



IDG 2025: Girls Speak Out

Friday, 10th October 2025
10:30am- 12:30pm EST New York, New York

Location: ECOSOC Chamber – UNHQ



Girls' Vision for the Future

As we commemorate International Day of the Girl (IDG) 2025, we affirm that progress for girls must be led by girls. Under the theme: ***“We are Here: Bold, Diverse, and Unstoppable – Demanding Action for Girls’ Rights,”*** this year’s Girls Speak Out will highlight both the challenges girls face and the leadership, resilience, and solutions they bring forward.

Hosted by the **Working Group on Girls (WGG)**, in collaboration **UNICEF, UN Women, UNFPA, and the Permanent Missions of Canada, Costa Rica, Peru and Türkiye to the United Nations**, this 2-hour advocacy focused event is co-designed and co-led by girls. It brings together girl leaders, Member States, UN agencies, and civil society actors in a hybrid, intergenerational dialogue grounded in shared accountability and transformative action. As we honor the 30th anniversaries of the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action and of the World Programme of Action for youth, these engagements are the basis of a crucial movement toward the equality and empowerment of young women and girls.

Girls Speak Out 2025 is not only a celebration, but also a policy platform. It is where commitments are made, heard, and expected to be fulfilled. Let’s go beyond recognition to real action. Let’s ensure that when girls speak, the world doesn’t just listen—it responds.

The event will include an **intergenerational townhall** consisting of two panels: **“Girls on the Frontline of Crisis – Protection, Peace and Power”** and **“From Margins to Power – Girls Defying Discrimination and Reclaiming Identity.”** The discussion will focus on key issues affecting girls, such as their participation in social and political life, their experiences in conflict zones, their education, eliminating all forms of violence and discrimination against them, championing their leadership in the climate crisis, and financing for the realization of their rights.

SPEAKERS:

- H.E. Annalena Baerbock, President of the United Nations General Assembly
- H.E. Gustavo Lino Adrianzén Olaya, Permanent Representative of Peru to the UN
- H.E. Maritza Chan, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the UN
- H.E. Michael Gort, Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN
- H.E. Aslı Güven, Deputy Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the UN
- Ms. Lauren Rumble, Associate Director, Gender Equality, UNICEF
- Ms. Lopa Banerjee, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women
- Ms. Cecile Mazzacurati, Gender Advisor, Programme Liaison Branch, UNFPA
- Girl moderators

RUN-OF-SHOW:

10:30 – 10:55: Opening Segment

including a dance performance from the Greek American Folklore Society

10:55 – 11:30: Panel 1: Girls on the Frontline of Crisis – Protection, Peace, and Power

11:30 – 12:00: Panel 2: From Margins to Power – Girls Defying Discrimination and Reclaiming Identity

12:00 – 12:30: Reflections and Recommitment

This event is open to delegates in possession of a UNHQ badge, and will be broadcasted live via UNWebTV at the following link: <https://webtv.un.org/en/asset/k12/k12x46voj1>.