal journeys. From law to activism to education, their work spans sectors and continents, reflecting the power of individual leadership rooted in community action.

Panelists:

- *Bernadette Deka-Zulu, The Racheal Kundananji Legacy Foundation*
- *Friba Rezayee, OLY, Women Leaders of Tomorrow*

- *Maggie Mac Neil, OLY, Louisiana State University*

*Moderator: Gaby Garton, World Players Association*

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

### **Coffee break**

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

### **Session 6: Parallel sessions**

One of two parallel conference sessions are offered, providing participants with the opportunity to engage in an audience-led Q&A or expert led workshop designed to foster dialogue, reflection, and problem solving.

**Q&A Panel:** Current Research Landscape on Women's Health and Sport,

- *Dr. Kat Okholm Kryger, Union of European Football Associations*
- *Dr. Madeleine Pape, University of Lausanne*

*Moderator: Dr. Aaron Baggish, University of Lausanne & Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, USA*

**Workshop:** Community-led participation for impact and evaluation,

- *Dr. Robyn Smith, Loughborough University*
- *Prof. Lyndsay Hayhurst, York University*

4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

### **Session 7: Change making - Shaping the future of sport and gender equality**

This forward-looking panel brings together stakeholders who are driving the future of gender equality in sport. From grassroots activism to global policy, each speaker offers bold insights into what actions need to happen to ensure equitable sport, physical activity and physical education systems.

Panelists :

- *André Oliveira, International Hockey Federation*
- *Patrick Stolpmann, International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education*
- *Prof. Elizabeth Pike, University of Hertfordshire*
- *Primrose Mhunduru, International Olympic Committee*
- *Moderator: Francine Raveney, Council of Europe*

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm

### **Closing Remarks**

- *Dr. Lombe Mwambwa, CEO, Global Observatory*

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

### **Cocktail and Networking**