

# The Biennial Conference Agenda

## A Path to 2030

### Morning Agenda

- **8:30-9:15** Registration & Networking Coffee
- **9:15-9:30** Opening Words by FE+MALE Think Tank & GDI
- **9:30-10:30** Mini Masterclass: Experience Breakthrough - Awakening Awareness & Strategic Decision-Making | Lidia Zabala, Bruna Toubia
- **10:30-10:40** Short Break
- **10:40-11:00** Opening Remarks & Keynote | Dr. Mara Catherine Harvey
- **11:00-11:45** Panel: Landscape of Bias in Decision-Making - The Way Forward to 2030 | Heidi Hauer, David Statna, Alida Carcano, Miriam Ganzfried, Ryan Cameron
- **11:45-12:15** Best Practices: Expert Talk with Fondazione Agire | Lorenzo Ambrosini, Désirée Dosch, Yunus Erduran, Patricia M. Montesinos



**Dr. Mara Catherine Harvey**  
**KEYNOTE**

Senior leader, Board member, and CX Expert in Finance | Founder & CEO at SMARTWAYTOSTART.com



**Lorenzo Ambrosini**  
**BEST PRACTICES - EXPERT TALK**  
Managing Director  
AGIRE Foundation



**Simon Enderli**  
**BEST PRACTICES - EXPERT TALK**  
President  
Bern Economic Development Agency



**Lidia Zabala**  
**MASTERCLASS FACILITATOR**  
Workshop Facilitator & Portfolio Career Strategist



**Bruna Toubia**  
**MASTERCLASS FACILITATOR**  
Trainer | Coach | Facilitator at Outstep International Partners



**Angelika Hernandez-Dorendorf**  
**AWARD MASTER OF CEREMONY**  
Founder & President  
NextGen4Impact



**Frédéric Lauchenauer**  
**AWARD JURY CHAIR**  
Head of Family Operations  
Aspenreuti Ventures

### Afternoon Agenda

- **12:15-13:15** Networking Lunch
- **13:15-13:30** Morning Wrap-Up & Introduction to the Afternoon | Carol Constant, Hendrik Marcel Dik
- **13:30-14:15** Panel: From Network Malfunctions to Building a Community of Dragons | Dr. Karen Wendt, Santi Suter, Tatiana Benavides, Line Pillet, James Miners
- **14:15-14:45** Best Practices: Expert Talk with Bern Economic Development Agency | Simon Enderli, Patricia M. Montesinos
- **14:45-15:30** Panel: From Transparency to Trust – Data as a Catalyst for Funding Female-Led Entrepreneurs | Gabriella Skala, Thomas Kuster, Jean-Baptiste Langlet, Frederic Blanc, Katja Einesalo
- **15:30-16:00** Coffee Break
- **16:00-16:45** Panel: Education & the Wealth Gap | Angelika Hernandez, Severin Rueff, Agata Marty, Tom Kuemmeke, Katja Einesalo
- **16:45-17:30** Shaping the Future: Voting on Initiatives, Outcomes & Wrap-up | Isabelle Gómez Truedsson, Lidia Zabala
- **17:30-17:45** Short Break

# The Biennial Award Agenda

## Turning Equality into Strategy

- **17:45-18:00** Evening Session: Opening Remarks | Angelika Hernandez - Dorendorf
- **18:00-18:15** Introduction to the Awards | Kaitlin Barbier
- **18:15-19:00** Award Presentations: Winner Speeches | Frédéric Lauchenauer
- **19:00-19:15** Closing Remarks & Acknowledgments | Patricia M. Montesinos
- **19:15-20:30** Networking Drinks & Apéro



# Move beyond slogans

On March 17, 2026, the BFBI Biennial Conference & Award by FE+MALE Think Tank will bring together leaders, founders, investors, policy-makers, and change-makers focused on understanding and overcoming bias in decision-making, while advancing equity, trust, and opportunity toward 2030.

Through masterclasses, expert talks, panels, and awards, the event combines insight, dialogue, and community-building to drive systemic change - particularly in funding, education, and support for inclusive entrepreneurship.

We invite you to join us for a day of dialogue, collaboration, and ideation focused on addressing bias in decision-making and advancing gender equity, inclusion, and trust - driving greater social cohesion across the Swiss entrepreneurial and investment ecosystem.

*Patricia M. Montesinos*

President at FE+MALE Think Tank



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