



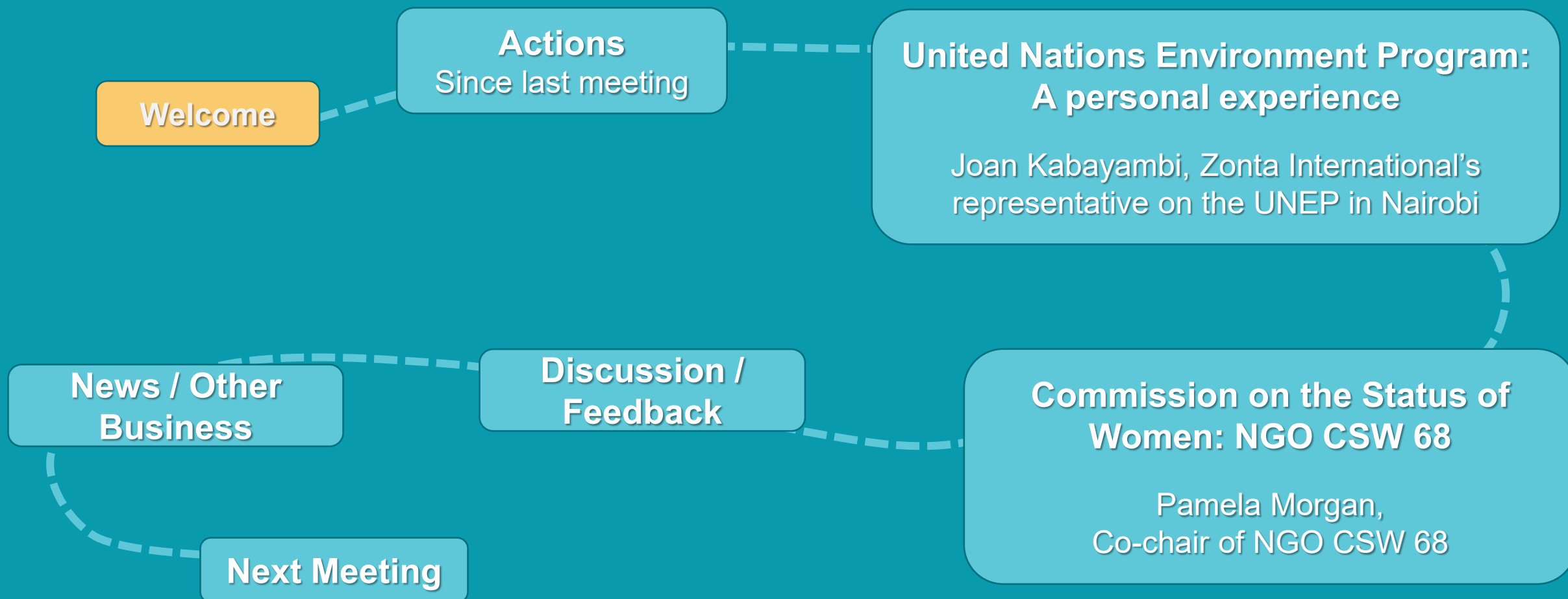
We celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document, which proclaimed that every human being is entitled to certain inalienable rights.
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Intercontinental Think Tank

Zoom Meeting – 17 December 2023
6 pm to 7.30 pm UTC



Today's Journey





Welcome



- In the chat line
 - Say hello
 - Share where you are joining from today
 - Your local time

**The Declaration of Human Rights
is the most translated document
in the world
(561 languages/dialects)**



**United
Nations**

**Human Rights Day
10 December**

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day>

Video (3:25)

