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**EPIC**  
Equal Pay International Coalition  
EQUAL PAY FOR WORK OF EQUAL VALUE



## CSW63 SIDE EVENT

# CLOSING THE GENDER PAY GAP

## Waiting 217 years or acting now?

## Saving the date or accelerating the move?

Monday, 11 March 2019

6:30 - 7:45 pm

Conference Room 7, UNHQ

Globally, and in every sector of the workforce, women are paid less than men for doing work of equal value. Unequal pay is one of the most persistent barriers to women's success at work and to economic growth, and a critical problem that has been prioritized in the UN'S Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in particular SDG 8.5 and 5. Equal pay, in addition to empowering women, can have a significant impact on achieving other key goals, such as promoting inclusive societies, reducing poverty, and creating conditions for decent work and gender equality.

The Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC) is currently the only multi-stakeholder partnership working to reduce the gender pay gap at the global, regional and national levels. The EPIC Steering Committee is currently chaired by Switzerland with members including Canada, Germany, Iceland, Jordan, New Zealand, Panama, South Africa, ILO, OECD, UN Women, the International Trade Union Confederation, the International Organisation of Employers as well as a number of private sector companies and civil society. By joining EPIC, stakeholders demonstrated their commitment to achieving SDG 8.5 and gain access to an invaluable network of support and expertise.

This side event will provide an opportunity for high-level country representatives and private sector entities to present to the international community their commitment, actions and future perspectives in support of EPIC.

### SPEAKERS:

**H.E. Ms. Katrín Jakobsdóttir** - Prime Minister, Iceland

**H.E. Mr. Alain Berset** - Minister, Head of the Federal Department of Home Affairs, Switzerland

**H.E. Ms. Penny Mordaunt** - Secretary of State for International Development and  
Minister for Women & Equalities, United Kingdom

**H.E. Ms. Julie Anne Genter** - Minister for Women, New Zealand

**Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** - Executive Director, UN Women

**Ms. Sarita Nayyar** - Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer, World Economic Forum

**Mr. Chris Martin** - Manager, Senior Compliance & Analytics, Starbucks

### MODERATOR:

**Mr. Vinicius Carvalho Pinheiro** - Special Representative to the UN  
and Director of the ILO Office for the UN

**Persons without valid UN ground passes should RSVP by Wednesday, 6 March, indicating their full name and affiliation.**

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