



Raising Gender Issues through Contemporary Art: **the Case of the Ukrainian Institute and UN Women Ukraine**



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9:00-9:50

**Palais des Nations, building E,
room XXII**

The discussion will be held in English.

The Ukrainian Institute, a public institution that develops cultural relations between Ukraine and the world, suggests a discussion «Raising Gender Issues through Contemporary Art».

In 2019, UN Women Ukraine and the Ukrainian Institute founded the Women in Arts Award aimed at recognition of women in arts and culture in Ukraine. Three winners and nominees of the Award with a professional background in visual art, literature and culture management will discuss women's social and cultural roles as creators and objects of art, and the change in perception of women's contribution to and participation in arts since Ukraine gained its independence in 1991. The discussion will tackle one of 12 critical areas of concern the Beijing platform that is as relevant today as 20 years ago: Human rights of women.

PARTICIPANTS:

Alevtina Kakhidze, artist, performer and curator

Olesya Ostrovska-Lyuta, art manager and curator, Director General of Art Arsenal (Mystetskyi Arsenal National Art and Culture Museum Complex)

Oksana Zabuzhko, Ukraine's leading contemporary author and philosopher

MODERATOR:

Volodymyr Sheiko, Director General of the Ukrainian Institute

Ukrainian Institute is a state institution that represents Ukrainian culture and promotes a positive image of Ukraine internationally. Established in 2017 by the Government of Ukraine, the Institute is affiliated to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. In March 2019 Ukrainian Institute joined the HeForShe movement and in partnership with UN Women Ukraine launched Women in Arts Award, an independent award founded to draw attention to the tremendous achievements of female artists and publicly express our gratitude for their contribution in art. Created by UN Women, the HeForShe solidarity movement for gender equality provides a systematic approach and targeted platform where men and boys can engage and become change agents for the achievement of gender equality.