



**Beijing+25**  
**Taking Stock of Progress on Gender Equality**  
**PROGRAMME**

08.30 Registration

Registration opens, tea and coffee available, participants take their seats in Corrigan Hall

09.00 **Forum Opening**

Martina Feeney, Director of Human Rights Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

09.05 **Welcome Remarks**

Minister Katherine Zappone TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs

09.15 **Keynote Address**

Eamon Gilmore, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights

09.35 **Video Message**

Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

09.45 Panel One **The Road to the Beijing Declaration; A Look Back at the Fourth UN World Conference on Women**

Moderator Thelma Doran  
*Former Ambassador to China; Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*

Speaker Avril Doyle  
*Former Minister of State, Dept. of the Taoiseach, TD, Senator, MEP*

Speaker Mary Van Lieshout  
*Deputy CEO and Director of External Affairs, Goal*

Speaker Lorna Siggins  
*Journalist, Author*

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30 Panel Two **25 Years On From Beijing, What are the Achievements in the Fight for the Empowerment of Women and Girls, and What Challenges Remain?**

Moderator Ambassador Michael Gaffey  
*Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations, Geneva, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*

Speaker Orla O'Connor  
*Director of National Women's Council of Ireland*

Speaker Salome Mbugua  
*Irish Human Rights and Equality Commissioner, Founder and Former CEO AkiDwA, The Migrant Women's Network*

Speaker Allison Morris  
*Security Correspondent, The Irish News*

13.00 Lunch Break

14.15 Panel Three **Looking to Beijing+50, How to Accelerate Implementation of the Platform for Action and the Realization of Gender Equality?**

Moderator Sarah Keane  
*Human Rights Unit Desk Officer, incoming Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ireland, Morocco, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade*

Speaker Valery Molay  
*Ireland's United Nations Youth Delegate, 2019/2020*

Speaker Ollie Bell  
*Trans activist, Board member of Transgender Equality Network Ireland*

Speaker Sophie Healy-Thow  
*Activist and Student, Lead Group Member @SUN Movement*

15.45 **Closing Remarks**

Sonja Hyland, Political Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade