

8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science
“Innovate. Develop. Elevate. Advance. Sustain. (I.D.E.A.S.): Bringing everyone Forward for Equitable Socio-Economic Sustainable Development”
New York, February 10, 2023

Outcome Document and Call to Action

We, the High Representatives of Member States, having met at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 10 February 2023,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/212 of 22 December 2015, proclaiming 11 February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, in which, for the first time, the General Assembly recognized women and girls in science as agents of change;

Recognizing the contribution of the Women in Science International League for 25 years to the UN system in advocacy activities focused on the rights of women in science, by enhancing the social image of women in science, through the promotion of career opportunities for women in science and for girls who are considering science as their career path and through incentivising the private sector to invest in female youth science education and training amongst other initiatives.

Recognizing the first Directory of Women in Science and its outcomes in creating and facilitating 58 postgraduate scholarships, 92 postdoctoral jobs, 113 research collaborations and support, 88 science major high-school scholarships in Africa, 23 under-graduate scholarships, 237 internship opportunities for female youth, 528 speaking opportunities at high-level scientific conferences, more than 4500 female students benefitting from mentorship opportunities, and 17 science-to-business support mechanisms;

Recognizing that since 2020, the coronavirus has magnified the unequal pace of digital transformation within and across countries exacerbating structural and systemic barriers that translate in unequal opportunities for women and girls;

Recognizing that the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls will make a crucial contribution to progress across all of the Sustainable Development Goals, and emphasizing the need to target science, technology and innovation strategies to address the empowerment of women and girls and to reduce inequalities, including the gender digital divide;

Looking forward to the 67th session of the CSW to be held from the 6th to the 17th March 2023, that will consider as the priority theme “Innovation and Technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”.

Welcoming the celebration of the 8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science and the Royal Academy of Science International Trust’s partnership with Member States, United Nations departments

and agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, leading institutions of higher learning, and other relevant organizations in supporting, promoting and empowering all women and girls in science,

Acknowledging the invaluable contributions of women in all fields of science to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Reconfirming the need for transformative approaches that are evidence informed and science based,

Reaffirming the Outcome Documents endorsed by Member States at the previous International Day of Women and Girls in Science Assemblies in 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2022,

Deeply concerned about the increasing global challenges and the limited progress in achieving universal and equitable access to education, science, technology and research, and their impact on achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls;

Further noting with concern that, while some progress has been achieved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the underrepresentation of women and girls in policymaking, implementation of UN instruments, financing, capacity building, skills provision, research and development, regional integration, access to economic resources and political participation, leadership and decision-making at all levels, is drastically reducing the potential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

Recognizing that the importance of enhancing an intersectional and multistakeholder approach that directly involves all women and girls, as actors, is indispensable to the achievement of equitable socio-economic sustainable development;

Acknowledging that equity in the development of women and girls in the critical fields of Science, Technology and Innovation should encompass the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development in a balanced and integrated manner;

Our Call to Action: We, who are setting out an ambitious and transformational vision of the role of all women and girls in all fields of sciences to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Recognize the advisory role that the Women and Girls in Science International League can have in supporting international, regional and local associations, societies, and bodies working on gender equality in all fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), to implement, monitor, and advance partnerships for sustainable development through contributions to the development of policy, frameworks and action plans,

Call for the involvement of women and girls with disabilities in all aspects of science education and research, to become agents of change and thought leaders in all stages of the sustainable development cycle, programs, and decision-making. This includes making information and science education accessible for blind women and girls such as the availability of documents in Braille at educational institutions,

Recognize the Women in Science International League Directory, as an instrument to feature women scientists and experts from various disciplines, to facilitate their participation in dialogues, consultations, and collaboration within the Member States and the international community,

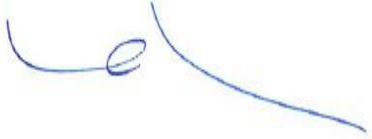

Recognize RASIT “Science and Society for Sustainable Development” as a tool to promote multi-lingual dimension of science and technology to ensure equal opportunities for women and girls in science worldwide,



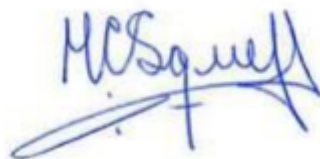



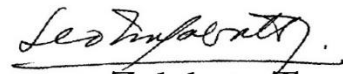
Call upon Member States to increase their efforts in ensuring the full, equal and meaningful participation of women in science particularly in areas relating to STEM,


Recognize the role of media, social media, communication, and arts in strengthening the role of women and girls in science, particularly those in the water-, energy-, food security nexus, and environment-related issues and acknowledge the role of women and girls in science sustainable development program,

Reaffirm the commitments made in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and look forward to achieving an ambitious outcome at the UN 2023 Water Conference, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals Summit under the auspices of the General Assembly later this year, and other UN fora;


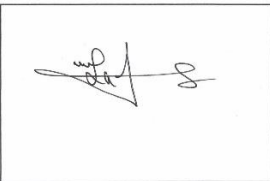
Encourage the forthcoming conferences and mandated meetings of the United Nations, as well as other global forums and efforts for sustainability, to take into consideration the critical roles of women and girls in Science, Technology and Innovation in explaining and responding to global challenges, including as related to water, energy, and food security.

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