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Helena Humphrey
Anchor and Reporter
Deutsche Welle

Since 2015, Helena Humphrey has been working as Anchor and News Reporter at Germany’s global TV broadcaster Deutsche Welle. Prior to her position at Deutsche Welle, she worked as TV anchor at Solar Impulse TV and was a News Editor and Anchor at Radio France International. Helena Humphrey has also been involved at the United Nations as Risk Communications Officer (2015) and Communications Officer (2014) and was a Spokesperson at the International Federation of the Red Cross.

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Monika Jones
News Anchor
Deutsche Welle

Monika Jones is one of Germany’s leading bilingual journalists and presenters. As an English speaking news anchor at Germany’s global TV broadcaster, Deutsche Welle, she is familiar to a wide international audience, especially in North America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Monika Jones is also one of Germany’s leading bilingual presenters of international conferences and business events. Her regular clients include top multinational companies, government ministries, European institutions and NGOs. Her specialist areas are economics, corporate relations, human resources, and transport & logistics.
Welcome Note

Mona Küppers
Chair Women20 Germany
President of the National Council of German Women’s Organizations

Mona Küppers is a marketing expert and works for the Institute for Sports Science of the University Duisburg-Essen. For many years she held decision making positions in an honorary capacity within the Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund (German Olympic Sport Confederation - DOSB). Her focus within the DOSB is on combatting violence against women and on women in decision making. In 2015 she was elected to the board of the Deutscher Seglerbund (DSV – German Sailing League), being the first woman in such a position in 127 years of the DSV’s existence. Before assuming the presidency of the Deutscher Frauenrat she was serving the women’s lobby as vice president for four years. As the umbrella organization of more than 50 nationwide women’s associations and organizations, the National Council of German Women’s Organizations (DF) is the biggest women’s lobby in Germany.

Stephanie Bschorr
Chair Women20 Germany
President of the Association of German Women Entrepreneurs

Stephanie Bschorr is Partner and Managing Director of HTG Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH and HTG Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH in Berlin. She grew up in Cologne, Germany, and went to law school in Würzburg, Munich and Berlin. She has a master’s degree in Law and is certified as a tax adviser and specialized in international tax law. She started out as a corporate attorney and since 2002 has been partner and managing director of HTG Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH and HTG Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH (auditing, tax consulting and law) in Berlin with more than 100 employees. She has two children. She has been a member of the Association of German Women Entrepreneurs (VdU) since 2004. From 2010 to 2011 she was the association’s Vice-President and was elected President in 2012. Stephanie Bschorr is a member of the Supervisory Board of Germany Trade and Invest – Gesellschaft für Außenwirtschaftsförderung und Standortmarketing mbH (GTAI) and of the WISTA MANAGEMENT GmbH (Management company of Germany’s largest science and technology park).
Presentations by W20 Working Group Chairs

Dr. Basmah Omair
Chief Executive Director
Alsayedah Khadijah Bint Khawilid Lobbying Center
W20 Delegate Saudi Arabia and Chair, Labour Market Inclusion

Dr. Basmah Omair is the CEO at Alsayedah Khadijah Bint Khawilid Lobbying Center, a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). After her appointment as president of the former businesswomen training center in 2006, she was involved in the restructuring of the organization as lobbying center for businesswomen’s rights and empowerment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Dr. Omair has worked on the reform of regulations regarding women’s participation in national development. Through lobbying with high government officials, she has continuously striven towards women’s economic empowerment in multiple sectors and on all organisational levels, while ensuring work life balance for women. Thus, women are now allowed to obtain trade licenses in all business sectors, and to become board members in private, IPO, and family companies.

Dr. Omair was raised and educated in the U.S for more than 23 years. She holds a PhD in Educational Technology/Leadership and Management from the American University of Washington (2004). She is a member on several boards and has helped to conduct research together with International NGO’s, and the World Bank on the obstacles facing women’s economic participation.

Sucharita Eashwar
Founder
CEO Catalyst for Women Entrepreneurs
W20 Delegate India and Chair, Financial Inclusion

Sucharita Eashwar is Founder and CEO of Catalyst for Women Entrepreneurs (CWE) – a comprehensive online and offline platform for women entrepreneurs to start up and scale up their businesses with access to finance, markets, information/networks, business skills, mentors and advisors. Since launch in 2016, CWE has 2200 women led enterprises in the network in India and South Asia. She has set up WEConnect International in India. WEConnect enables women entrepreneurs enter global supply chains. Earlier as Senior Director NASSCOM (business association for the ICT industry), she worked with major ICT companies in India to address their growth needs and promote innovation from India. She set up and headed NASSCOM’s SME Mentorship Program and Diversity and Inclusion Initiative for women in the technology industries. Sucharita has worked as Communication Consultant to UNESCO, to design and promote models of communication hubs for unconnected communities, particularly women, in South Asia. She was Founder-Director for two non-profit organisations – Madhyam and VOICES – focused on training and policy advocacy for citizen access to media and telecom. Notable accomplishments are the introduction of FM community radio in India and a women’s health info and resource centre in India. She is Advisor to the ecosystem study of women entrepreneurship: Roadmap 2020: Accelerating Women Entrepreneurship in India.
Virginia Littlejohn
President, CEO and Co-Founder
Quantum Leaps, Inc.
W20 Delegate US, and Chair, Digital Inclusion

