

# EQUALITY FUND



## Meet the Equality Fund's Global Advisory Panel





**Anisha Chugh** is the Deputy Executive Director of Women's Fund Asia, which is a regional feminist fund supporting and women, girls, trans and intersex activists and groups in 18 countries of the Asia (South Asia, South East Asia and Mongolia). Anisha has been with WFA, formerly South Asia Women's Fund, since March 2011, and has played a critical role in its expansion from South Asia to also working in South East Asia and East Asia. In her current role, Anisha oversees the organizational Theory of Change and strategy, Networking and Outreach and works very closely with the Executive Director on resource mobilizations and influencing philanthropy and aid for feminist movement building. Anisha is

deeply passionate about and committed to pushing the agenda of strengthening the feminist aid architecture at the regional as well as global level. Between 2015 and June 2020, Anisha served on the board of FRIDA – The Young Feminist Fund, as the Treasurer and has also been part of multiple global and regional advisory panels for other funders and women's funds. She completed her under-graduation from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University and has a Masters in History from the University of Delhi as well as another Master's in Governance in Development from the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. Her prior experience includes working with a national human rights funder, Dalit Foundation, in India. Anisha is a foodie who also loves to cook and bake and makes a mean mutton curry and loves spending her free time with a book and her dog.



**Farah Salka** is a Lebanese-Syrian feminist activist based in Lebanon. She graduated from the American University of Beirut in 2006 with an undergrad in Public Administration and Political Science. She then received her Masters in Human Rights Law from the University of Malta in 2007. Farah is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Anti-Racism Movement since 2012. She works on organizing with migrant communities, asylum seekers and migrant domestic workers. Her spectrum of focus includes organizing around issues of racism, xenophobia, kafala system, migrant justice and labour justice. She is involved with the Migrant Community Centers in

Lebanon and is a Human Rights education adviser and trainer. Farah serves on the board of MamaCash, the oldest international fund supporting women, girls, trans folks, intersex groups and feminist movements with money, know-how, and networking opportunities. Farah also serves on the board of the 'A Project', which seeks to solidify the agency, alternatives, and autonomy of sexuality, sexual health, and gender in Lebanon. Farah loves radical people, projects and ideas and seeks them and their company wherever and whenever possible.



**Kateryna Cherepakha**, President of the CSO “La Strada-Ukraine”, the organization with the mission to contribute to ensuring gender equality, prevention of all forms of gender-based violence, in particular domestic violence, human trafficking, and protection of the rights of the children through the implementation of human rights standards in society and the state.

Kateryna has more than 20 years of experience of work in this sphere, including understanding different processes and stages of implementation of

initiatives and projects addressing gender-based violence and discrimination, and experience in interacting with different stakeholders and beneficiaries that ensures comprehensive approach and expertise. In performing her duties Kateryna is engaged in strategic planning, fundraising, advocacy, monitoring, expertise, communication with donors, partners (national and international) and direct beneficiaries, networking, preparing thematic analytical and methodical materials and publications, developing and delivering training in the respective areas.



**Laura Leonelli Morey** is a life-long feminist with more than 15 years of experience in the realms of activism, studies, and work on women's human rights. She was born in Bolivia, where her mother and father exiled during the last military government of Argentina. Laura spends half of her physical time in Córdoba, Argentina, and the other half in Barcelona, although almost 100% of her virtual life is in South America. She is the International Resource Mobilisation Manager of the Fondo de Mujeres del Sur (FMS), integrating the Executive Direction Area. FMS supports organizations that advocate for women's and LBTIQ+ people's rights in Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay. Laura is a lawyer and holds a

university degree in social communication, a master's degree in International Studies, and a higher degree in social sciences with a focus on gender and public policies. She worked as a journalist for 10 years in Argentina; during that time she ensured a gender perspective and one in favour of the rights of the LBTIQ+ community be part of the editorial agenda. She is a strong advocate for the right to legal, safe and free abortion, and was an active member of the journalist collective Ni Una Menos Córdoba, organizing massive demonstrations against femicides. She feels privileged to be living in such a historical moment of feminism and grateful to all the feminists, including her mother, that open up paths for such a strong, diverse and intersectional feminist movement that exists in Latin America. Laura is also very proud of the pacific revolution that young women and girls are leading in the region.



**Lina Alhasny** is a human rights defender from Aden, South of Yemen. She is the Chairperson of the [TOBE Foundation for Rights and Freedoms](#). She is also an expert on gender, peace, and security. Lina is a member of the Executive Committee of the Regional Coalition of Women Human Rights Defenders in the Middle East and North Africa. She is a founding member of two networks, We Network for Women Human Rights Defenders and the Feminist Network for Peace and Democracy. She is a member of the Women's Alliance of Beijing 25+ in the Middle East and North Africa Region. Lina conducts training on gender-based violence and international human rights conventions focused on women's rights

conventions and Security Council Resolution 1325. Lina holds a BA in English from the University of Aden. She participated in many training sessions as well as regional and international conferences. She worked as a sign language interpreter for people with special needs and has writings in many Yemeni newspapers and websites.



