

# Organizing the future: Planning beyond 2030

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at the ICS University Lisboa, Auditório Sedas Nunes

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## INTRODUCTION & CONTEXT

In 2023, at the occasion of the UN Science and the UNFCCC COP 28, WOMENVAI and its partners gathered in different parts of the global arena, expressing the need to work more actively in a prospective manner and plan the future agenda for the planet. At the cop 28, there was a strong and united call to move away from fossil fuels.

The strongest goal to look ahead at COP 29, taking place in Azerbaijan this year, is to reach a better financial commitment that will allow low-and middle -income countries to reach this goal in the best way possible. And yet, we should look ahead to COP 30 and beyond, as our planning needs to be long term to ensure the safety of our next generations.

With global warming on our doorstep, looking at the fact that 90% of populations live in coastal areas, we can see that cities have not yet taken steps to prepare for sea level rise, even though they will surely be affected in the next decades.

Women need to take a crucial role in Climate Change processes. We see in literature that decisions made by women tend to be formed with a more holistic perspective compared to men. With this said, the effort needed for a full integration of women socially, economically, culturally and politically, is more urgent than ever. As most of the economists (80% globally) are men, and with the knowledge that the burden of climate change meets women harder than men, the leading role for women is there. Establishing a long-term plan increases the opportunities for the education for women in ecological economics and will increase the long term goal of equal rights for all. Being aware that some social changes take decades, we should look beyond 2030.

Youths flock to the cities. Populations of cities will be expected to have 30% of people under age 35 by 2030. Youth need to receive education and equal participation in decision making. Ensuring their voice will be heard, and their opinion matters.

It is the understanding that youth will face the consequences of climate change more than the older generation, which requires the leading generation of today, to build their resilience, increase their opportunities and reach social, cultural, economic and political equality.

The event we have today, at ICS Lisbon, will be an opportunity for the Academia, including professors and Students, the civil society and the private sector to expose their views, plans and methods to accelerate the change at the institutional level, nationally and globally going towards Cop 29. Being at the top of research creation, The Lisbon university and the Climate Change programme are an important pillar in the support of Climate Change action.

Speakers and panellists will discuss paradigms which can contribute to a long-term planning of the future concerning SDGs Sustainable Development Goals, and at the same time, codesign a frame for a better governance of climate action.

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- From 2pm**      **Registration and welcome (moderation: Yvette Ramos)**
- 3pm**            **Opening the conference by Prof Carla Gomes, ICS**
- 3:15pm**        **Introduction by WOMENVAI and partners: Yvette Ramos**
- 3:30 pm**        **Keynote by Prof Filipe Duarte Santos**
- 3:45pm**        **First Round Table with Students/Academia who were involved in the COP28.**

**Prof. Elisabetta Venezia** (Professor and Researcher at the University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy) ***Sustainable Transport: Lessons learned and future perspectives.*** Sustainability in the transport sector, considering recent experiences recorded in different areas of the world, must be pursued considering the different territorial characteristics and the different speeds of development. There is no single solution valid for everyone, however the objectives are the same, as is clear from the international agreements signed by most countries on a global scale. How to act today for the future? What changes are needed in the transport sector? What is the policy agenda? These are the topics covered with the aim of outlining concrete solutions to implement real sustainable mobility.

**Prof. Zahra Khan** (Associate of Centre of Gender and Disaster, Science writer, Entrepreneur, UCL London UK). ***Incorporating a gender lens in higher education.*** At UCL, in partnership with GRRIPP (Gender responsive resilience and intersectionality in policy and practice) and Womenvai, we hosted several workshops to promote climate advocacy and action through a gender lens across the STEM disciplines. We want to encourage participation from students who can come up with solutions in practice as they are the future. On one project two UCL students were awarded the prize to attend COP 28 and present alongside Womenvai in their side event to change the narrative. The key takeaway message being incorporating a gender lens in higher education, looking at sustainability through the whole cycle, and collaboration amongst social and physical sciences for a truly just transition.

**Susana Viseu, President Business As Nature** (Portugal) will present ***innovative approaches to sustainable business practices*** that align with environmental conservation and social responsibility. Insights on integrating nature-inspired solutions into organizational frameworks,

fostering biodiversity conservation, and promoting regenerative business models and importance of women's leadership in driving these initiatives for inclusive decision-making processes will be addressed.