Virginia Littlejohn has expertise in multiple areas of women’s entrepreneurship, including access to markets, corporate procurement, public procurement, angel investment, innovation, and national and global best practices in women’s entrepreneurship. She is the current President and Co-Founder of Quantum Leaps, Inc., a global accelerator for women’s entrepreneurship. From 1984-1985, she was President of the National Association of Women Business Owners in the US and is former Vice President of the World Association of Women Entrepreneurs (FCEM). Mrs. Littlejohn served 10 years as the Senior Advisor on Women’s Entrepreneurship for the OECD SME and Entrepreneurship Unit, for which she co-organized 3 global best practice conferences, plus 2 regional women entrepreneurial conferences for MENA in Istanbul. She has served for the past 7 years as Lead International Consultant for the International Trade Centre’s (ITC) Women and Trade program, for which she wrote the ITC’s SheTrades Call to Action. Virginia Littlejohn has participated in the Turkish, Chinese and German W20s.

Arancha González
Executive Director
International Trade Center (ITC)
W20 Advisor and Chair, Strengthening W20

Arancha González is the Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC), a joint agency of the WTO and the UN. Before joining ITC, Ms. González served as Chief of Staff to World Trade Organization Director-General Pascal Lamy from 2005 to 2013. During her tenure at the WTO, she played an active role in launching the Aid for Trade initiative and served as Mr. Lamy’s representative (Sherpa) at the G-20. Prior to working at the WTO, Ms. González held several positions at the European Commission, conducting negotiations of trade agreements and assisting developing countries in trade-development efforts. Between 2002 and 2004, she was the European Commission spokeswoman for trade and adviser to the European Union Trade Commissioner. In 2015 she launched the ITC “SheTrades” initiative seeking to connect one million women entrepreneurs to markets by 2020.
Jennifer Bisceglie is a successful female entrepreneur with two for-profit companies one focused on the public sector (Interos Solutions, Inc.) and one focused on the private sector (Vigillence, Inc.). She has been the chair of the Board of Women Impacting Public Policy, an NGO that sets the model for women's entrepreneurship and advocacy, until 2016. Mrs. Bisceglie is now engaged as CEO of Quantum Leaps, Inc., which focuses on women's access to international markets, trade and access to capital. She is the US delegate for Women 20 and has been an active participant in the W20 conversation and meetings since its initiation in Turkey in 2015. Through her first-hand experience in the needs of women entrepreneurs as well as international perspectives on potential solutions she has been able to contribute greatly to the W20 process.

Keynote

Manuela Schwesig
Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
Deputy Chair of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)

Manuela Schwesig has been Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth since 2013. Previously she served as Health and Social Affairs Minister from 2008 until 2011 as well as Minister for Labour, Equality and Social Affairs from 2011 until 2013 in the state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. In 2009 she was elected Deputy Chair of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). Manuela Schwesig is a trained tax administrator.

Manuela Schwesig is actively participating in the advancement of gender equality: In 2016 a law mandating compulsory quotas for women on the supervisory boards of Germany’s top companies came into force. The bill for mandatory salary transparency is in the final stages of the parliament process. During her mandate, state-sponsored child care facilities have been expanded, and a change in Germany’s maternity protection legislation is under way.
Panel I

„Women Economic Empowerment – Chances for Growth and Sustainable Development“

Moderated by Helena Humphrey

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Gabriela Ramos
Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General and OECD Sherpa

Gabriela Ramos is Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General and OECD Sherpa to the G20. Besides supporting the Strategic Agenda of the Secretary General, she is responsible for the contributions of the Organisation to the global agenda, including the G20 and the G7. She leads the Inclusive Growth Initiative and the New Approaches to Economic Challenges and also oversees the work on Education, Employment and Social Affairs (including gender). She has been championing the gender agenda at the G20 and G7 and led the establishment of the gender target of 25x25 in the Australian Presidency in 2014 and supported this and other Presidencies, too. Previously, she served as Head of the OECD Office in Mexico and Latin America, co-ordinating several reports on Mexico to advance the health and education reform. She developed the OECD’s Mexico Forum and edited and launched the “Getting it Right” flagship publication series. Prior to joining the OECD, Ms Ramos held several positions in the Mexican Government, including Director of Economic Affairs (and OECD issues) in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Technical Secretary at the Office of the Minister for the Budget. She has also held several positions as Professor of International Economy at the Universidad Iberoamericana and at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Ms Ramos holds an MA in Public Policy from Harvard University, and was a Fulbright and Ford MacArthur fellow. She was decorated with the Ordre du Merit by the President of France, François Hollande, in 2013.
Mu Hong
Director-General of International Department
All-China Women’s Federation
W20 Delegate China

