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The International Federation of Biosafety Associations' Equity-Focused Coordinating Committee (IFBA ECC) serves to identify and implement objectives aimed towards sustainable equitable practice across global biosafety and biosecurity disciplines. The IFBA ECC is composed of a diverse set of professionals with demonstrated knowledge and experience in biosafety, biosecurity, and/or disciplines related to intersectional and gender equity. ECC members use their unique perspectives to provide direct feedback to IFBA governance with regards to systemic challenges and norms within biosafety and biosecurity professional spheres, as well as work with a vast array of IFBA Certified Professionals and other regional partners to foster professional cultures of accountability and inclusion. As such, the ECC serves as a united voice for the implementation of quantifiable and renewable outcomes related to relevant gender and intersectional equity systems and standards.

Gender and global health security, the accessibility of common biosafety and biosecurity tools and resources, and strategies to amplify the voices of women and other underrepresented leaders are examples of IFBA ECC topics and objectives that impact biosafety and biosecurity professionals and their surrounding communities. Respect and support of marginalized identities in biosafety and biosecurity uplift, retain, and protect a substantial proportion of global frontline workers. The unique contributions and lived experiences of these individuals are key interests of the IFBA ECC and remain central to the committee's mission and scope.





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