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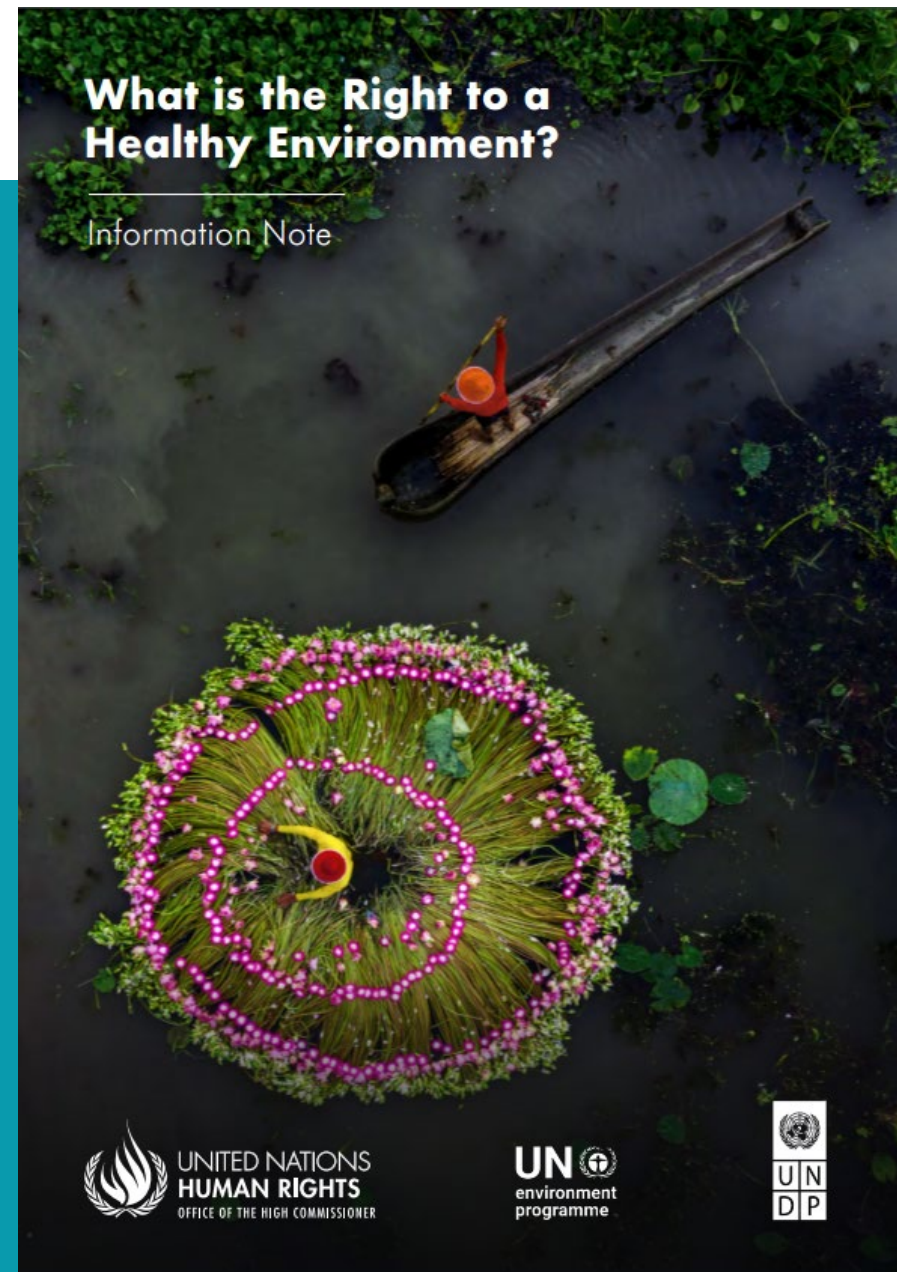


Welcome

28 July 2022, United Nations General Assembly:

Recognizes the right to a
clean, healthy and
sustainable environment as a
human right.