Mu Hong, female, graduated from Foreign Languages and Literature Department of the University of Wuhan in 1984. In 1998, she got Master Degree of Law from the Renmin University of China. From July 1984 to November 2000, she was Deputy Division Director and Division Director in the International Department of China Communist Youth League of China, and Deputy Director-General of All-China Youth Federation. Since November 2000, she has been working in the International Department of the All-China Women’s Federation, as Director of Division of Publicity, Division of General Office, and Deputy Director-General and Director-General of the Department.

Dr. Gülden Türktan
Former W20 President
Member Presidential Council KAGİDER
W20 Delegate Turkey

Dr. Gülden Türktan was the President of W20 Turkey, the outreach group of G20. During the Turkish Presidency of G20 she was head of women issues for all G20 countries. At the same time, she is a member of the Presidential Council of KAGİDER, Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey. She was one of the founding members of KAGİDER. From March 2011 to May 2015 she has served as the President of KAGİDER. During her Presidency at KAGİDER, she had outspoken speeches as well as timely remarks about public policy issues to shape women and regulation in the country. She is known to be the mastermind behind a very successful program, FEM – an equal opportunity program at the work place for corporations – which KAGİDER had launched with the opening keynote speech from Robert Zoellick, former President of World Bank. During her Presidency of W20, she is expected to shed light to the women rights and existence in the economy and foster gender inclusive economic growth. She is an entrepreneur. She owns a small boutique hotel in the south of Turkey. Between 1988 and 2008, she had worked as an executive as well as a board member of the local operation of ABB, a Swiss – Swedish engineering conglomerate. She now serves as a board member for several institutions and delivers freelance speeches about leadership, economy and enhancing management skills, as well as women – as a value add to the success of the corporations. She has studied economics and business and she is a management school graduate from New York University and Bogazici University and she has issued several papers on management. She is a member of the Advisory Council of Gender and Development for the World Bank Group.
Melinda Gates is Co-Chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which strives to improve global health and help the world’s poorest people lift themselves out of hunger and poverty. Along with her husband Bill, she shapes and approves the foundation’s strategies, reviews results, and sets the overall direction of the organization. Through her work at the foundation over the last fifteen years, Melinda has seen first-hand that empowering women and girls can bring transformational improvements in the health and prosperity of families, communities and societies. The second of four children, Melinda grew up in Dallas, Texas where she was born August 15, 1964. After joining Microsoft in 1987, she distinguished herself as a leader in the development of multimedia products and was later appointed Microsoft’s General Manager of Information Products. In 1996, Melinda left Microsoft to focus on her philanthropic work and family.

Dr. Alina Sorgner is Assistant Professor at the chair of Business Dynamics, Innovation and Economic Change at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany. She is also Senior Researcher at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (IfW Kiel) and principal investigator in the study Women’s Economic Empowerment in the Digital Age to back the Women 20 Dialogue. Recently, she was invited as a Visiting Assistant Professor at the Sapienza University of Rome (Department of Psychology) and she was Research Fellow at the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin (Department of Innovation, Manufacturing, and Services). Her interdisciplinary work in the field of entrepreneurship, regional studies and digitalization has been published in peer-reviewed journals and it has been discussed in leading newspapers, such as “Die Süddeutsche Zeitung”, “Die Frankfurter Allgemeine”, and “La Nacion”. She has been an invited speaker at international workshops and she is a regular participant at international conferences.

Franziska Kreische works at betterplace lab, a think and do tank at the intersection of innovation and common good in spreading knowledge and pushing an inclusive digital progress. At the betterplace lab, Franziska Kreische has led the qualitative research project “Bridging the digital gender gap”. The study focuses on ways to overcome the digital gender divide and gives recommendations to provide support for the Women 20 claims and goals.
PANEL II
„Inspiring women: Scaling Up Women’s Entrepreneurship“

