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Young Women Scientists from LDCs share their stories

OWSD panel at the United Nations 5th Conference on Least Developed Countries (UNLDC5), Doha, Qatar, with OWSD Vice President for Africa and Early Career Fellows and awardees from Rep. of Congo, Nepal and Yemen. Panel moderated by Tonya Blowers, OWSD Coordinator.

Date: Wednesday 8 March 2023

Time: 14:00-15:30

Venue: Room 104

This session will demonstrate how specialised networks, tools, and resources can be developed to support young women scientists from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to step into positions of leadership and influence in scientific research and policy making in their own countries. These networks also provide mechanisms for participation in scientific research and decision making at the global level, ensuring that the ideas, challenges, solutions and innovations offered by such women can be considered and implemented around the world, having a positive impact on communities and contributing to the excellence and relevance of scientific research in general. The session will be opened by the Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovative Technologies of the Republic of Congo. Three young women scientists from LDCs (Rep Congo, Yemen and Nepal) will describe their personal success stories. Two of these women are also the protagonists of short videos made to celebrate their careers, which will be shown. Senior women mentors who have played significant roles in supporting young women scientists will also contribute, including the Vice President of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). The Public Information Officer of TWAS, Giovanni Ortolani, will also comment on the importance of science communication in raising visibility for women scientists from LDCs.

Panelists will use short 'Ignite-style- talks to ensure the session is engaging and inspiring and there will be ample time for discussion. Tonya Blowers, Coordinator of OWSD, will moderate the session.

Moderated by:

- Dr Tonya Blowers, UK/Italy, Coordinator, Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD)

Panellists:

- Prof Delphine Edith Emmanuel (Republic of Congo), Ministre de l'enseignement supérieur, de la recherche et de l'innovation technologique (MESRSITO)
- Dr Maryse Nkoua Ngavouka (Republic of Congo), Conseillère à la Recherche Scientifique et à l'Innovation Technologique du MESRSIT, OWSD Early Career Fellow
- Dr Prativa Pandey (Nepal), Founder and CEO Catalyst Technology Limited Nepal, OWSD Early Career Fellow
- Prof Olubukola Oluranti Babalola (Nigeria/ South Africa), Director of Food Security and Safety Focus Area, Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, North-West University, South Africa, OWSD Vice President and TWAS Vice President
- Dr Fathiah Zakhm (Yemen/Finland), Researcher, Department of Virology, Helsinki One Health, OWSD-EF 2020 Awardee
- Mr. Giovanni Ortolani (Italy), Public Information Officer, The World Academy of Science (TWAS)

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