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NAME	ORGANISATION	BIO	CONTACT
Felicity Mulford	Centre for Information Resilience	Felicity Mulford, a Research Manager at the Centre for Information Resilience (CIR), leads research on Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV). Through this work, Felicity combines her passion for women's rights and her research skills to strengthen data on TFGBV, raise awareness about the issue, and empower communities with practical recommendations. Prior to joining CIR, Felicity was a Hillary Rodham Clinton Global Challenges Scholar and worked with international lawyers to investigate war crimes. She holds a BA in Human Geography, an MA in International Relations, and an MA in Law, Policy and Practise. Felicity obtained multiple awards including: the most 'Meritorious Female Student', 'Contribution to the community', and the 'Best Research Dissertation'. Felicity has authored and contributed to multiple publications, including academic journals on the 'Responsibility to Protect' norm and research on hate speech, as well as op-eds, book chapters, and public reports on food availability in Yemen and Tigray. Felicity also manages a non-profit music event, raising funds for various charities including NHS Charities Together, Breast Cancer Kent, Future Dreams, Home Safe London, Shelter, and Nutshell.	Matt Frear matt@info-res.org
Daniela Ligiero	Together for Girls	Dr. Daniela Ligiero is the CEO and President of Together for Girls, a global partnership uniting governments, UN Agencies, and civil society to end violence against children and adolescents, particularly sexual violence. This partnership uses a model of data and advocacy to drive action, spanning over twenty countries. With nationally led surveys, it has amassed data on over 12% of the world's population under 24 and more than 20% of children and adolescents in low-income nations. She co-founded the Brave Movement in 2022, a survivor-led global advocacy movement addressing childhood sexual violence through policy changes and increased funding, including issues such as ending statutes of limitations and ensuring online safety for children. Before her tenure at Together for Girls, Dr. Ligiero served as the Vice President of Girls and Women's Strategy at the UN Foundation, where she developed the foundation's gender integration strategy. During her five years at the U.S. Department of State, she pioneered the integration of gender issues into foreign policy and global health investments, impacting over	Rebecca Ladbury rebecca@ladburypr.com

		70 countries and over \$1 billion in funding. Notably, she helped develop the first-ever International U.S. Government Strategy to End Gender-Based Violence and also the largest investment in adolescent girls' health, the PEPFAR DREAMS program. Dr. Ligiero also held leadership roles at UNICEF, including Chief of HIV and Deputy Representative in the UNICEF Brazil Country Office. Her extensive experience extends to the World Bank, the U.S. Senate, and direct work with sexual assault survivors. She herself is a survivor of childhood sexual violence, openly sharing her story for over a decade. She holds a doctoral degree in counseling psychology, has worked in multiple countries across Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America, and is fluent in four languages—English, Portuguese, Spanish, and French. Daniela is a Brazilian American who resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband and two daughters. Beyond her professional pursuits, she enjoys family time, furniture making, gardening, ocean-related activities like scuba diving, and meditation practice.	
Gary Barker	Equimundo	President and CEO Ex Officio Board Member Pronouns: he/him Gary Barker, PhD, has been a global voice in engaging men and boys in advancing gender equality, gender justice and positive masculinities for three decades. He is the CEO and co-founder of Equimundo Center for Masculinities and Social Justice, a major contributor to international activism on male allyship in gender equality. He was the first Executive Director of Instituto Promundo in Brazil and led its pioneering work on healthy masculinities. He is co-founder of MenCare, a global campaign in more than 50 countries to promote men's involvement as caregivers, and co-founder of MenEngage, a global alliance of more than 700 NGOs. He co-created the International Men and Gender Equality Survey (IMAGES), the largest survey of men's attitudes and behaviors related to violence, fatherhood, and gender equality. He leads Equimundo's State of the World's Fathers reports, which has become a major advocacy platform for the global care economy. He has coordinated Equimundo's partnerships in conflict-affected settings including work on community-based trauma support and restorative justice in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Balkans, the US and Brazil. He advises the UN, the World Bank, national governments, international foundations and corporations on strategies to engage men and boys in promoting gender equality. In 2017 he was named by Apolitical as one of the 20 most influential people in gender policy worldwide. He is an Ashoka Fellow and received the Voices of Solidarity Award from Vital Voices for his work to	José Campi-Portaluppi j.campiportaluppi@equimundo.org