Moderator

Prof. Dr. Miriam Meckel
WirtschaftsWoche
Editor in Chief

Prof. Dr. Miriam is the Publisher of WirtschaftsWoche, Germany’s largest weekly business publication. She focuses on the brand’s digitalization process, its interactive membership community, and expanding internationalization efforts. Between October 2014 and April 2017, she served as the magazine’s Editor-in-Chief. Before joining WirtschaftsWoche, Miriam was the Managing Director of the Institute for Media and Communication Management at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, where she has held a professorship for Corporate Communication since 2005. Previously, Miriam spent four years in politics at the Office of the Premier of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, first as Undersecretary for Media and government spokeswoman, then as Undersecretary for Europe, International Affairs, and Media. Miriam is an award-winning speaker and a bestselling book author who has published prolifically on the development of the Internet, digital life and the future of journalism. Her autobiographical book “Letter to my life” (“Brief an mein Leben”) formed the basis of an award-winning television movie in 2016. She is a member of the German Association for Journalism und Communication Science (DGPsUK) as well as the International Communication Association (ICA) and a member of the advisory board of the international Journal for Journalism „Message” and the „Journal for Policy Advice (“Zeitschrift für Politikberatung”).

Panelists

Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands
UN Secretary General’s Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development

Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands has served as the UN Secretary-General’s Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA) since 2009. As Special Advocate, she is a leading global voice advancing universal access to affordable, effective, and safe financial services. Collaborating closely with global and national partners, she raises awareness, encourages leadership, works to break down barriers, and supports action to expand financial inclusion. Queen Máxima is also honorary patron of the G20’s Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion and a Global Agenda Trustee for the World Economic Forum’s Global Challenge Initiative on the Future of the Global Financial System. In the Netherlands, she is a member of the Committee for Entrepreneurship and Finance and honorary chair of the Dutch Money Wise Platform.
Dr. Angela Merkel
Federal Chancellor of Germany

Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel was born in Hamburg, but spent most of her childhood in Templin, in Brandenburg, East Germany. After reading physics at Leipzig University (1973-1978), she conducted research into quantum chemistry at the Central Institute of Physical Chemistry at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin. She obtained her doctorate in 1986 with a thesis on calculating the velocity constants for simple hydrocarbon reactions. In late 1989, Angela Merkel joined “Demokratischer Aufbruch” (Democratic New Beginning). She soon became their Press Spokeswoman and then, following the first free elections to the People’s Chamber of the then GDR on 18 March 1990, she was appointed Deputy Government Spokeswoman for Lothar de Maizière’s Government. She has been a member of the CDU (Christian Democratic Union of Germany) since August 1990, and a member of the German Bundestag, for the constituency of Stralsund, North Western Pomerania and Rügen, since December 1990. From 1991 to 1994 she served as Federal Minister for Women and Youth, subsequently becoming Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, a position she held until 1998. From December 1991 until her election as General Secretary of the CDU on 7 November 1998, she held the post of Deputy Chairwoman of the CDU in Germany. She was simultaneously Chairwoman of the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania CDU from May 1993 to May 2000. She has been Chairwoman of the CDU in Germany since April 2000. She also served as Chairwoman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag from September 2002 until she was first elected as Chancellor in November 2005. Since her second re-election as Federal Chancellor on 17 December 2013, Angela Merkel has led a government of the CDU/CSU (Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union) in coalition with the SPD (Social Democratic Party of Germany).

Anne M. Finucane
Bank of America
Vice Chairman

Anne M. Finucane is vice chairman at Bank of America and a member of the company’s executive management team. She is responsible for the strategic positioning of Bank of America and leads the company’s Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) efforts. In addition, she oversees public policy, customer research and analytics, global marketing and communications. Ms Finucane chairs the global ESG Committee at Bank of America, which directs all of the company’s ESG efforts. She stewards Bank of America’s $125 billion environmental business initiative, including its $10 billion Catalytic Finance Initiative to mobilize market capital to deliver new investment into high-impact clean energy projects. She oversees the company’s $1.2 billion Community Development Financial Institution portfolio and helps manage Bank of America’s 10-year, $1.5 trillion community development lending and investing goal. She also chairs the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, including its 10-year, $2 billion charitable giving goal. Ms. Finucane serves on both corporate and nonprofit boards of directors including Carnegie Hall, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the American Ireland Fund, the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation, CVS Health, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Partners Healthcare, and Special Olympics. She served on the U.S. State Department’s Foreign Affairs Policy board, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
Christine Lagarde
Managing Director
International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Christine Lagarde graduated from law school at University Paris X, and then obtained a Master’s degree from the Political Science Institute. After being admitted to the Paris Bar, she joined the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie. Ms. Lagarde joined the French government in June 2005 as Minister for Foreign Trade. In June 2007, she became the first woman to hold the post of Finance and Economy Minister of a G7 country. When France assumed the G20 presidency, she set in motion a wide-ranging work agenda on the reform of the international monetary system. In July 2011, Ms. Lagarde became the eleventh Managing Director of the IMF, and the first woman to hold that position. In February 2016, the IMF Executive Board selected her to serve a second five-year term. Ms. Lagarde was named Officier in the Légion d’honneur in April 2012. A former member of the French national synchronized swimming team, Ms. Lagarde is the mother of two sons.

