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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

**CLIMATE CHANGE • ENVIRONMENT
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

GENDER EQUALITY AT THE CENTRE OF SOLUTIONS



Let's be open to JOYFUL DISRUPTION of the status quo! Speak up and amplify voices from all corners of the world!

66TH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (CSW66)



PRIORITY THEME

Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes



REVIEW THEME

Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work (agreed conclusions of the sixty-first session)

- ❑ Promote women's and girls' full and equal participation and leadership to make natural resource management and climate, environment and disaster risk action more effective.
- ❑ Expanding gender-responsive finance at scale for climate and environment action and to strengthen the capacities of women, youth and local and marginalized communities and their organizations.
- ❑ Building women's resilience in the context of agricultural/food systems, forest/fisheries management and the sustainable energy transition.
- ❑ Enhancing gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data in the gender-environment nexus; and fostering gender-responsive just transitions.

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/news-stories/press-release/2022/03/press-release-un-commission-on-the-status-of-women-reaffirms-womens-and-girls-leadership-as-key-to-address-climate-change-environmental-and-disaster-risk-reduction-for-all>

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by the United Nations in 2015 as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure that by 2030 all people enjoy peace and prosperity.



ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S

STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

A GENDER EQUALITY ISSUE

Approved by the Zonta International Board April 2021; Published

ZI calls on members to:

Raise awareness on climate change and gender-based consequences.

Included gendered climate change advocacy actions in club plans.

Support the inclusion of women as decision-makers on environmental sustainability.

Promote girls' education and the inclusion of climate literacy and STEM

Advocate for national policies that take into account women's economic opportunities and ensures their full and equal participation in the economy.

*** What does climate change have to do with gender equality?**

Women and girls are more heavily impacted by climate change than men.

- Women, as caregivers, and food providers, are more vulnerable when flooding and drought occur;
- Women face systematic violence that escalates during periods of instability and can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive;
- During extreme weather events, women are at greater risk of being injured, killed, displaced and unemployed.
- Globally women have less socioeconomic power than men, so it is harder for them to recover from disasters; and
- The UN highlights that gender-sensitive responses to climate change are needed – but average female representation on negotiating bodies is well below 30%.

Much of this disadvantage can be rectified through Zonta's existing advocacy, health, education, and violence eradication programs. However, we need to ramp up our activities to ensure that girls are educated, child marriage is ended, gender equality gaps are closed, and women are supported to take on leadership positions in the workplace, community and political spheres.

**The World Economic Forum finds that the Pandemic has pushed back gender parity by a generation.
(36 years)**

weforum.org



Gender Equity and Climate Change

ZI and UNICEF USA urged that women and girls **MUST** be at the forefront as we deal with climate change. Impactful strategies:

- **Education** - keep girls in school, encourage STEM, ensure they know their rights and have access to resources.
- **Technology** - invest in infrastructure, collect evidence-based data to inform change
- **Amplify Voices** - get women and girls involved in solutions and accountability; 3.5% rule - broad demographics, intergenerational, active support. (Tipping point /critical mass)

Early and Forced Child Marriage – No Time to Lose

In partnership with UNFPA-UNICEF, this side event focused on linkages between child marriage and the **triple crisis**:

- ❑ **COVID19** - exposed the many vulnerabilities
- ❑ **Conflict** - overshadows attempts to change
- ❑ **Climate change is a threat multiplier** - impacting women/girls at devastating rates

Each year, 12 million girls – across countries, cultures and religions – are married before the age of 18. This practice violates girls' rights to health, education and opportunity, exposes girls to violence throughout their lives and traps them in a cycle of poverty (Source: [Girls Not Brides](#)).

SDG 1, 2 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 16



Championing a sustainable, gender–equal world

This document is designed to be read onscreen

Zonta Says NOW is creating a gender–equal, sustainable world by

- educating girls
- advocating for women’s rights and
- inspiring more female leaders.

1. Introduction

Understanding climate change as a human rights issue is central to the fight against climate change and creating a sustainable, gender–equal future.

Zonta Says NOW to gender equality and climate action empowers Zontians to advocate for women and girls in a future disrupted by extreme weather events.

United Nations scientists have shown that global temperature rises must be less than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels to prevent runaway global warming. Currently, we have reached 1.2° C. Time is running out.

Globally, we are seeing once-in-a-century events becoming more frequent. ‘Hottest’ summers, droughts, bushfires, rising sea levels, floods and storms are all featured in our daily news feeds.

