

PANEL DISCUSSION

EMP WERING WOMEN AND GIRLS

Educational Pathways to Women's Empowerment:
The Role of Family and Community

13 THURSDAY 11:00 AM MARCH 2025



This event is an opportunity to explore innovative strategies to harness family and community dynamics to promote educational pathways that empower women and girls. This issue is consistent with the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development specifically. Goal 5. Empowering Women and Girls.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

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Keynote Speaker: H.E. Melrose Kaminty
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Keynote Speaker: H.E. Mahinur Ozdemir Goktas
NISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKIYE, MINISTRY OF FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Moderater: Gordon Tapper

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Speakers: Ms.Habiba Sinare Akeiu

PHILANTHROPIST, PUBLIC HEALTH SPECIALIST & CONSULTANT AWARD WINNING FILMMAKER IN HER NATIVE COUNTRY, GHAN

Dr. Bernadette Sanko Kamara

PRESIDENT/CEO BK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER, LANHAM COMMUNITY LEADER, PHILANTHROPIST, EDUCATOR AND FILMMAKER.

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