Chrystia Freeland
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Canada

Chrystia Freeland received her undergraduate degree from Harvard University before continuing her studies on a Rhodes Scholarship at the University of Oxford. An esteemed journalist, Ms. Freeland has worked for the Financial Times (including as its US managing editor), The Washington Post and The Economist. From 2010, she was a managing director of the Canadian-owned Thomson Reuters company. She has written two books, one of which is an international best-seller and winner of the Lionel Gelber Prize and National Business Book Award. Ms. Freeland was elected as the Member of Parliament in 2013 and then re-elected in October 2015. Between November 2015 and January 2017, she served as Canada’s 18th Minister of International Trade. In January 2017, she was appointed Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. Ms. Freeland speaks English, French, Ukrainian, Russian and Italian. Ms. Freeland is married and has three children.

Ivanka Trump
First Daughter and Advisor to the President

Ivanka Trump graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. During her time as Executive Vice President of Acquisitions and Development at the Trump Organization, Ms. Trump led some of the company’s most high-profile deals. Together with her brothers, Ms. Trump founded Trump Hotels. Ms. Trump also founded the Ivanka Trump Collection and IvankaTrump.com. Ms. Trump wrote the New York Times bestselling business book, The Trump Card: Playing to Win in Work and Life in 2009. Ms. Trump has been included on Fortune magazine’s prestigious “40 Under 40” list and was honored as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Since March 2017, she has been serving as assistant to the US President. Ivanka Trump is a wife, mother, sister and daughter - and passionate advocate for the education and empowerment of women and girls.
Juliana Rotich
Co-Founder
BRCK Inc.

Juliana Rotich is a technologist, strategic advisor, entrepreneur, and keynote speaker. Juliana serves as an advisor to the councils of BASF, Risk Cooperative, Africa Technology Ventures (ATV) and the Lemelson Foundation. She is also a trustee of Bankinter Foundation for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Spain, board member of Digital Impact Alliance and the Kenya Vision 2030 Delivery Board. Her personal mission is to make things, fix problems and help others. Wherever technology can help to do these three things and accelerate progress, she enjoys figuring out that intersection and adding constructive value. She is a champion for internet connectivity, science education, inspiration and works to support entrepreneurs to scale their work and impact. She is Co-founder of BRCK Inc, a hardware and services technology company based in Nairobi, Kenya. BRCK was formed to realize a vision for enabling communication in low infrastructure environments by developing useful, innovative, and exciting hardware-centered technologies in Kenya. She drives partnerships for tackling social problems through appropriate technology. Juliana co-founded Ushahidi Inc., a non-profit tech company, which specializes in developing free and open source software for changing how information flows in the world. She was Executive Director from Jan 2011 to September 2015, strategically spearheading Ushahidi to be translated into over 30 languages, over 90,000 deployments and a 20 million populations reach. She was instrumental in increasing business development revenue and philanthropic capital into Ushahidi and its related initiatives like iHub. Before Ushahidi, she worked in the telecommunications and data warehousing industry with over 10 years of experience.

Dr. Nicola Leibinger-Kammüller
President and Chairwoman of the Managing Board
TRUMPF GmbH + Co. KG

Dr. Nicola Leibinger-Kammüller studied German, English and Japanese language and literature in Freiburg, Germany, the US and Switzerland, earning her doctorate. From 1992 to 2010, she was the Managing Director of Berthold Leibinger Foundation GmbH, and since January 2003, the Executive Vice President of TRUMPF GmbH + Co. KG. In November 2005, Ms. Leibinger-Kammüller was appointed President of the management holding company of the TRUMPF Group. In this role, she is responsible for strategic development, corporate communication, brand management, real estate, facilities as well as legal affairs. Ms. Leibinger-Kammüller performs many honorary functions in the scientific, cultural, and social sectors. She is also a member of the Supervisory Boards of Siemens AG, Voith GmbH, and Axel Springer AG, as well as of the Advisory Board of the Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg and the BW-Bank.
Key Note

Julie Teigland
Managing Partner EY for Germany, Switzerland and Austria

Julie Teigland is Managing Partner of EY in Germany, Switzerland and Austria (GSA), Member of the Board of Directors of EY Germany and Member of the EMEIA Executive Board of EY EMEIA (Europe, Middle-East, India and Africa). Prior to her current role Managing Partner in GSA she has held many leadership positions at EY, among others as Managing Partner of EMEIA Markets and as EMEIA Strategic Growth Markets Leader. Julie has over 25 years of experience in professional services for large multinational clients, including international tax, auditing and advisory services as well as large cross-border transactions. She is the initiator of the EMEIA program Women. The Power of Three and deeply engaged in the EY’s Woman Fast Forward initiative. Furthermore, she has been advocating for the W20 goal of empowering women for economic growth by supporting the process of research, debate and consultations and speaking out for business to take an active role in women’s empowerment. Julie is based in Mannheim/Frankfurt and lives in Heidelberg with her husband and their four children.

