



Intercontinental Think Tank Meeting
Sunday 17 September 2023,
12.00 to 1.30 pm UTC

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1	<p><i>Welcome to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zonta International President Ute Scholz, District Governors, District Advocacy Committee Chairs and first-timers. • 37 Zontians attended the meeting. • This month, we featured 29 September as the International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste Reduction. (End Food Waste Day)
2.	<p><i>Actions since the August meeting</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Guides: These have been uploaded to zonta.org. 00 List of Action Guides, 01 Raising Awareness and 02 Disaster Preparedness and Response. • Surveys of members, club presidents and district governors: so far we have received completed surveys from 370 members, 20 club presidents and 1 district governor. • Social Media Team: Working with Kate Edrinn at Zonta Headquarters to establish some processes to share information. • Zonta Convention: we have submitted requests for two workshops in Brisbane. • Virtual Art Gallery: Guidelines and Submission Form are now on zonta.org.
3.	<p><i>Guest speaker:</i></p> <p><i>Christine Trenorden, Zonta Club of Fleurieu Peninsula, District 23, Australia</i></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine was the Senior Judge in the specialist Environment, Resources and Development Court in South Australia. She has a background in law, governance, academia (in Australia) and development aid projects (in SE Asia and Pacific Island nations). • She spoke about climate change impacts and disaster risk management in Australia with a focus on indigenous women. • She described Australia’s changing climate: how the future will be hotter and dryer, particularly in the southern states with more frequent high-intensity storms with increased rainfall. Extreme weather events are set to ‘exceed the bounds of historical norms’.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine explained that most indigenous people live in urban areas, but they are the predominant population in remote areas where the impacts of climate change are greater. Christine outlined the findings of the Australian National Women's Alliances joint position paper on Disaster Recovery, Planning and Management for Women, their Families, and their Communities in all their Diversity. She showed how indigenous women contributed their local knowledge to firefighting and protecting country and culture. She encouraged everyone to create climate ready communities and shared the link to the Red Cross report Climate-Ready Communities: A Guide to Getting Started. <p>The video and slides of Christine's talk may be found here.</p>
4.	<p><i>Discussion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This focused on two actions in the Raising Awareness Action Guide At the club level – how will you include gendered climate change advocacy actions in your club advocacy plans? At the Area/District/Caucus levels how will you advocate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include more women at decision making tables. Consider women's economic opportunities in national, regional and local policies. Get gender-equal representation in parliament. Reduce plastic production. Get a fair distribution of limited natural resources such as water. These questions triggered enthusiastic discussion.
5.	<p><i>Other business</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some of the key findings of the UN Women Gender Snapshot 2023 were shared. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 2050, climate change will push 158 million women and girls into poverty and cause 236 million women and girls to be food insecure. Nearly a quarter of women and girls will be experience food insecurity by 2030 – yet addressing gender gaps could boost global GDP by one trillion dollars US. We know that climate change can magnify the impacts of some conflicts and it is sobering to realise that conflict impacted 614 million women and girls in 2022 which was 50% higher than the number in 2017. The good news is that if we had universal access to electricity we could reduce the number of women and girls living in poverty by 185 million. Food insecurity is a recurring theme with climate change and a report recently came out showing how climate change and food insecurity increase child marriage. A video showing key findings from the report was shown. The links to the speakers' videos and slides of their well-researched presentations may be found at https://zontasaysnow.org.au/intercontinental-think-tank/
6.	<p><i>Next meetings</i> – please put these dates in your calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunday 15 October 6pm to 7.30 pm UTC Registration link Sunday 19 November 12 to 1.30 pm UTC Registration link