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Dear Megan,

Climate change is one of the most imminent issues facing the world today. Its effects negatively impact all living beings on our planet now and for generations to come. However, it is important to acknowledge that these consequences disproportionately affect women and girls. Due to systematic gender inequality, women and girls have fewer resources and choices than men, and with each climate change disaster, the situation worsens. This needs to change, which is why [Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action](#).



Both collectively and as individuals, we need to say NOW to:

1. **Increasing** climate change awareness and its gender-related consequences.
2. **Including** gendered climate change advocacy actions in our advocacy plans.
3. **Supporting** the inclusion of women at the national and local tables of decision-makers on environmental sustainability.
4. **Promoting** girls' education, the inclusion of climate literacy in schools, and girls' participation in STEM studies to increase gendered scientific and technical contributions to climate change mitigation.
5. **Advocating** for national policies that consider women's economic opportunities and ensure their full and equal participation in the economy.

As you read ahead about Zonta's commitment to achieving gender equality through climate action, I encourage you to consider how you, as an individual, can contribute to these efforts. Your own actions and voice matter! Please keep an eye out for a survey coming to your inbox by the end of this week. I encourage you all to respond so that we can continue to say NOW to a better world for women and girls.

Warm regards,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Ute'.

Ute Scholz
President 2022-2024
Zonta International and the Zonta Foundation for Women

Framework to take gender-equal climate action NOW

The Zonta Says NOW Working Group invites you to check out their [webpages](#). There, you will find a wealth of tools and tips, such as [actions](#) you can take, [resources](#) to address climate change in your own communities and how to [implement](#) the Zonta International [statement](#) on climate change and more!



1. Gather the facts

Increase your own awareness of climate change and its gender-related consequences by reading books and articles, watching videos and listening to podcasts from reputable sources.



2. Lead by example

Individually, reduce your personal greenhouse gas emissions, set sustainability challenges and support environmentally sustainable businesses with purchases and investments.



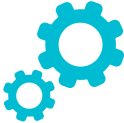
3. Use your voice

Raise local awareness about climate change and its gender-related consequences by developing elevator speeches or lists of key facts as conversation starters. Join and host events and talk with local organizations and elected officials.



4. Advocate

Contact community and government leaders to learn about sustainability initiatives. Demand and support equal involvement of women and men in decision-making processes and promote girls' education and climate literacy in schools.



5. Collaborate

Work with other Zonta clubs, like-minded organizations and other gender-equal climate advocates to magnify your voice in the community. Educate your community on climate change and raise awareness of local issues to achieve gender-equal climate justice.

Recommended reading: Learning more about climate justice is a page away!



Recommended by:

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Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank

All members are welcome to join the Zonta Says NOW to Gender-Equal Climate Action Intercontinental Think Tank. Come share your ideas and gather inspiration on how we can address Gender-Equal Climate Action



NOW!

Sunday, August 20

6:00 PM UTC

Find your time: [Meeting Planner](#)

Register

Zonta's vision for 2023 & Beyond

Take a look at the [strategic plan](#) and learn more about...

How Zonta will fully embrace climate justice as an area of focus and further develop Zonta Says NOW as the flagship campaign for our activities to address climate justice at local, national and international levels and more!

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Zonta International earns accreditation with UN Environment Programme

In June, Zonta International was granted accreditation as an [observer to the United Nations Environment Programme](#) (UNEP) and its governing bodies. The UNEP is the leading global authority on the environment. Its mission is to inspire, inform, and enable nations and peoples to improve their quality of life without compromising that of future generations.



Accreditation is the main entry point into policy dialogue at UNEP and allows organizations to receive and submit written contributions to unedited working documents, deliver written and oral statements, and participate in public meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Assembly and Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum and the United Nations Environment Assembly.

Zonta International will be represented at the UNEP in the 2022-2024 Biennium by UN Committee member Joan Kabayambi.

Zontians in Action

Zonta members are building a better world for women and girls in their local communities and beyond! Read the stories below highlighting how Zonta clubs are taking action against climate change.

[Zonta Clubs of Thorunn Hyrna and Akureyri host a women and environment forum](#)

The Zonta Clubs of Thorunn Hyrna and Akureyri, Iceland, partnered with the local Soroptimists to organize a discussion about women and the environment at the University of Akureyri.



During the event, the clubs provided lectures and discussions on the relationship between gender and environmental issues, the effects of

environmental changes on women and men and more. They also touched on the differences between the solutions that men and women use to face the challenges of environmental changes and what research can tell us about the environmental issues and challenges in Nordic countries.

Zonta Club of Tuguegarao plants trees

The Zonta Club of Tuguegarao, Philippines, has taken on ozone care and organized environmental care initiatives, which center around combating climate change.

These initiatives are addressed as part of the club's tree planting series, where they plant fruit trees and bamboo propagules along different sides of the providence with their partners. Each tree planted brings the club one step closer to its vision of establishing shaded areas and creating a bamboo haven. In a few years, this shared community space will provide a venue for leisure and relaxation and contribute to minimizing the hazardous effects of climate change.



Share Your Story

Share your story with us by clicking the button above!

The power of Zonta friendships

To commemorate International Friendship Day on 30 July, Zonta members across the globe shared how Zonta friendships have the power to inspire us to reach our full potential. In the video below, learn what it means to have a Zonta best friend.



Celebrating our Z clubs and Golden Z clubs

Z clubs and Golden Z Clubs are embodying the Zonta Spirit and making a difference in the world today. The video below serves as a reminder of the value of including young voices in our organization. Their enthusiasm and determination to promote positive change furthers our mission to create a better world for women and girls





Watch on-demand today: Renee M. Powers is the founder of Feminist Book Club, an intersectional feminist media company and book subscription service that uses literature as a launchpad to have difficult conversations about social justice.

Hear Renee's story and learn why she is a remarkable woman!

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**celebrates this month's
club anniversaries!**

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Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Bourges Area, France, District 29, and the Zonta Club of Rockhampton Inc, Australia, District 22, on celebrating their 55th and 40th anniversaries this month. We applaud your efforts in advocating for the women and girls in your community and beyond!

To see which other clubs are celebrating a milestone anniversary in August, you can visit [Zonta News](#).

Start your adventure in Brisbane today!



Zonta
IN BRISBANE



8. Stroll down South Bank Parklands

Walking through the riverfront precinct on a sunny day is a great way to soak up the spirit of the city. Originally the site of the 1988 World Expo, it still buzzes with activities and events today.

Will you be joining us in Australia for the 2024 Zonta International Convention from 27-30 June 2024? We are excited to share more exciting updates on the [convention website](#), such as the official [registration rates](#), our keynote speaker, [Lisa Blair](#) and even more [options for accommodations](#) that you can book right now!



Zonta's 2024 Convention is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland.

Zonta International is seeking proposals for workshops that will provide convention attendees with insights and actionable ideas that they can take back to their advocacy and service programs at the club level and/or utilize in their personal lives. Learn more and [submit your proposal by 1 September](#).



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