Presentation

Jessica Tan Soon Neo
Member of Parliament Singapore

Jessica has over 27 years in the IT industry, 13 years with Microsoft and 14 years with IBM. In her tenure with both organizations, she has held leadership roles across diverse areas of the business in the Asia Pacific region and Singapore. She developed and drove growth strategies and business results, deepened customer and partner relationships. Jessica also focused on the development and attraction of the best talent for the organizations. She led Microsoft’s ongoing corporate citizenship commitments to help advance social and economic progress. Jessica was awarded the Singapore Computer Society IT Leader of the Year 2015. In 2015, Jessica was re-elected Member of Parliament for the East Coast Group Representation Constituency in Singapore, having served for two terms since May 2006. She is Chairman of the East Coast Fengshan Town Council. She was Chairman for the Finance, Trade and Industry Government Parliamentary Committee (GPC) from 2010 to 2015. She is currently member of the Social and Family Development and Manpower GPCs. In 2016, she was appointed Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Jessica is active in various communities in Singapore, and serves as board member in a number of Singapore community, business and education institutions.
Angelika Hubert-Straßer
Head of Corporates
KPMG

Angelika Hubert-Straßer has been working at KPMG for more than 20 years and was appointed Head of Corporates at KPMG Germany in 2014. She is in charge of assisting listed companies in diverse fields and service sectors (i.a. Audit, Tax, Consulting and Deal Advisory). Angelika Huber-Strasser has supported a multitude of companies of all sizes with a special emphasis on DAX 30-listed companies and global corporations. Her experience comprises an abundance of fields like automotive-, service and IT-industry. Mrs. Hubert-Strasser has been responsible for diverse capital market transactions, i.a. the divestiture of subsidiaries, as well as the issuance of Bonds and Commercial Paper Programs.

Dr. Ariane Reinhart
Member of the Executive Board
Human Relations, Director of Labor Relations, Sustainability
Continental

Dr. Ariane Reinhart was appointed Member of the Executive Board at Continental Corporation in 2014, where she is responsible for Human Relations. After studying law at the University of Hamburg, she received her doctorate in 2000. From 1999-2014, she worked at Volkswagen in various positions, mainly in HR. At the end of 2016, her contract was extended by the supervisory board by another five years up to September 2022.

Janina Kugel
Member of the Managing Board, Human Resources and EHSD (Environment Health Services)
Siemens AG

Janina Kugel is Labour Director and Member of the Managing Board at Siemens Aktiengesellschaft and Chief Diversity Officer. Prior she served as Chief Human Resources Officer at Osram. Before that, Janina Kugel hold various positions at Siemens in the areas of human resources, corporate executive development and strategy in Germany, China and Italy. She began her career in management consulting at Accenture, where she worked for international companies in Europe and the U.S., with a focus on process reengineering, restructuring and organizational design. She has been a Director of Konecranes Plc since September 2016.
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Natascha Beinker
Chair
G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion

Natascha Beinker serves as Deputy Head of the Division "Cooperation with the private sector/ sustainable economic policy" at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). During the German G20 Presidency, she is chairing the G20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion. Further she is German Co-Chair of the GPFi Subgroup on SME Finance. Natascha joined BMZ in 2002 and has since then held several responsibilities, including serving as the Head of Development Cooperation at the German embassy in Kenya. Before joining the ministry, she worked for Deutsche Post/ DHL and as business journalist. Natascha studied Economics and Political Science in Germany and Canada.

Dr. Annette Niederfranke
Director, Germany
International Labour Organization (ILO)

Dr. Annette Niederfranke is Director of the International Labour Organization (ILO) since August 2014 and is head of the representative office of the ILO in Germany (Berlin). She focuses on gender issues, demographic change and globalization, labour and social standards in national and global supply chains, decent work, future of work and fair migration. Dr. Niederfranke published nationally and internationally. Before joining the ILO she was Permanent State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS). Previously she was Head of the Leading Directorate-General of BMAS. Many years of experience in executive positions in the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) went ahead, last as Head of the Directorate-General Child and Youth Policy. Dr. Niederfranke has a degree in psychology and a doctorate (PhD) in gerontology. She was fellow of the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation (KAS) and is member of the KAS’s Selection and Examination Board.

