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Gender and Health Hub Virtual Forum 5th, 6th & 7th December 2023

**Session 3: Reflections on Gender Equality and Health in the Time of Polycrises –
Breaking Silos, Collective Action**

Date: Thursday 7th December 2023

Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am **London**/ 1:00pm-2:30pm **Nairobi**/ 6:00 pm-7:30pm **Malaysia**

Language: **English** plus interpretation in French and Spanish

Organiser: UNU-IIGH, People’s Vaccine Alliance, African Community of Practice (The African Union Commission on COVID-19 Gender and Stigmatisation Working Group and the University of the Western Cape School of Public Health).

Description

The world is in a state of ‘polycrisis,’ where multiple economic, environmental, social, and political shocks have converged – driving and deepening existing inequalities in gender and health. Simultaneously, evidence suggests that there has been a backslide in democracy worldwide related to growing pushbacks against gender equality and human rights. The situation demands new and innovative policy approaches and collective action to global development and solidarity-building. This includes critically questioning and examining the ways in which responses to current crises support gender dimensions of recovery and build resilience against future shocks, and how preparedness plans must center intersectionality and gender equality considerations in priorities, investments, and decisions. In this session we convene a space for dialogue with actors from different sectors, bringing together a spectrum of perspectives, experiences, and expertise to break down silos and foster pathways to develop inclusive and innovative solutions.

Objective:

To reflect on the gendered and overlapping impact of polycrises – pandemic, climate change, environmental degradation, economic downturn, political instability and war-on women, girls and gender diverse individuals; the measures being taken to address the disproportionate impact and the potential way forward.

Target audience

Convene representatives from different sectors united in the absence of gender equality and intersectionality in the response to polycrises to share lessons, collective learning and identify opportunities for collective action.

Take Away Messages

An understanding of intersections of gender equality and polycrises, the challenges and opportunities to address these disproportionate impacts.