**Michelle Reddy** is a Pacific feminist activist based in Suva in the Fiji Islands. A lover of Pacific art, sarees and snail mail, Michelle was introduced to the women's movement in Fiji through a one-year feminist leadership program run by the Fiji Women's Rights Movement. She has worked for over 10 years in the area of gender equality and human rights in Fiji and the Pacific. Having worked in previous leadership positions at the Fiji Women's Rights Movement, Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding and Leadership FIJI, Michelle now leads one of the very few women's funds in the Pacific region: Fiji Women's Fund. Her current focus is registering the

Fiji Women's Fund as a legal entity and in resource diversification.



**Mirta Moragas** (Paraguay/ Latin America - she/her) is a Paraguayan lawyer, feminist activist, gender dissident, and human rights advocate. She has an LLM in International Legal Studies from American University Washington College of Law with a specialization in human rights and gender. She has investigated hate crimes against trans people in Paraguay, the impact of criminalization of abortion on women's human rights in Paraguay, and the offensive of anti-rights groups within the Organization of American States (OAS). Starting last September, she is the Director of Policy and advocacy of Synergia, initiatives for human rights.

Currently, she belongs to Feminist Neighbors for Sexual Justice and Reproductive Justice in Latin America and RESURJ. Besides, at the domestic level, she is part of a feminist group, Consultorio Jurídico Feminista, that runs a hotline for legal advice to women. She is based in Asuncion, Paraguay, and has two nieces, Emma (5) and Alejandra (3). In her spare time, she enjoys yoga and cross-stitch.



**Pontso Mafethe** is a southern African British woman with over 25 years of experience working in social justice, particularly gender justice and women and girl's rights in Africa; themes and contexts that have both impacted and inspired her personally and professionally. She champions and is a keen supporter of the contribution of African women and their organizations across the world to the transformation of women's rights in Africa. She is currently the Director of Programmes at the African Women's Development Fund in Ghana. Her track record in Africa and the UK includes successful work addressing violence against women, women's leadership, and economic security and justice in

diverse international and local organizations including Action Aid, Comic Relief, and IUCN. Pontso has been a member of Steering Committees for The Red Umbrella Fund and The Girl Generation, is a Board member of the EMpower – The Emerging Markets Foundation and was selected twice as one of the BBC 100 Women. She is a keen but only partially effective gardener, loves kwaito music and is trying to learn to fly helicopters in her spare time.



**Pratima Gurung** is a leading academic activist from Nepal. She works for the human rights of women, people with disabilities and indigenous peoples' rights, intersectional approaches and social inclusion. Pratima has been instrumental in raising the voiceless voices of indigenous peoples/women with disabilities from Nepal, Asia and globally. She has been active in advocating and documenting the issues of Indigenous peoples/women with disabilities in the CSW, HLPF, EMRIP, UNFCCC session, CRPD, CEDAW committee, UPR and other global platforms since 2013. She has been teaching as a faculty member in Padmakanya College, one of the single women colleges in Nepal and currently doing her

Ph.D. She also contributes as an expert of the Disability National Direction Committee, formed by the Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen, Nepal Government. Pratima is a founding member and General Secretary of Indigenous Person with Disabilities Global Network and president of National indigenous Disabled Women Association Nepal. She also contributes as an advisory member for Disability Advocacy Rights Fund, Minority Rights Group International, Disability-Inclusive Climate Action Research Program at McGill University, World Economic Forum and others. She is a Steering Committee Member for Civil Society Coordination Mechanism for Conference of State Parties. Pratima works extensively to ensure, protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples with disabilities and indigenous women with disabilities globally with an approach of cross-movement collaboration. She passionately works with the most marginalized groups, such as young indigenous women with disabilities, that are voiceless in all spectrums of their lives and enjoys her time listening to their stories.



**Saadat Baigazieva** (pronouns: She/Her) is a young feminist activist from Kyrgyzstan. She is currently a Senior Program Officer at FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund. She has a degree in teaching and pedagogy from Kyrgyz National University and has been active in various initiatives connected to feminist and human rights movement building in Kyrgyzstan and wider Central Asia since 2010. Her interests include topics gender justice, digital security, cyberfeminism, sexual and reproductive rights and human rights advocacy. Saadat also acts in regional advisory capacity roles at several national and international feminist, LGBTIQ and human rights organizations.