		engage men for gender equality. He holds a PhD in Developmental Psychology and a Research Affiliate position at the Center for Social Sciences, University of Coimbra, Portugal. He lived nearly 20 years in Latin America and is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese.	
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Mr Yu Yu	UNFPA	Mr Yu Yu has over two decades of international experience in the field of sexual reproductive health and rights, gender equality and women's empowerment and population and development in both humanitarian and development settings. He was appointed as the Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) office in South Africa, and Country Director for Botswana and Eswatini in January 2024. Prior to joining the UNFPA South Africa office, Yu Yu held various leadership positions in UNFPA offices in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Zimbabwe, Pakistan and DPRK. He led the plan and implementation of large and complex humanitarian and development programmes and enabled strategic policy support to the host governments and partners in the areas of demographic intelligence, GBV, and health system strengthening, among others. During his days in the Ministry of Commerce in China, he provided policy support to the development assistance to China from multilateral partners, such as UNDP, UNFPA, UNOPS and UNICEF. Yu Yu is passionate for advancing the rights and choice for all. He is a strong advocate for UN development system reform and has led collective UN efforts in the area of gender equality and women's empowerment, data, monitoring and evaluation and youth. He has served as RC a.i in	

		Uzbekistan from July 2021 to February 2022 and coordinated the UNCT to prepare for the establishment of Vision 2030 Fund, an innovative financing mechanism for SDGs. He holds MSc in Public Policy and Management from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and is also trained in international finance and trade.	
Antara Ganguli	UNGEI	Antara has been the head of the UNGEI Secretariat since 2021. Prior to this role, Antara led the gender portfolio for UNICEF India, UNICEF's largest non-humanitarian office where she led programmes on addressing harmful gender norms in education and health systems. Previously she served as the Deputy Representative for UN Women in Bangladesh. Before joining the UN, Antara worked in the private sector as a management consultant. Antara started her career as a teacher in a municipal school in Pune, India that served children of sex-workers. Antara holds a M.A. in International Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. in English Literature and Developmental Psychology from Amherst College. She tweets at @antaraganguli.	Laura Devos ldevos@ungei.org
Debbie Rogers	Reach Digital	Debbie Rogers, a dynamic leader passionate about advancing mobile technology for health, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her role as CEO of Reach Digital Health and a board member of Turn.io. Her leadership tenure at Reach, spanning over a decade, has demonstrated her ability to drive innovation, deliver impactful solutions, grow the organisation, and expand its programme to new African territories. Recently, under her leadership, Reach was successfully granted institutional funding, including The Skoll Award and a generous gift from Mackenzie Scott. She is also passionate and dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion in the technology sector, particularly in Africa. Debbie Rogers LinkedIn X @rogersdebs Reach Digital Health LinkedIn X @reachhealth + Instagram @reachdigitalhealth Website reachdigitalhealth.org	Carlos Yerana carlos@reachdigitalhealth.org
Prof. Myriam Sidibe	Brands on a Mission	Prof. Myriam Sidibe, Founder and Chief Mission Officer of Brands on a Mission , is one of the world's leading experts of brands that drive positive health outcomes. She is also honorary	Megan Holloway megan@brandsonamission.com

		Professor of the Practice at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Myriam spent 15 years championing purpose at Unilever, where she catalysed the single biggest hygiene behaviour change programme in the world, reaching 1 billion people. She is the author of the best-selling Business Ethics book Brands on a Mission: How to Achieve Social Impact and Business Growth through Purpose (Routledge 2020) and her TED talk The Simple Power of Handwashing has been viewed more than 1 million times. In 2021, she was selected as one of the most influential Africans in the world for her work on changing global behaviour.	
Angella Summer Namubiru	Brands on a Mission	Brands on a Mission Goodwill Ambassador: Angella Summer Namubiru, is a Ugandan actress, model, media personality, content creator, and TikTok star, who is especially known for vlogs and TikToks through which she narrates her daily life in rural Uganda on her TikTok account. In her content she advocates for social issues like awareness on the health dangers of skin bleaching, equal rights for women and children, access to clean drinking water and protection of the environment. She is the co-founder of Blacare, an NGO and community defending the same causes.	Megan Holloway megan@brandsonamission.com
Fatima Carvalho	Brands on a Mission	Brands on a Mission African Voices CSO partner: Fátima Carvalho holds a Master's in Educational and Developmental Psychology, a Postgraduate Diploma in Language Studies, and a degree in Public Relations and Executive Secretariat. As CEO of FVC Consultoria e Eventos, Lda., she champions female entrepreneurs through leadership programs, workshops, and mentorship initiatives, promoting gender equality and economic development. Co-founder of the Cape Verde Ecofeminism Movement and the StrategicEdge Programme 2024, she advocates for gender equality, sustainability, and mental health in leadership. A certified Clarity4D Behavioral Analyst, she specializes in Human Resources and People Management and is also a freelance linguist and interpreter, fluent in English, Portuguese, and Cape Verdean Creole. Her extensive work as an interpreter enhances her ability to bridge communication across languages and cultures. Her experience spans over a decade in leadership and project management across public and private sectors in Cape Verde.	Megan Holloway megan@brandsonamission.com

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