

SPEAKERS



Irem Tumer

Irem Tumer is the **Focal Point for Youth Leadership and Participation at UNFPA HQ**. She is passionate about reaching young leaders and youth-led organizations. Irem is a member of the Istanbul Bar, where she had a legal practice focused on dispute resolution before joining UNFPA. Irem received a Master of Law degree from Istanbul Bilgi University. Her thesis focused on youth participation in advancing SRHR through international human rights mechanisms. Since her school years she has been interested in women's issues and HIV/AIDS. She is an alumna of the G(irls) 20 Summit & Women Deliver Young Leaders programmes, and the President of the 81st International Session of the European Youth Parliament.

Justine van de Beek

Justine van de Beek (24) is a sociologist. She is the **Youth Ambassador for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights** with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and writes and speaks passionately about gender, sexuality and feminism.



Evans Ouma

Evans Ouma is the Programs Manager and co-founder at Stretchers Youth Organization. He is passionate about working with adolescents and young people on sexual reproductive health and rights. He has over 7 years' experience in adolescents and youth programming, adolescents' reproductive health, monitoring and evaluation, peer counseling, sexual reproductive health, behavioral change and peer education approaches. Evans has cut niche in family planning, gender mainstreaming and adolescents youth sexual reproductive health advocacy and has contributed to development of policies that affects adolescents and young people in Kenya. Evans is the 25x25 She Decides Generation of Change Global young leader.

Rassil Barada

Rassil Barada is a feminist research enthusiast with a longstanding investment and interest in gender equality and human rights. She grew up in Lebanon, received a Bachelor's Degree in International Development and Middle Eastern Gender Studies from Sarah Lawrence College in New York, and has worked with Abaad in Research, Accountability, and Learning since early 2018. She will soon begin her Master's in Public Health at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in order to better understand the intersections of GBV and public health and how to conduct ethical scientific research on this intersection.



Kitty van der Heijden

Kitty van der Heijden is **Director General for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands**. Kitty van der Heijden worked as Vice President, Director Africa and Europe (The Hague, World Resources Institute (WRI) (The Hague, Netherlands – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). Subsequently she held a series of both national and international positions for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations (New York, USA), amongst others.

Aida Bilajbegovic (host)

Aida Bilajbegovic is a Bosnian-Dutch medical anthropologist, feminist and works as a programme officer at the international department of Rutgers. Since she joined Rutgers in 2017 her work mostly focusses on (sensitive) topics in relation to child marriage, FGM, teenage pregnancies and (unsafe) abortion. Through the Advanced Master in International Development (AMID) programme she learned how to critically reflect on international development cooperation. Ever since she can remember.