These events have already led to the displacement of millions of people, disruption of societies, more unemployment, stress, and violence. The climate crisis disproportionately impacts women and girls—yet women hold the key to creating a just climate response for all.

As a Zonta Says NOW Champion, you will actively stand up for women and girls in this decisive decade for humanity.

2. The Problems

- Human activity has altered almost 75 per cent of the earth’s surface, and around 1 million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction.
- The global impacts of climate change such as intense heat, drought, bushfires, floods and storms displaced 30 million people in 2020, including 51,000 in Australia.
- Estimates show that, without increased action on climate change, around a billion people may be displaced by 2050.
- Two-thirds of the world’s poor, illiterate and chronically hungry are women.
- Women are more likely to be injured and 14 times more likely to die in extreme weather events.
- In some cultures, girls are not taught to swim or climb trees and women are not permitted to leave their houses without a man, making it difficult to escape or seek help in a disaster.
- During times of scarcity, women face difficult choices to survive—do they prostitute themselves or marry off their children to get money for food?
- Women are often in casual labour. They are the first to lose their jobs and, with fewer savings, are less likely to recover financially.
- In Australia, the average gender pay gap is 14 per cent, and women have two-thirds of the superannuation savings of men—homelessness is rising for older women.
- As we have seen during the COVID pandemic, domestic violence increases in times of disruption and uncertainty.
- Globally, one quarter of parliamentarians are women, and fewer than 30 per cent of climate

negotiators are women, making it difficult to hear their voices on the world stage.

3. The Solutions

- Girls with 12 years of education have more life choices, can build more resilient communities, and have around five fewer children than girls with no education. Educating the 130 million girls not in school today could lead to 843 million fewer people by 2050.
- About 218 million women in lower and middle-income countries have an unmet need for modern contraception—closing this gap could lead to 30 million fewer unplanned births.
- Globally women have around three-quarters of the legal rights of men. Addressing this will enable women to legally access credit, sign a contract, register a business and open a bank account—making it easier to obtain and improve land or start businesses to support their families.
- Ending violence against women will enable more women to participate at their full potential.
- Science, technology and innovation are central to reaching the targets of the Paris Agreement, yet in Australia, women made up less than a quarter of students studying STEM in 2019. Advocating for more women and girls in STEM will ensure more diverse thought and gendered climate and technology solutions.
- Countries led by women and with more women in their parliaments are leading the way on climate action.
- Inspiring more women into leadership positions in their communities, workplaces, councils, and parliaments will improve climate responses.

4. What can YOU do?

1. Get the facts

- Read books, watch videos, read articles and listen to podcasts from reputable sources e.g. United Nations, Climate Council, TED Countdown, David Attenborough, Jane Goodall, Christiana Figueres.
- Learn more about the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Lead by example

- Reduce, reuse, recycle, rethink, and repair.
- Set a sustainability challenge e.g. eliminate plastic for one week, walk and use public transport, demonstrate recycling practices.
- Use the 1 Million Women phone app.

3. Add your voice

- Develop climate/gender equality elevator speeches or lists of key facts to use as conversation starters with family, co-workers and friends. Practice saying them.
- Join local events/marches to raise awareness.

4. Advocate

- Write to and meet with local councillors.
- Contact State and Federal MPs and urge them to integrate gender sensitive climate responses into their climate policies.

5. Collaborate

- Work with Zonta clubs to magnify your voice, and raise awareness of local issues relating to gender equality, climate action and ending violence against women.
- Work smarter not harder, by collaborating with like-minded organisations e.g. UN Women, 1 Million Women, Plastic Free July, and the Climate Council.

5. Final thoughts

The climate crisis offers wonderful opportunities for women—but only if we rise to the challenge. Imagine a gender-equal, sustainable world where:

- Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is replaced with a well-being budget (as happens in New Zealand) and we are stewards not abusers of our environment
- the wisdom of traditional owners of the land is valued and shared to benefit future generations
- through Zonta clubs and the Zonta Foundation for Women, we:
 - keep girls in school and end child marriage
 - educate women and girls about climate change and its consequences
 - put an end to coercive control and other forms of violence
 - advocate for gender-equal climate policies and disaster plans
 - enable women to have the same legal rights as men and close the gender pay gap
 - support more women and girls in STEM and the new science and technology-based industries
 - inspire more women to step up and take a leading role in our clubs, communities, workplaces, councils, and parliaments.

We can create the world we want to live in by championing Zonta Says NOW today.



