EQUALITY OF CITIZENSHIP:
THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF
EMPOWERING WOMEN DURING THE PANDEMIC

Following on from previous initiatives under Bussola Institute's ongoing programme, The Values That Bind Us, this webinar will examine the specific challenges and opportunities involved in empowering women, both in Europe and the Gulf, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 and its associated lockdowns have seriously disrupted economic activity, estimated to be affecting at least 80% of the global workforce. While such instability threatens livelihoods across the board, women are disproportionately affected by the pandemic because it exacerbates existing inequalities, presents new challenges, and sets back previous achievements.

COVID-19 has affected women’s economic standing in several ways and restrictions on movement have re-entrenched the traditional roles of women in the household and the workplace, further diminishing their economic position and opportunities.

This webinar will examine these challenges and explore the opportunities to build greater equality of citizenship, learning from the adjustments being made in the urgency of this crisis and building on them to create a sustainable means of increasing women’s empowerment in the longer term.

PANELLISTS:

**Panel Member**
Dr. Mary McAleese
Former President of Ireland and Bussola Institute Honorary Advisory Board Member

**Panel Member**
Dr. Nurah Alamro
Board member of the Human Rights Commission of Saudi Arabia and a public health expert

**Panel Member**
Dr. Hala Altuwaijri
General Secretary of the Family Affairs Council / Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, Saudi Arabia

**Panel Member**
Ms. Ahdeya Ahmed Al Sayed
President of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Journalists Association

**Moderator**
Mr. John Dennehy
Secretary General, Bussola Institute

Questions
There will be an opportunity to submit written questions to the panel during the course of the event via Zoom or they can be submitted in advance to: events@bussolainstitute.org

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