



8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assembly

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Bringing Everyone Forward for Sustainable and Equitable Development

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On the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS), established in December 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly resolution No. [A/RES/70/212](#) and celebrated on February 11 each year, the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), together with Chile, Lebanon, Malta, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Rwanda, Slovakia and Spain, are jointly organizing a whole-day commemoration under the theme “*Innovate. Demonstrate. Elevate. Advance. Sustain. I.D.E.A.S. Bringing Everyone Forward for Sustainable and Equitable Development.*” The event will focus on the key role of female scientists in accelerating progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals under review at the forthcoming High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in July 2023, namely SDG 6 (*Clean Water and Sanitation*), SDG 7 (*Affordable and Clean Energy*), SDG 9 (*Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure*), SDG 11 (*Sustainable Cities and Communities*) and SDG 17 (*Partnerships for the Goals*).

It will consist of four thematic conversations, discussing the contribution of women and girls to transforming cities and sustainable urban infrastructure development; environmentally, socially and economically-sustainable transport systems; solutions aimed at eradicating hunger and ensuring the right to food for all; as well as space science and technologies.

The “*Science in Braille*” workshop will in turn showcase opportunities of STEM-focused programmes aimed at ensuring blind children’s access to inclusive, high-quality education in the field of science, while a conversation with renowned blind scientists will identify best practices and proven solutions towards making science more accessible to persons with disabilities, particularly those blind and visually impaired.

The 8th IDWGIS will be opened by the Executive Director of RASIT HRH Princess Nisreen El-Hashemite and the President of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly Csaba Kőrösi. The event will also feature a high-level segment, including interventions by the Secretary General of the United Nations António Guterres, the Executive Director of UN-Women Sima Bahous, the Heads of State and Government and ministers from the co-organizing and co-sponsoring Member States, representatives of RASIT and civil society.

A record number of 31 countries, that is Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Georgia, Honduras, Hungary, Kenya, Maldives, New Zealand, Romania, Republic of Korea, San Marino, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, and Türkiye, as well as the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, the African Union and the League of Arab States, are co-sponsoring this year’s event. It is also being supported by several United Nations specialized agencies, including the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as well as the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The all-day event will take place on Friday, 10 February 2023 in a hybrid format, with in-person participation at the United Nations Headquarters highly encouraged, and will be broadcasted live on [UN Web TV](#).

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