**4:30 pm**            **Coffee break**

**5:00 pm**            **Second Round table with Academia and Professionals:** At the nexus of COPs negotiations: Reports by PhD students of "Climate Change and Sustainable Policies" University Lisboa (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year).

**Johanna Jeukendrup** (Academic coordinator at the Galilee International Management Institute, entrepreneur for Health Promotion, Education and Training), University of Lisbon - ICS, Portugal: **"Solastalgia in Youth: A preliminary study"**. "Solastalgia" is the distress caused by the unwanted transformation and/or degradation of one's home environment. Literature describes a two-way reaction to solastalgia; It can lead to depression and anxiety or be the trigger to make positive changes. Solastalgia has been noted in grownups, but do these feelings exist also in youth?

**Aura Bustillo \*** (Advisor at the Administrative Department of Environmental Management of the Municipality of Cali, Colombia), University of Lisbon - IST, Portugal. **"Sustainable Water Management: Insights from Portugal and Colombia on the Path to 2050"**. Explore the dynamics of sustainable water management through the lenses of economic instruments and governance structures in Portugal and Colombia. This presentation assesses the effectiveness of diverse economic tools in measuring water scarcity while analyzing the comparative water governance frameworks of both nations. Emphasizing the role of international collaboration, exemplified by initiatives like COP 29, the presentation advocates for concerted efforts towards a water-secure future beyond 2030."

**Raul Fretes** (Global Youth Coalition Coordinator, Climate Resilience and Empowerment), University of Lisbon - ICS, Portugal. **"Youth perspective on Global Youth Climate Training"**. Young individuals often find themselves lacking in confidence to engage authoritatively on complex technical matters at the UNFCCC. Born from the genuine expression of 10.000 youngsters, the collaborative effort between Oxford Net Zero (ONZ) and Global Youth Coalition (GYC), embarked on a significant capacity building endeavor – the Global Youth Climate Training Program. Following the culmination of the Global Youth Climate Training, we aim to shed light on youth's perspective and the program's results, best practices and lessons learned.

**Joao Pedro Rocha\*** (Partnership Coordinator at The Institute for Climate and Society), University of Lisbon - ICS, Portugal. **"Brazilian momentum: G20 and COP30 ahead - Why does it matter?"** Brazil is back to the international arena and is the current president of G20 and will host COP30 in Belem in 2025. That's an important moment for geopolitics and the environmental and climate change discussions. João Pedro Rocha, who has been part of COP 26 in Glasgow (Scotland) and COP 27 in Sharm el Sheik (Egypt), will share his experience at the events and bring his perspectives to advance at COP29 to reach significant results at COP30.

**5:45pm**            **Conclusive words on the road to COP29**  
by Prof. Carla Gomes, Yvette Ramos, Johanna Jeukendrup.

**6:pm**                **Closing and group photo**

\*online

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

**ICS- Doctoral programme “Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies”, University of Lisbon, Portugal.** The PhD in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Policies is a joint initiative between the University of Lisbon and the NOVA University of Lisbon. It had its first intake in the academic year 2009-2010. It is part of an interdisciplinary network focusing on the environmental and social sciences and works in partnership with the University of East Anglia, UK, a leading international institution in these fields. It draws on the expertise of teachers and scientific researchers from the three state universities in Lisbon, all with acknowledged records of academic publication in the areas of climate change and sustainable development. This PhD is a three-year programme and includes an advanced interdisciplinary training course combining the physical, natural, social and human sciences in the first and second semesters. The target audience is diverse. It includes environmental, planning and energy professionals, amongst others, as well as students interested in pursuing an academic career.

More on <https://www.ics.ulisboa.pt/en/phd/climate-change>

**The NGO WOMENVAI established in January 2018, proposed for the Special Consultative status ECOSOC to the United Nations,** is a unique platform gathering women and men together in STEM\* to build and bring sustainable solutions for a better world, aligned with the SDGs. Our Goals are (a) represent the interests of women in STEM globally (b) strengthen their role in our society in a sustainable and inclusive way (c) build on diversity and create innovative synergies, particularly in areas with high technological added value, to benefit sustainable development and environmental issues (d) enable international cooperation between national organizations of women engineers and scientists, (e) promote a balanced and modern life for all, respectful of professional equality between women and men. \*STEM= Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths.

More on [www.womenvai.org](http://www.womenvai.org)

**Friday April 26, 2024**

**3pm to 5:30pm local time (registration starts 2pm)\*\*\***

**Location: ICS Lisboa- The Auditório Sedas Nunes**