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ZI Statement on Climate Change



ZONTA SAYS NOW
To gender equality and climate action

How We Take Action

1 We gather facts about gender inequality and climate change

- Increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, warm the Earth and lead to loss of sea ice, rising sea-levels, longer, more intense heat waves and more extreme weather events such as bushfires, droughts, storms, and floods.
- Women and girls, especially those in poverty, face higher risks and experience more climate change impacts than men.
- During extreme weather events, women are at greater risk of being injured, killed, displaced, and unemployed. They also experience a dramatic increase in interpersonal violence, that can precipitate early marriage or forced prostitution as a way to survive.
- Women are not well represented in decisions about responses to climate change, and need a stronger voice to create a more just future for everyone.

Useful resources

- *The Future We Choose: Surviving the climate crisis* by Christiana Figueres and Tom Rivett-Carnac.
- *How empowering women and girls can help stop global warming* by Katharine Wilkinson (TED Talk)

2 We lead by example

Useful resources

- Purchase wisely.
- Minimise waste.
 - * [Zonta Says Now Publications:](#)
 - * The 5 Rs Guide
 - * Climate Risk is Investment Risk
 - * Investing in Climate ETFs
- Adopt new technologies.
- Eat less meat.
- Use less plastic.
- Plant more trees.
- Make 'green' investments.
- [Plastic Free](#) by Rebecca Prince-Ruiz and Joanna Atherfold Finn

3 We add our voice to influence our communities

- Use our learnings and experience from 1 and 2 to:
 - Discuss climate change and the climate crisis with our family, friends and co-workers.
 - Share ideas on social media.
- Start a conversation in our clubs and with members of our other groups, book clubs etc

Useful resources

- [The most important thing you can do to fight climate change is talk about it](#) by Katharine Hayhoe (TED Talk)

4 We advocate for gender equality and climate action

- Embed gender equality and climate action in club, area and district advocacy activities.
- Encourage clubs to have a climate champion to identify strategic opportunities to advocate with other groups.

Useful resources

- [ZI Statement on Climate Change](#)
- [Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [UN Women: When Will She Be Right?](#)
- [MJA-Lancet Countdown article:](#) Australian policy inaction threatens lives

5 We collaborate with like-minded organisations

- Work with other clubs, Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs on climate action projects.
- Identify and collaborate with other people and apolitical organisations whose goals strongly align with Zonta's.
- Consider joining local, state and national climate action bodies to magnify our voice.
- Support our local governments to implement sustainable policies.

Useful resources

- [One Million Women](#) are women and girls from every corner of the planet building a lifestyle revolution to fight the climate crisis.
- [Climate Council](#) is Australia's leading climate change communications organisation.
- [Sisterworks](#), is an Australian social enterprise that gives migrant women opportunities to become economically empowered using sustainable products.
- [Project Drawdown](#) globally connects people to the science behind climate solutions.
- [Countdown TED](#) globally champions and accelerates solutions to the climate crisis, turning ideas into actions.
- [Women's Environment and Development Organisation \(WEDO\)](#) globally advocates for a just world that promotes and protects human rights, gender equality and the environment.



The 5 Rs Guide

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink. Repair.

*Be part of the solution
for a sustainable future.*

1. Reduce

- **Choose products with less packaging** e.g. loose fruit and vegetables
- **Use your own produce bags and "green" bags** when shopping and keep bags in your car or handbag for unplanned shops
- **Buy in bulk** non-perishable items (like rice, flour, pet food) to save on packaging
- **Use reusable containers** to pack lunches rather than plastic wrap
- **Avoid plastic or cans** when buying soft drinks in – invest in a soda stream
- **Cook from first principles**, using fresh meat, fruits and vegetables – also saves \$ as fresh food is GST free
- **Avoid use of single use non-recyclable plastic utensils and straws**
- **Use a coffee machine that uses beans** rather than disposable pods
- **Request takeaway food in reusable containers** – yours or theirs
- **Avoid purchase of water in single use bottles** – buy a reusable water bottle
- **Go paperless** – receive regular bills and bank statements via email and put a 'no junk mail' sticker on your letterbox

2. Reuse

- **Use packaging or materials in different ways** e.g. reuse takeaway containers for freezer storage, glass jars for home made jams and preserves
- **Use old print-outs** as scrap paper or print on both sides
- **Use something you already have**, rather than buying something new
- **Use cardboard and paper under mulch** in the garden to reduce weeds and improve soil
- **Use a keep cup for coffee**, rather than a disposable coffee cup
- **Buy products that are made from recycled materials**, such as recycled timber and plastic

