WS 212 - Navigating Gender and Youth Challenges

1. Opening (10 min)

Onsite moderator opens the session and introduces the speakers:
Barbara Wanner, Vice President for ICT Policy at the US Council for International Business (USCIB).
Heshadharani Poornima, Internet Society 25 under 25 awardee.
Jackie Treiber, Co-Executive Director of ICANNWiki
Jennifer Chung, Director of Corporate Knowledge for DotAsia Organisation
Louise Marie Hurel, researcher at Instituto Igarapé

2. Onsite moderator will address each speaker the following question (30 min, 6 min each):

- Jennifer Chung: What are the main barriers encountered by women on the ICT field? and what should be done to empower and engage young women regarding the Use of ICTs?
- Barbara Wanner: On the need of bridging generations of women and to engaging the ones that are still to come, what do you think could be done to empower women in the Tech field? “changing careers,” and entering an ICT-related job without a heavily technical background
- Jackie Treiber: How do women engage with and in with the Internet in order to provide meaningful insights on the way we see/perceive the relationship between themselves and tech?
- Louise Marie Hurel: Why the gender digital divide is still so pronounced even though all stakeholders know that it exists?
- Heshadharani Poornima: How can we create a safer Internet for women? How can we reassure the importance of freedom of expression online?

Bearing in mind the proposed questions and input, we would like all the speakers to work the following question with a group:

Bearing in mind the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) no 5; “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls”, is it possible to achieve this goal by 2033 knowing that we just do not need to bridge the divide, but we also need to get greater numbers of women online?

3. Group discussion on the assigned question (20 min) - five groups

4. Report (20 min)
Each speaker will be the rapporteur of the group discussion and will share the themes with the larger audience.

5. Closing remarks (10 min)
Onsite moderator will resume the discussions and offer final remarks.