



## **“Gender, Science and Sustainable Development: The Impact of Media”**

**Second International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

**10 February 2017, General Assembly Hall, United Nations HQ**

### **Program Agenda**

#### **Opening Session: 10.00 – 11.00**

Hon. Dr. Helena Dalli, Minister of Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties, Malta

HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, Founder President of Women in Science International League & Executive Director of the Royal Academy of Science International Trust

H.E. Mr. Peter Thomson, President of 71st Session of the UN General Assembly

Secretary-General of the United Nations remarks presented by Ms. Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, UN Women

H.E. Ms. Irina Bokova, Director General of UNESCO remarks presented by Ms. Marie Paule Roudil - Director of UNESCO Liaison Office in New York

Dr. Bahija Jallal, Executive Vice President, AstraZeneca and Head of MedImmune, and President of the Association for Women in Science

Ms. Leona Alleslev, Member of Parliament, Canada

“Girls for Girls in Science” - Miss Talya Ozdemir - Turkey

“Boys for Girls in Science” - HRH Prince Zain El-Hashemite

#### **11.10 - 13.00: High-Level Panel on Gender, Science and Sustainable Development: The Impact of Media**

Scientific communication and strengthening the public understanding of science in general and the role of women in science in particular should be leveraged as a cultural instrument, not only to inform or create a context for dialogue, but also to build a higher visibility for the scientific research by women among the different actors. Society needs to acquire scientific knowledge and attitudes for developing their cultural

heritage since science and society are intrinsically related, and to present this is the role of the media.

Culture has to be the 4th pillar of sustainable development: the psychological and sociological makeup of women and girls in science in a given culture must be taken into account when implementing scientific and technological innovations and strategies. This session will examine opportunities and challenges at policy, organizational and individual levels for maximizing the contribution of women in science and media for the achievement of the SDGs and the 2030 Development Agenda. Further, it will present the impact of media in achieving parity in science.

**Moderator:** H.E. Mr. Juan Carlos Mendoza-García, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations

**Speakers:**

H.E. Ms. Atefeh Riazi, Assistant Secretary-General for the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Chief Information Technology Officer, UN

Ms. Lucille Beseler, President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

H.E. Mrs. Elisenda Vives Balmaña, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Andorra to the UN

Dr. Mary Gromko, President of National Science Teachers Association, USA

H.E. Mr. Georgi Velikov Panayotov, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria to the UN

Professor Joyce Harper, Director of Education, Institute for Women's Health and Founder of Global Women Connected, University College London, UK

H.E. Dr. Caleb Otto, Permanent Representative of Palau to the UN

Dr. Janeen Uzzell, Chief of Women in Technology, GE Global Research

H.E. Mr. Martín García Moritán, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the UN

H.E. Mr. Jānis Mažeiks, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Latvia to the UN

Ms. Irem Şentürk, The International Bosphorus Film Festival, Turkey

H.E. Mr. Marc-André Blanchard, Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN

Dr. Shini Somara, Science/Tech TV Reporter

“Girls for Girls in Science”: Jasmine L.A. McCook Cardinal, Spellman High School 10th grade, NYC; and Sascha-Emilie Moore, 1st grade student, The Park Slope School, Brooklyn

**13.00 - 15.00**

**LUNCH BREAK**

## 15.00 - 18.00: High-Level Panel on Development Cooperation Perspective on the Role of Women in Science and Media in Implementing the SDGs

This session will examine the opportunities for partnership, networking and matchmaking with women in science experts to support innovative solutions for sustainable development. The session will further explore the responsibility of media as interlocutor between scientists, the public and policymakers in identifying the challenges and solutions that effectively meet the needs of societies. Moreover, the session will identify key elements that countries and international organizations may need to take into account in formulating action plans and roadmaps for parity in science.

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### **Speakers:**

Mr. Nikhil Seth, Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of UNITAR

H.E. Dr. Mwaba Patricia Kasese-Bota, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Zambia to the UN

The Honorable Mr. Aykut Eken, President of World Federation of Consuls

H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN

“Girls for Girls in Science” - Kareen Akl, USA

Ms. Chantal Line Carpentier, Chief of UNCTAD Office in New York

H.E. Ms. Katalin Annamária Bogay, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN

Mr. Adam Robinson, President of Robinson Global Strategies

Dr. Inyang Ebong-Harstrup, Deputy Director of UN Office on South-South Cooperation

H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN

Mentorship - Creating Space for Everyone in Science” Video by Intize, Sweden

Youth for Science: Abdelwahab Tbeishat - Jordan

Mr. Gary Fowlie, Director and Representative of ITU to the United Nations

“Deaf Women in Science”, Ms. Ayşe Damla İŞERİ, Program Manager – RASIT Mute International

Dr. Sandra Batista, Princeton University

Kathleen O’Hara, Director of KOH Consulting International Psychological, Educational Training services

Video by World Cancer Research Fund International, United Kingdom

Dr. Anne Prisco, President of Felician University, USA

“Youth for Science” Kelsie Strobel and Maryam Khan, Lehigh University, USA

Dr. David Kenneth Waldman, Founder and President of “To Love Children Educational Foundation International Inc. (TLC)”

Dr. Ada Okika, Executive Director of UNESCO Center for Global Education