3. Recycle

- **Aluminium, steel cans, aerosols and clean foil**
- **Paper** including phone books, stationery, copy paper and office paper, newspapers, brochures, magazines and advertising material

Collect containers

Recycle continued

- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Most firm plastic containers**, such as water bottles and milk & juice containers
- **Clean soft plastics** can be recycled to Woolworths or Coles via [REDCycle](#)
- **Printer cartridges** can be recycled to office suppliers e.g. Officeworks
- **Kitchen scraps** can be
 - * recycled in a council green bin or a [bokashi](#) bin, compost bin or a worm farm to add nutrients to the garden
 - * fed to chooks
- **Batteries can be recycled e.g. Aldi**
- **Mobile phones** can be recycled via [Mobile Muster](#) program
- **e-Waste** collection points for small items have been set up at various central points in towns and larger e-waste items are accepted at Council Transfer Stations
- **Clothing, shoes, toys** etc can go to charities such as Vinnies or Salvos

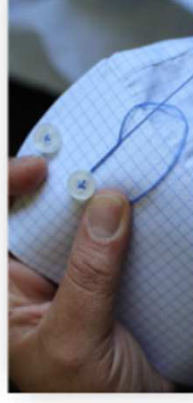


4. Rethink

- **Buy reusable packaging** that can be used more than once
- **Think about your impact** on the planet e.g. reduce the carbon miles of your travel and purchases and consider vegetarian options
- **Rethink the way you dispose of waste**
- **Rethink the amount of energy** you use daily
- **Rethink cling film, aluminium foil and baking paper** and replace with 100% food grade silicone sheets
- **Websites** to make you think
 - [Compost Revolution](#)
 - [One Million Women](#)
 - [Plastic Free July](#)

5. Repair

- **Could it be made into something else?**
- **Could it be used for parts?**
- **Do you really need a new one?**
- **Can you give it to someone to fix?** Such as a [repair café](#)



Globally, women and girls are more at risk from the impacts of climate change.

Through Zonta's health, education and sustainability activities we empower women and men to create a fairer future for everyone.

If you would like to know more about this Zonta International District 23 initiative please visit:

www.zontasaysnow.org.au

or contact us at:

zontasaysnow@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you

Many thanks to Bronwen Haywood from the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields in Victoria for collating this useful information.

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May 2021

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www.treeequityscore.org

Girl scout Tree Promise
www.girlscouts.org/en/activities-for-girls/for-every-girl/tree-promise.html.html

Girls, Climate Justice, and the Power of



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Woman

1 h 47 min

Unchained at Last sponsored this viewing and discussion.

"Woman" gives a voice to 2000 women across 50 different countries. It deals with topics such as motherhood, education, marriage or financial independence but also menstruations or sexuality

Available for rent on Amazon Prime
<https://www.amazon.com/Woman-Norma-Bastidas/dp/B087MY5NS3>

The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, is considered to be the Women's Bill of Rights.

CEDAW'S History in the U.S.

1980	1994	2002	2010	2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• President Jimmy Carter signed CEDAW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with bipartisan support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Again approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with bipartisan support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senator Durbin held a hearing on CEDAW in a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senators Boxer and Casey held a hearing on Women and Arab Spring which highlighted CEDAW

But CEDAW has still not been adopted nationally.

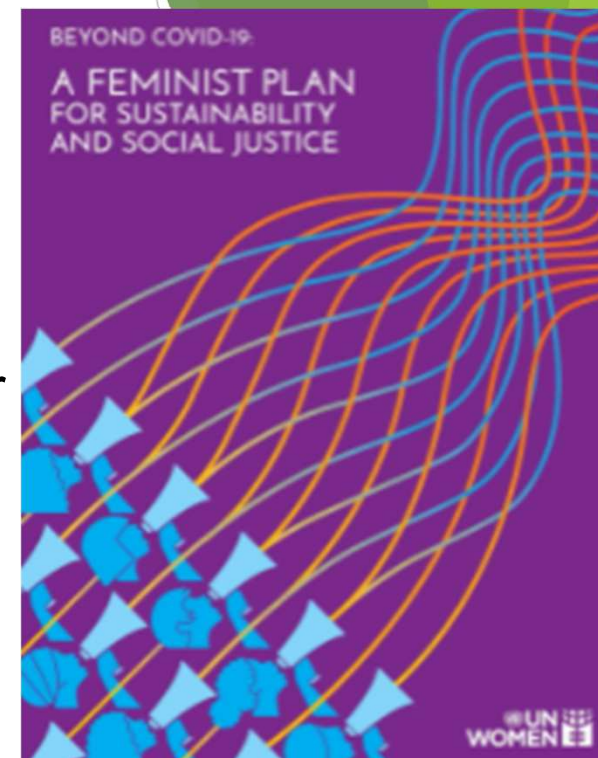
The Women Collective: Listening, Learning, Leading, in a Changed World

