

Accelerate Action

WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE | 7 MARCH | 9AM - 2PM

8:30am Registration

9:00am **A call for accountability:** Fidem Founder Dr Sabine Agius Cabourdin in discussion with economist Prof. Marie Briguglio

9:30am **Breaking Barriers: Accelerating Women's Empowerment in Economic, Education, and Employment Sectors**
The panel will address structural inequalities hindering women's progress, focusing on equal pay, education access, and leadership representation, focusing on long-term, measurable solutions to promote women's economic empowerment, equal participation in the workforce, social protection, and decision-making at all levels. Key topics include economic empowerment, closing the gender pay gap, promoting diversity in recruitment, and improving access to quality education, particularly in STEM and adult learning, to enhance future employment opportunities for women.
Moderator: Ariadne Massa

10:15am Questions from the audience and open discussion

10:30am **Breaking Barriers in Sports, Arts, and Culture for Women and Girls**
Why aren't more girls considering careers in sports or the arts? This session will explore how we can boost female participation and achievement in these fields, from sports to creative industries. What efforts are being made to encourage women and girls' involvement in the arts? The discussion will highlight strategies to break down barriers and create more opportunities for women to shine.
Moderator: Ariadne Massa

11:15am Questions from the audience and open discussion

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11:30am COFFEE BREAK

Promises, promises: accelerate action for victims of domestic violence.

Domestic violence victims continue to be plagued by delays seeking justice and countless other hurdles despite promises of effective change from the authorities. The discussion will highlight the true experience of those at the frontline, how best to help them and change the system. Survivors will engage with representatives from the authorities to discuss how the system can be improved to better protect victims and accelerate justice. This discussion aims to move beyond words and demand tangible, immediate action to end domestic violence.

Moderator: Trudy Kerr

12:45pm Questions from the audience and open discussion

Mental Health Matters:

Experiencing domestic or sexual violence can have traumatic mental health effects not just on the victim directly but also on their children, relatives and friends. Stigma related to trauma and mental health makes things worse. While there have been significant developments in approaches to support trauma healing, many do not address the unique realities of survivors. What is hindering the necessary action that is required to ensure the mental health of domestic violence victims and survivors is properly safeguarded?

Moderator: Trudy Kerr

1:45pm Questions from the audience and open discussion

1:55pm **Launch of Fidem Foundation's new Mental Health Services**
Closing remarks
