



# FAQs - Framework for Gender-Equal Climate Action

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**Q1. Zonta Says NOW activities in terms of “Gather the facts” and “Lead by example” deal with the scientifically proven causes and consequences of climate change and their impact on women and girls. Does this mean that Zonta International is transforming into an environmental or disaster response organization?**

**Answer**

- No. Zonta remains a global NGO of service and advocacy for women and girls. Zonta International cannot ignore the global transformation process that global warming requires or the negative impact on women and girls.
- Climate change with its already devastating effects confronts us with the existential task of doing our part to achieve the climate goals. Thus, we must understand the mechanisms of its causes and consequences and identify adequate ways to combat climate change and its impacts. Climate is changing and we need to change too.
- We know that climate change, its causes and consequences are by no means gender neutral. Understanding man-made climate change as a threat to the realization of human rights is central to successfully combating it. This can only be achieved by creating a sustainable, gender-just future.
- In contrast to other players from business, civil society and politics, our core tasks as a global women's network are as follows:
  - a) Advocate to close the gender gap and prevent it from being widened by climate change.
  - b) Raise awareness that gender equality is a prerequisite for climate justice and why.

These approaches are reflected in Zonta International’s [Statement on Climate Change](#). All our actions are aligned with it.

**Q2. What does this specifically mean in terms of the “Use our voice”, “Advocate”, and “Collaborate” activities?**

**Answer**

Zonta Says NOW draws public attention to:

- The impact of climate change on the lives of women and girls (increased violence against women and girls, the rise in child and forced marriages, the increase in human trafficking, forced prostitution and slavery, the increase in all forms of gender discrimination that hinder women and girls from realizing their potential, shaping their lives, and contributing to societal development).
- The urgency to implement gender-responsive climate justice, and thus gender-responsive access to education, health, protection, and resources.
- Our activities to end violence against women.
- Our activities on gender equality.
- Our activities against poverty of women and girls.
- Our commitment to human rights.
- Our commitment to climate change related gender-equal problem solving.

**In connection with this, we can at the same time “Lead by example” through the following actions, among others:**

- Planting trees to keep neighborhoods cool.
- Supporting measures for the protection of animals and plants and the maintenance of biodiversity.
- Cleaning up the environment from plastic.
- Changing our consumption and investment behavior in favor of ecologically sustainable (regional) products and services.
- Supporting green energies and climate neutrality in urban as well as community and public transport planning.
- Switching from cars to public transport and bicycles.
- Using action and campaign tools that are as resource-efficient and climate-neutral as possible (from production to distribution and use).

- Recognizing outstanding approaches to achieving carbon neutrality through our awards, grants, and scholarships.

### Q3. What are the ongoing activities of the Zonta Says NOW Working Group on this?

#### Answer

In 2023, we are focusing on the aspects of disaster preparedness and disaster risk reduction of the Zonta International Statement on Climate Change.

- We are currently preparing a survey on the link between climate change and gender inequality that all Zonta clubs can participate in and then will collect and analyze the results to make them available to all.
- We are using the Zonta Says NOW Action Framework to gather ideas from Zonta members around the world for actions that focus on the disaster response element of the Zonta International Statement, adding ideas from our discussions at Think Tank meetings.

### Q3. What foundations have we laid for Zonta Says NOW activities?

#### Answer

- We host **Intercontinental Think Tanks** with members from our global network and facilitate the global exchange of experiences on how to deal with the consequences of climate change and its gender-specific impacts, as well as relevant action ideas and opportunities for local, regional, and national advocacy for gender-responsive climate action.
- With the **Zonta Says NOW landing page**, we have created a communication medium that we are continuously developing as a pool of ideas and instruments as well as an exchange and action platform.

### Q4. What are our goals for 2023?

#### Answer

- Around COP28 in Dubai, we will share our status i.e., the results of the survey and our ideas for action.
- Although we may not yet be able to make direct recommendations to the representatives of the member states participating, we will at least be able to show how a global women's NGO introduces the climate issue and encourages action.
- Our model could be adopted by other women's and service organizations, all of which are struggling to understand how they can participate in achieving climate goals.

### Q5. Can I join the Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank?

#### Answer

- Yes. Membership is open to Zontians who have an interest and desire to raise awareness of gender-equal climate justice.
- Meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at varying times. Here are the dates of the meetings for 2023:
  - July 16 at 12-1.30pm UTC
  - August 20 at 6-7.30pm UTC
  - September 17 at 12-1.30pm UTC
  - October 15 at 6-7.30pm UTC
  - November 19 at 12-1.30pm UTC
  - December 17 at 6-7.30pm UTC
- Please email Carole Theobald at [info@zontasaysnow.org.au](mailto:info@zontasaysnow.org.au) if you would like to be on the Intercontinental Think Tank mailing list.

### Q6. Where can I find the Zonta Says NOW logos?

#### Answer

The vertical and horizontal versions of the logo can be found on the [Zonta International website](#) under My Zonta, Tools, PR Tools and Logos.



### Q7. Where can I find more information about gender equality and climate action?

#### Answer

- [Zonta International Statement on Climate Change](#)
- [Zonta Says NOW Fact Sheet](#)
- [Sustainable Development Goals](#)
- [66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW 66\)](#)
- [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#)
- [IPCC Assessment Report 6—Synthesis Report](#)
- [En-ROADS Climate Simulator](#)—as shown at the workshops in Hamburg.

### Q8. Where can I find Zonta Says NOW websites and webpages?

#### Answer

- [Zonta International Zonta Says NOW](#)
- [District 23 Zonta Says NOW](#)
- [USA Caucus](#)
- [District 12](#)
- [District 25 climate project](#)