

**Consensus Study on Women’s Empowerment, Population Dynamics, and
Socioeconomic Development**

**Hybrid Meeting (National Academies Keck Building, Room #208,
500 5th Street, NW, Washington DC and via Zoom)
June 22-23, 2023**

DAY 1 – Thursday, June 22, 2023

PUBLIC SESSION

**9:00am – 10:30am (EDT) Emerging Challenges and Opportunities in the Area of
Women’s Reproductive Agency as An Element of Women’s
Empowerment**

Discussion Questions

- What are the most important contemporary issues related to women’s reproductive agency as an element of women’s empowerment globally? What are some of the emerging challenges? What are emerging opportunities and advances (e.g. technology, integrated care) that can inform policy options in this area?
- What are the main research and data needs to better understand the role of reproductive agency as it relates to population dynamics and socioeconomic development?

Moderator

SUSAN SCRIMSHAW, The Sage Colleges (retired)

Speakers

NDOLA PRATA, University of California, Berkeley

MICHELE DECKER, Johns Hopkins University

NADIA DIAMOND-SMITH, University of California San Francisco

JOCELYN FINLAY, Harvard University

10:30am – 10:45am (EDT) Break

10:45am – 12:30pm (EDT) Policy Implementation in the Context of Women's Empowerment

Discussion Questions

- Thinking globally, what are some lessons from effective vs. ineffective policies aimed at improving the well-being, economic security, and life satisfaction of women and girls?
- What are some key barriers to policy adoption? What types of obstacles tend to cut across policy domains? (Consider barriers in a variety of areas, including legal or political barriers, institutional structures, or gaps in the evidence base).

Moderator

SONAL DESAI, University of Maryland

Speakers

JODY HEYMANN, University of California Los Angeles

AMANDA CLAYTON, Vanderbilt University

SANDRA PEPERA, National Democratic Institute

ARJAN DE HAAN, International Development Research Center

DANIELA BEHR, Women, Business and the Law, World Bank

12:30pm

Adjourn Public Session

CLOSED SESSION (Committee and Staff Only)

1:30pm – 5:00pm (EDT) **Closed Session**

DAY 2 – Friday, June 23, 2023

PUBLIC SESSION

9:00am – 9:30am (EDT)	Discussion with Prachi Vora, Gender Equality Division, Gates Foundation SUSAN SCRIMSHAW, The Sage Colleges (retired)
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CLOSED SESSION (Committee and Staff Only)

9:30am – 1:00pm (EDT) Closed Session