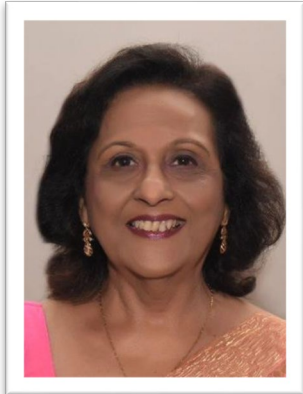





Intercontinental Think Tank Meeting
Sunday 21 May 2023,
12-1.30 pm UTC

NOTES

1	<p><i>Welcome to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International and District Committee Chairs
2.	<p><i>Actions from the May meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys forwarded to ZI for review • Frameworks collated, comments from discussions being added. • Zonta Says NOW logos available on ZI website under PR tools.
3.	<p><i>At the May meeting we focussed on sharing our stories</i> We heard from two speakers: Shahnaz Nathani and Pamela Morgan. Videos of the meeting and two talks have been uploaded to https://zontasaysnow.org.au/intercontinental-think-tank/ . Well worth a look.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Shahnaz Nathani ZC Colombo II District 25 Sri Lanka</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Zonta International United Nations representative at the United Nations Pamela Morgan ZC Essex County District 3 USA</p> </div> </div>
4.	<p><i>Points raised in discussion re: Shahnaz's presentation.</i> We were very much concerned with the issue of flight and human trafficking, which Shahnaz sensitized us to with her presentation.</p> <p>With the flow of refugees increasing especially due to climate disasters, human trafficking and thus gender based violence is expanding. We agreed that Zonta can do something here:</p>

	<p>Engage with the relevant UN entities (including UNHCR), determine what can be done to take appropriate protective measures on refugee routes and at border crossings, and who all needs to be addressed (politicians, authorities, NGOs, community institutions such as schools, health facilities near potential refugee routes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand for safe shelters • Demand that women be directed to safe shelters by reliable helpers • Education about the practices of smugglers and traffickers in the languages of the refugees, establishment of help phone numbers of reliable aid organizations • Equipping reliable aid organizations with resources (staff, rooms, materials) to protect refugee women and girls • Establishment of emergency call and information systems on smuggling incidents (GPS trackers, including AI Solutions for safe use) • In cooperation with reliable partners: Formation of Zonta Says NO task forces at the border crossings to distribute appropriate information materials and resources. • Education of men and boys on the importance of including women at the decision-making table is an essential element to reducing the gender gap. • Understanding the migration/immigration demographics, statistics, and status of women in countries experiencing extreme climate events and displacement. We need to have more and expanded data on the gender-equality and climate change issues relating to women. <i>For example; Mita mentioned a slide from Shahnaz's presentation that had many photos and one graphic. Her question surrounded the graphic of a man and woman – he was using her as a foot stool. She was curious whether this graphic depicted the reality in Sri Lanka.</i>
	<p><i>Points raised in discussion re: Pamela's presentation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamela usually focusses on the women's movement and women's migration, so appreciated her collating the information on climate change for us. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ [The International Organization for Migration (IOM) was added to the PowerPoint slide after the event and loaded to the website.] • There are so many agencies involved with climate change at the United Nations as it crosses over so many SDGs. So many agencies to Google later. • The theme days provide opportunity to raise awareness in clubs. • 50% of all carbon emissions have happened in the last 30 years – after the UNFCCC was set up in 1992! • Paris Agreement is legally binding, and relies on civil societies to hold governments to their commitments. There is a big role here for Zonta's advocacy. • Youth Focus programs – raise awareness of these with Z clubs and Golden Z clubs. How could we go about developing a curriculum for them? • Fascinating to hear Pamela talk about meeting with Ministers from other countries. We have a voice around tables that we did not realise we had. • We have a global influence through the regional committees of the UN too. • Pamela helped to show that the UN is made up of people – and humanised it for us.
5.	<p><i>Actions from the May meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with ZI the three surveys for members, club presidents and district governors • Circulate the draft leaflets developed and sent to Zonta International for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Framework for Action description and handout ◦ FAQs about the framework for action • Collate and circulate ideas from frameworks to date.
6.	<p><i>International News</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 May Global Day of Biodiversity – cheat sheet of the Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework https://www.uib.no/en/cesam/159846/cheat-sheet-kunming-montr%C3%A9al-global-biodiversity-framework • World on track to breach 1.5°C within five years https://edition.cnn.com/2023/05/17/world/global-warming-breach-wmo-climate-intl/index.html
7.	<p>Next meetings – please put these dates in your calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday 18 June 6 to 7.30 pm UTC • Sunday 16 July 12 to 1.30 pm UTC