

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S FORUM

Abstract:

Educational spaces are more than mere structures; they are foundational environments that influence the health, safety, and empowerment of learners. This presentation delves into the application of Universal Design principles to create inclusive educational settings that cater to the diverse needs of women and girls. By examining case studies and evidence-based strategies, the session will highlight how thoughtful design can address challenges such as accessibility, safety, and well-being. Attendees will gain insights into creating learning environments that not only accommodate but also celebrate diversity, fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among all students.

Learning Objectives:

Understand the core principles of Universal Design and their relevance in educational settings.

Identify design strategies that enhance safety and accessibility for women and girls in learning environments.

Analyze case studies that demonstrate successful implementation of inclusive design in educational institutions.

Develop actionable approaches to create educational spaces that promote equity, well-being, and empowerment.