An intergenerational panel called for collective action, elevating marginalized voices and women in decision making roles beyond COVID-19.

Building back must be about revolutionizing and disrupting gender unequal systems that harm everybody and diminish prospects for recovery and resilience. A feminist leadership will drive economic, social, gender and climate justice for all.

Most important, we need to be inclusive in the discussion on climate change – including voices of the youth and elderly, indigenous women, disabled peoples, and those living in remote and disaster-prone areas. All can be agents of change.

At this pivotal moment, we need a new global social contract and unprecedented levels of global solidarity to pull us through.



Global roadmap with concrete solutions to address climate and the major gendered crises of our time, brought to the forefront by COVID-19.

WOMEN IN THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR & UN RES 1325

Russia's invasion of Ukraine highlights the effects of armed conflict on civilian women. Women and children are disproportionately impacted, as millions are forced to flee for their lives, separated from their loved ones, traumatized, and targeted for exploitation and abuse. At the same time, women are also at the forefront of the humanitarian response, grassroots volunteering in Zonta initiatives, and advocacy.

Since the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine (2/24/22), women and children fleeing areas of active combat across the country have found respite with the “[Center Women's Perspectives](#),” an NGO founded in 1998 by Zontian Luba M. of the Lviv-Zamok Zonta Club. Thousands of people arrive in Lviv every day, and both short- and long-term accommodation in the city are increasingly scarce. Ukrainian Zonta members refer women and children who cannot find places to stay to the organization's transit facility, where they can rest before continuing their journeys. Where needed, shelter beneficiaries are assisted with transportation to the Polish border or finding and reaching temporary homes outside of Lviv and arranging for a shuttle to Uzhgorod, from where people fleeing the war can get to the Hungarian or Slovakian border. The situation is dire – with women, children and elders targeted by Russian aggressors.

The work of the shelter is generously supported by Zonta members from all over the world, with the coordination of Zonta District 27, which encompasses Ukraine. The experiences of its beneficiaries were illustrated by videos and testimonials, and Ukrainian Zonta members spoke passionately about their determination to get their country back.

USA relief efforts is being coordinated by District 8 <https://zontadistrict8.org/ukraine/>

MORE

VIDEOS of many of the sessions are available at
<https://www.youtube.com/c/NGOCSWNY/videos>

https://www.ted.com/talks/katharine_wilkinson_how_empowering_women_and_girls_can_help_stop_global_warming

https://www.ted.com/talks/renee_lertzman_how_to_turn_climate_anxiety_into_action



Zonta District 1 Virtual Spring Workshop

April 23, 2022
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST

Register by 4/20
to be in drawing
for prizes!

www.spring2022.zontadistrict1.org/





FUTURE OF DISTRICT 1

DECISION REQUIRED BY 5/15:

1. Detailed plan to add 125 + members over the next two years.
2. Merge with another Zonta District
3. Become a Region of Zonta International





ZONTA CONVENTION 2022

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www.zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Convention_2022

June 25 - 28



Zonta Club of Quaboag Valley

Empowering women through service and advocacy

Calendar Fundraiser \$25 Donation

May 2022

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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donated for this fundraiser: \$2200 +. Sale of chances ends 4/30 at 10pm.

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23 \$50 Gift Card Target	24 \$25 Gift Cards for Cracker Barrell & Target	25 \$75 Gift Card Big Y Stores	26 \$50 Gift Card VISA	27 \$50 Gift Card Big Y Stores	28 \$50 Gift Cr L.L. Bean
30 \$50 Gift Card Bass Pro Shop	31 \$50 Gift Card Atkins	Rules: Starting May 1st, an announcement of the winner for that d posted at 6pm on www.facebook.com/ZontaQuaboagValley. The be notified by phone or email, with arrangements for delivery. Th name will go back into the pot for the next drawing.			

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