Gabriela Ramos
Special Counsellor to the Secretary-General and OECD Sherpa
OECD
W20 Advisor
Award Ceremony

Moderated by Monika Jones

Thomas Silberhorn
Parliamentary State Secretary
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development

Thomas Silberhorn was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development in February 2014. Prior to this appointment, he was Deputy Chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Parliament (Bundestag).

The focus of his work is on core development issues for the future: human rights and good governance, education, health, poverty reduction, water supply and sanitation, energy and resources. Mr. Silberhorn also concerns himself with globalisation and trade issues and the new agenda for United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. He is Germany’s Governor at the African Development Bank. And he is responsible for bilateral development cooperation with the continent of Africa. This also entails playing a major role in shaping the German government’s strategy for the 54 countries of Africa. Another regional focus of his work is on the countries of the Near and Middle East. Mr Silberhorn is also a member of the Council of Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP) and of the Foundation Board of the German Foundation for Peace Research.

Thomas Silberhorn was born on 12 November 1968 in Kemmern, Germany; he is married with two children. He has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 2002, representing the constituency of Bamberg-Forchheim. At the parliamentary elections in 2013, he won 52.2 per cent of the vote in his constituency.

Jacquelline Fuller
President
Google.org and the Google Foundation

Jacquelline Fuller leads Google.org, Google’s philanthropy, which provides more than $100 million yearly to support innovators using technology for humanity. Jacquelline joined Google in 2007 and manages a global team that brings together Googler volunteers, product donations and funding in areas such as education, economic empowerment and inclusion. Jacquelline previously served as Deputy Director of Global Health at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, where she was a member of the senior management team for eight years. In 2004-2005, Jacquelline and her family moved to Delhi, India where she helped to launch a $300 million health initiative for the Gates Foundation. Prior experience also includes serving as speechwriter to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan. She received her BA in political science from UCLA and a Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School at Harvard. She serves on the board of GiveDirectly.
Panel III

“How to lobby best for Women’s Economic Empowerment in the G20 and beyond”

Moderated by Anne Fulwood

Dr. Paola Subacchi
Director of International Economics Research
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W20 Delegate UK

Paola Subacchi is the Director of International Economics Research at Chatham House. She is an expert on the functioning and governance of the international financial and monetary systems, and advises governments, international organizations, non-profits, and corporations. She is a media commentator with the BBC, Project Syndicate, the Financial Times, and writes a regular column for Foreign Policy and Huffington Post Italy. She is the author of The People’s Money. How China is building a global currency (Columbia University Press, 2017). Paola is also a visiting professor at the University of Bologna, a non-executive director of the FTSE-listed company Scottish Mortgage Investment Trust Plc, a governor of St Marylebone School in London and an advisory member of Wilton Park (FCO). An Italian national, she studied at Università Bocconi in Milan and at the University of Oxford. In 2016 she was awarded the honour Cavaliere della Stella d’Italy.

Zhao Hongju
Deputy Director-General
All-China Women’s Federation
W20 Delegate China

Ms. Zhao Hongju has been working on the advancement of women for many years. She has participated in a number of regional and international conferences relating to gender issues, including the ’95 NGO Forum of the Fourth World Conference on Women, UN Commission on the Status of Women, APEC Women Leaders Network Meeting (WLN), APEC Women and the Economy Forum and Women-20 Meeting. Ms. Zhao has rich experiences on international exchanges and cooperation. Over the years, she has involved in the management and implementation of international cooperation projects sponsored by UNDP, UNICEF, UNIFEM, ILO, WORLD BANK, AUSAID, CIDA, DFID, SIDA, etc. Ms. Zhao got Master’s Degrees on Social Development in the University of East Anglia, UK, and on Law in Peking University, China.

Arancha González
International Trade Center (ITC)
Executive Director
W20 Advisor, and Chair W20, Strengthening W20
Marta Dassù
Senior Director of European Affairs
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W20 Delegate Italy

Marta Dassù is Senior Director of European Affairs at The Aspen Institute and Editor-in-Chief of Aspen Institute Italia’s journal, Aspenia. She was Italy’s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from November 2011 to February 2014. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of Finmeccanica, Trevi Finanziaria and Fondazione eni Enrico Mattei. Executive President of Women for Expo and Vice President of The Center for American Studies in Rome. She sits on the Board of Directors of IAI (Istituto Affari Internazionali), as well as on the Board of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. She is member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Centre in Brussels and a member of the scientific committee of the LUISS School of Government in Rome. She is a regular contributor to the Italian newspaper La Stampa. And is the author of various books and essays.

