



SheDecides+5

Event programme

Date: 19-20 May 2022

Location: Egmont Palace, Brussels

Host: Prime Minister Alexander De Croo & Minister Meryame Kitir, Belgian Development Cooperation.

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I.

The Opportunity

In 2022 SheDecides celebrates 5 years as a global movement of collective action for the right for all women and girls to decide over their body, life and future. The SheDecides+5 meeting is a key moment for SheDecides champions and partners to **celebrate achievements over the past 5 years**, and to **continue standing up jointly** for bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights, in a challenging world.

Now more than ever we need **strong political leadership and joint coordinated efforts** across regions, sectors and actors. Rights are increasingly at risk around the world in the context of Covid-19, increased opposition and backlash on gender equality, sexual and reproductive rights, a shrinking civic and democratic space, and decreasing financial and political support at national and global level.

Champion events are also an important opportunity to connect with other Champions, **renew inspiration, strategize and build smart partnerships**, and to strengthen the political nature of SheDecides as a global movement.

The agenda includes

- Opportunities for high level political engagement.
- Opportunities for advanced, technical level strategic collaboration and coordination.

III.

Expected Value Addition of the Meeting

- An opportunity to **showcase concrete examples of political leadership** over the past five years on SRHR.
- An opportunity to **advance and ensure commitments** around key fora such as the Global Safe Abortion Dialogues, the Generation Equality Forum (GEF), Nairobi Summit/ICPD+25, Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Global Partnership on CSE.
- An opportunity to **network with thought and action leaders** from **diverse sectors**, bringing together Ministerial political leadership on SRHR, with leaders from civil society, youth movements, parliamentarians, researchers, artists and media, as well as UN-agencies and other key stakeholders.
- To build a clear and well defined **collaborative roadmap for engagement** for the next five years.

II.

Objectives

High level

- To **celebrate 5 years** of collective action and showcase strategic political leadership, including commitments for bodily autonomy and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- To **welcome** the **new SheDecides Champions**.
- To be **inspired** by top-level expert speakers to advance joint political action.
- To **build towards** the SheDecides new strategy (2022-2027) and way forward.

Technical level

- To effectively **coordinate joint strategic action** with the most prominent change-agents in the world.
- To **build smart partnerships** and solidarity between Champions in their chosen focus areas.
- To advance the agenda by **fostering supportive dialogues and sharing expertise**, updated analyses and key recommendations to **ensure accountability and counter opposition**.

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09.15 – 10.15 Registration and Coffee [Atrium]

10.30 – 10.45 **Welcome note [Salle Europe]**
Lilianne Ploumen, Chair of the Guiding Group SheDecides, the Netherlands
Meryame Kitir, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy, Belgium

- High level participation
- All guests
- Journalists

PANEL DIALOGUES

10.45 – 11.45 **Setting the scene [Salle Europe]**

Moderator:

- **Lilianne Ploumen**, Chair of Guiding Group, SheDecides, the Netherlands
- What are the current challenges and needs?

Keynote:

- **Sima Sami Bahous**, Executive Director, UN Women

Videos:

- WHO Director General (TBC)
- UNESCO ADG
- UNSG Youth Envoy

Panellists:

- **Ib Petersen**, Deputy Executive Director, UNFPA
- **Maria Antonieta Alcalde**, Director, Ipas Central America and Mexico
- **Enas Dajani**, Palestine

Do we really need to continue standing up for these rights? How do we address the challenges? How do we make a change?

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11.45 – 12.15 **BREAK**

12.15 – 13.30 **Solutions: Connecting Champions – how SheDecides supports existing solutions to jointly advance the right to decide, and counter opposition [Salle Europe]**

Opening:

- **Jona Turalde**, Vice Chair, SheDecides Guiding Group, Philippines

Moderator:

- **Karin Nilsson**, Lead, SheDecides Support Unit

Panellists:

- **Alvaro Bermejo**, Director General, IPPF
- **Jean Van Wetter**, Director General, Enabel
- **Linda Weisert**, Director, Head of Equity, Gender Advocacy & Youth Partnerships, CIFF
- **Memory Kachambwa**, Executive Director, FEMNET
- **Ndiilokelwa Nthengwe**, Namibia
- **Sivananthi Thanenthiran**, Executive Director, ARROW

Joint collective action is needed more than ever. As a diverse global movement, we are stronger together to counter challenges.

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- Journalists

13.30 – 15:00 **LUNCH [Atrium]**
 Opportunity to network + bilateral conversations

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15.00 – 16.00 **Official Photos [Steps]**

All Champions

16.00 – 17.45 **Opening of Ministerial segment [Salle Europe]**

- High level participation
- All guests
- Journalists

Moderator:

- **Karin Nilsson**, Lead, SheDecides Support Unit

Host:

- **Meryame Kitir**, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy, Belgium

Keynote:

- **Prime Minister Alexander de Croo**, Belgium

Interventions from:

- **Liesje Schreinemacher**, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, the Netherlands
- **Lindiwe Zulu**, Minister of Social Development, South Africa
- **Matilda Ernkran**s, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden
- **Meryame Kitir**, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy, Belgium

Interventions from:

- **Alain Gendron**, Ambassador of Canada to Belgium and Luxembourg
- **Bernard Haufiku**, Special Advisor to the Vice President on Health, Namibia
- **Delphine O**, Ambassador, Secretary General of the Generation Equality Forum, France
- **Juan Carlos Valle Raleigh**, Ambassador, Govt of Argentina

