

# Access to STEM Education and Infrastructure Careers for Women and Girls in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

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1.15 pm-2.30 pm

United Nations Headquarters, 205 East 42nd Street,  
Conference Room 11 – GA Building

Chair: Saunoamaali'i Karanina Sumeo, Commissioner for Equal Employment Opportunities, Women's Rights and SOGISC, New Zealand Human Rights Commission;

Speakers and Panelists:

- Ms Renee Graham, Chief Executive, Ministry for Women (NZ)
- Ms Daryl-Lee Wendelborn, Managing Director, Beca NZ Ltd
- Ms Alexia Hilbertidou, Chief Executive GirlBoss New Zealand
- Dr Sophie Dawson, Associate Director EY New Zealand

There are low numbers of women accessing tertiary education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics worldwide. This means fewer women in Technology and Infrastructure careers. This panel of experts from New Zealand will focus on successful case studies of programmes recruiting girls in New Zealand and the Pacific into STEM education and Infrastructure careers, the challenges to retain women, their progress to senior leadership in these sectors and how those barriers can be overcome to empower women.