Dr. Astrid Skala-Kuhmann
Director
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Astrid Skala-Kuhmann holds a Ph.D. in international environmental law, she is expert in emerging markets and sustainability issues with focus on China. She presently serves as special advisor to the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on G20 and other global partnership issues. Previously Ms. Skala-Kuhmann served for more than six years as the GIZ’s chief resident representative and country director in the P.R. China. She has long-term experience in Asia, in-depth knowledge in global-governance issues as well as a comprehensive understanding of Chinese policy-making and framework conditions. Ms. Skala-Kuhmann began her career as an attorney-at-law with the international law firm White & Case in Frankfurt before joining the GIZ where she coordinated various programs in the Middle East and worked as legal advisor in Indonesia, and later headed the division for Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore for several years.

Gala Diaz Langou
Director Social Protection Program
CIPPEC

Gala Diaz Langou is the Director of CIPPEC’s Social Protection Program (www.cippec.org) and an international consultant in social policy, focusing on child protection. She holds an MA in Public Policy and Development Management (Georgetown University) and a BA in International Studies (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella).

Gala has worked as an international consultant on gender and children’s rights for several UN agencies and other international organizations and governments of the Latin American Region. She participates in advisory bodies of several organizations. She has authored over 25 publications on gender and social policy in Latin America, and a book on Early Childhood in Argentina.
Welcome

Manuela Schwesig
Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth
Deputy Chair of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)

Panel IV

“Taking Gender Equality to the Core of the G20”

Moderated by Monika Jones

Dr. Angela Merkel
Federal Chancellor of Germany

Inez Murray
Chief Executive Officer
Global Banking Alliance for Women

Inez Murray is the Chief Executive officer of the Global Banking Alliance for Women (GBA) since 2012. She is responsible for setting the strategic direction, implementing the board’s vision, and overseeing the GBA’s day-to-day operations. She is a globally recognized expert in women’s economic empowerment, speaking and publishing widely on the topic, and has nearly 20 years’ experience supporting financial institutions reach and impact women customers. Prior to joining GBA, she was Executive Vice President at Women’s World Banking, responsible for WWB’s technical assistance practice.

Founded in 2000, the Global Banking Alliance for Women is a global consortium of financial institutions driving women’s wealth creation worldwide. Its 39 member institutions work in 135 countries to build innovative, comprehensive programmes delivering women entrepreneurs the tools — access to capital, information, education, and markets — they need to succeed. Along with building member banks’ capacity to serve their women customers, the Alliance uses its collective voice to advocate for greater awareness of women’s vital economic role as consumers, investors, and job-creating entrepreneurs. Inez Murray was a co-founder of WAM (Women Advancing Microfinance), the only global network of women professionals in microfinance, and currently serves on the board of B2D, a social enterprise focused on biomass energy technology to rural and semi-urban populations in Haiti. An Irish national, Inez received her undergraduate degree in economics and business from Trinity College, Dublin. She also holds a master’s in economics and political development from Columbia University and a diploma in advanced management from the Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania.
Dr. Mmaki Jantjies
Head of Academic Department of Information Systems
University of Western Cape

Dr. Mmaki Jantjies heads the Academic Department of Information Systems at the University of the Western Cape. At the age of 28 she became one of the first black South African female PHD computer science graduates. Her research interests are on Educational Technology, Educational Gaming Technologies for STEM related subjects, E-Learning and Electronic Commerce. She also mentors graduate students to start technology clubs that teach young children basic ICT skills in high schools in South Africa. Dr. Mmaki Jantjies was a finalist in the Women in ICT - Partnership for Change Awards - which is an MTN and Kagiso Media initiative to celebrate women in technology South Africa.

Dr. Susan Harris Rimmer
Australian Research Council Future Fellow at Griffith University, Australian National University
W20 Delegate Australia

Susan Harris Rimmer is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow appointed as Associate Professor to Griffith University Law School in July 2015. Susan is an expert in women's rights and international law, and has a track record in influencing government to adopt progressive policy ideas, including the creation of the position of the Global Ambassador for Women and Girls, support for the W20 in Turkey, and the C20 in Australia. She was part of the Think20 process for Australia's host year of the Group of 20 Leaders' Summit in Brisbane 2014, Turkey 2015 and China 2016. She has also worked for the UNHRC, the National Council of Churches and the Australian Parliament. She has been a board member of UN Women National Committee Australia and has previously been president of the NGO Australian Lawyers for Human Rights. She just completed two terms on the national board of the Refugee Council of Australia and as an Ambassador for the Australian Refugee Trust. She is a policy adviser to the digital activism site for gender equality in Australia, Fair Agenda. She is a National Board member of the International Women's Development Agency.

Sucharita Eashwar
Founder and CEO
Catalyst for Women Entrepreneurs
W20 Delegate India and Chair, Financial Inclusion

KEYNOTE

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