17.45 – 18.00 **REGISTRATION FOR EVENING RECEPTION**

18.00 – 20.00 **Evening Reception [Salle Sax]**

- High level participation
- All guests
- Journalists

Hosts: Prime Minister Alexander de Croo and **Meryame Kitir**, Minister of Development Cooperation and Major Cities Policy, Belgium

MC:

- **Sonali Silva**, Sri Lanka

Welcome of new Champions, in alphabetical order:

- **Dayna Ash**, Lebanon
- **Enas Dajani**, Palestine
- **Minister Lindiwe Zulu**, South Africa
- **Maria Antonieta Alcalde**, Mexico
- **Minister Matilda Ernkran**s, Sweden
- **Ndiilo Nthengwe**, Namibia
- **Richine Masengo**, DRC

Performance:

- **Reinel Bakole**, Belgium

20.00 – 22.00 **Dinner hosted by Minister Meryame Kitir**, Belgium
 By invite only
 [Galerie des Glaces]

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8.00 – 09.00 Registration and Coffee [Atrium]

09.00 – 10.30 Working Session 1: Youth [Salle Europe]

Meaningful Youth Participation:

- **Daphne Vissier**, CHOICE for Youth & Sexuality
- **Laura Bas**, Youth SRHR Ambassador, the Netherlands

Youth at Heart Strategy:

- **Tijmen Rooseboom**, Ambassador Youth, Work and Education, the Netherlands

Youth Ambassador Programme:

- **Rineke van Dam**, Senior Policy Officer, Ministry Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
- **Laura Bas**, Youth SRHR Ambassador, the Netherlands

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- **Johanna Schulz**, Programme Manager, AGIP
- **Pooja Singh**, Youth Engagement Officer, AGIP

All

Open to All Participants

10.00 – 10.30

BREAK
[Atrium]

10.30 – 11.30 Working Session 2: *By invite only* Donor Roundtable [Salle Orange]

Conversation between donors: Strengthen smart, supportive partnerships; explore concrete cost-effective efforts for joint action. Pooling resources between actors and joint funding for greater impact, in relation to SheDecides Champions and initiatives.

- **Tamara Kreinin**, Packard Foundation
- **Heidy Rombouts**, DGD, Belgium
- CIFF
- Amplify Change
- All SheDecides donor Governments/ agencies representatives

By invite only – SheDecides Champion Donors and Funders – technical level

Working Session: Amplify & Speak Out [Salle Europe]

Strengthen smart, supportive partnerships among SheDecides Champions and explore concrete, cost-effective, strategic communication efforts for SheDecides movement members' collective voice and political action to be amplified to targeted audiences, so that bodily autonomy and SRHR gain broader support.

Co-Hosts:

- Amnesty International Argentina, **Mariela Belski** (LAC)
- Haven for Artists, **Dayna Ash** (Arab Region)
- Global Fund for Women, **Lori Adelman** (Global / based in the USA)

Moderation:
Heather Barclay

11.30 – 11.45

BREAK
[Atrium]

Taking action for her right to decide about her body, her life and her future without question.



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11.45 – 12.45 Working Session 3: *By invite only* Governmental/Nexus Roundtable [Salle Orange]

Strengthen governmental partnerships; discuss common challenges, identify concrete outreach opportunities, and discuss collaborations between Nexus and SheDecides.

Welcome:

- **Lindiwe Zulu**, Minister of Social Development, South Africa
- **Susan Papp**, Director, Nexus
- **Karin Nilsson**, Lead, SheDecides

Roundtable:

- Belgium
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Mexico (TBC)
- Norway (TBC)
- The Netherlands
- South Africa
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

Closing Remarks:

- **Lindiwe Zulu**, Minister of Social Development, South Africa

NOTE: By invite only [11:45-13:00]

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LUNCH [Atrium]

14.15 – 16.45 Thematic Workstreams (in parallel)
Cross cutting: Countering Opposition
Cross cutting: Youth
Cross cutting: Identifying opportunities for joint action

Technical level

Working Stream 1: Abortion [Salle Orange]

- GSAD
Setting the Scene:
- **Bethan Cobley**, MSI, GSAD Committee
 - **Camilla Salvensen**, Norad
 - **Shurti Arora**, YANAA
 - **Bela Ganatra**, WHO

World Café Action Discussions

Working Stream 2: CSE [Salle Blue]

- Global Partnership Forum on CSE
Setting the Scene:
- **Joanna Herat**, UNESCO
 - **Sarah Thomsen**, Sida
 - **Venkatraman Chandra-Mouli**, WHO
 - **Levi Singh**, AfriYAN

World Café Action Discussions

Working Stream 3: Global commitments & Accountability [Salle Europe]

- ICPD+25 / GEF
Setting the Scene:
- **De-Jane Gibbons**, UNFPA
 - **Shakira Choonara**, UN Women
 - **Eunice Leyva Garcia**, Youth Coalition
 - Government representative

World Café Action Discussions

UN Women
UNFPA
UNESCO
Amplify Change
WHO Technical level

Note: Champions may want to have sufficient representatives to attend all relevant work streams; Youth must be represented in all work streams

16.45 – 17.10

BREAK
[Atrium]

17.10 – 17.30 Closing & thanks [Salle Europe]
Karin Nilsson, Lead, SheDecides Support Unit
Lilianne Ploumen, Guiding Group
Jona Turalde, Guiding Group

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