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Opening remarks and panel for the screening of “Mrs Robinson”.

International Women's Day 2025



Opening remarks by Hadja Lahbib
European Commissioner for Equality;
Preparedness and Crisis Management

The film will be followed by a panel discussion, in the presence of:



Florence Raes
Director of UN Women
Brussels Liaison Office

Florence Raes is the Director of the UN Women Brussels Liaison Office. Previously, she served as Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director for UN Women in West and Central Africa, overseeing 24 countries. She was also the UN Women Representative in Argentina, Paraguay, and Mozambique. Before joining the UN, Ms. Raes was an Associate Researcher and Professor at the University of Brussels. She also worked on global research programs and advised organizations like Oxfam, the UN, and the EU.



Katie Brill
Director of Partnerships and
Communications
Junk Kouture

Katie Brill is a former contestant of Junk Kouture with her design made from orange peel 'Re'Juicing is Ap'Peeling' in 2012 and now part of the Junk Kouture team as the Director of Partnerships and Communications. The experience was life changing for her and helped build her confidence and passion for environmental sustainability. She is now committed to expand the mission of Junk Kouture and to inspire more young creatives across the globe.



Mary Collins
Secretary General
European Women's Lobby

Mary Collins is an expert in Economic and Social Policies. She holds a master's degree in economic and social policies from the university UCLouvain. Before joining the EWL in 1995, Mary worked in child protection for the Health Authority in Ireland and the European Federation of Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA) in Brussels.



Leonardo Di Filippo
Team Leader of the European
Climate Pact initiative,
European Commission

Leonardo Di Filippo is the Team Leader of the European Climate Pact initiative at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Climate Action. He has over 15 years of experience in managing corporate campaigns, events, and projects within the European Commission and other EU institutions.



Moderator: Caroline Petit
Deputy Director, United
Nations Regional
Information Centre

Caroline Petit has been the Deputy Director of the UN Regional Information Centre since 2013. She joined the UN HQ in New York in 2001 as Head of the Media Partnerships Unit. In her current role, she is in charge of pan-European creative partnerships. Prior to working for the UN, she worked at the EC-Media Programme in Brussels as Head of Promotion, at the European Film College in Denmark, and at the National Film and Television School in London.

This event is organised by the United Nations in Brussels, the Representation of the European Commission in Belgium, the Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union and Project Dandelion.

Synopsis

Unfolding a story about female leadership, human rights activism and climate action, MRS ROBINSON tells the inspirational life story of change-maker Mary Robinson: Ireland's first female President, a pioneering UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the successor of Nelson Mandela as Chair of The Elders.

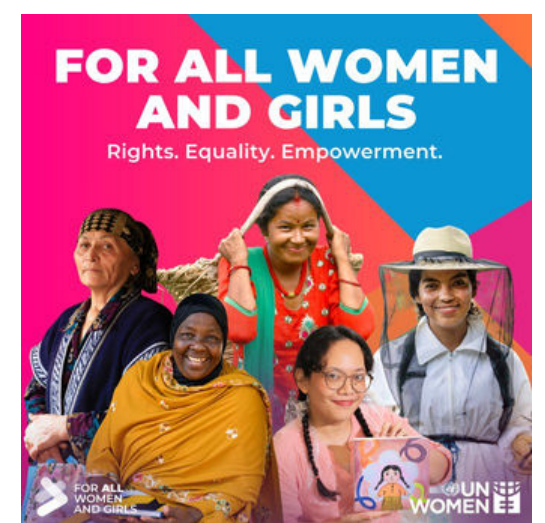


The documentary will be in English, with French subtitles, and has a runtime of 52 minutes.

International Women's Day 2025 "For ALL women and girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment."

The year 2025 is a pivotal moment in the global pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment, as it marks the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. Adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995 in Beijing, China, by 189 governments, the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action remains the most progressive and widely endorsed blueprint for women's and girls' rights worldwide.

The 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action also comes amid growing insecurity and compounding crises, diminishing trust in democracy and shrinking civic space. Last year alone, 612 million women and girls lived amidst the brutal realities of armed conflict, a disturbing 50 percent increase in just a decade.



"When the doors of equal opportunity are open for women and girls, everyone wins. Equal societies are more prosperous and peaceful – and the foundation of sustainable development. On this International Women's Day, we recognize thirty years of progress and achievement since the landmark United Nations conference in Beijing. This transformed the rights of women – and reaffirmed those rights as human rights. "

**António Guterres,
United Nations Secretary-General
International Women's Day 2025**



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