<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/climatechange/information-materials/2023-01-06/r2heinfofinalweb.pdf>





Zonta Says NOW Working Group



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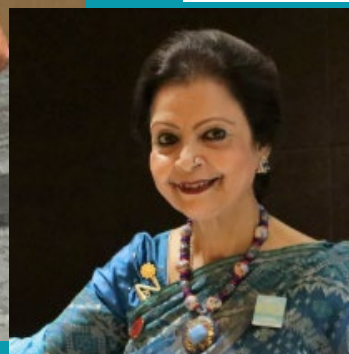
Karin Lange, ZC Berlin 1989, Germany, D27
Angela Brokmann, ZC Louisville, USA, D5
Jane Austin, ZC Minneapolis, USA, D7
Errick Elavia, ZC Bombay I, India, D25
Bobbie Cardillo, ZC Fairfax County, USA, D3

Front Row:

Carole Theobald, ZC Perth, Australia, D23
Julie Trone, ZC Fort Collins, USA, D12
Pia Hultgren, ZC Lidingo, Sweden, D21

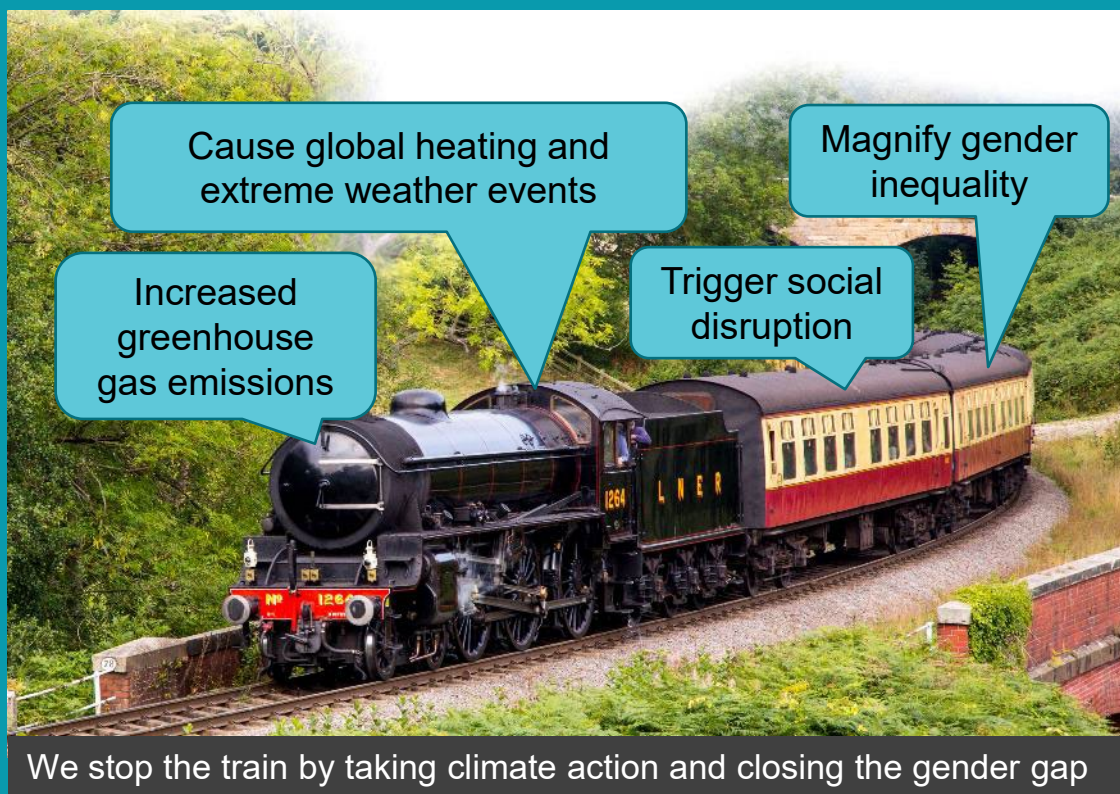
Insets:

Dilruba Ahmed, ZC Chittagong, Bangladesh, D25
Pamela Morgan, ZC Essex County, USA, D3
Joan Kabayambi, ZC Kampala, Uganda, D18

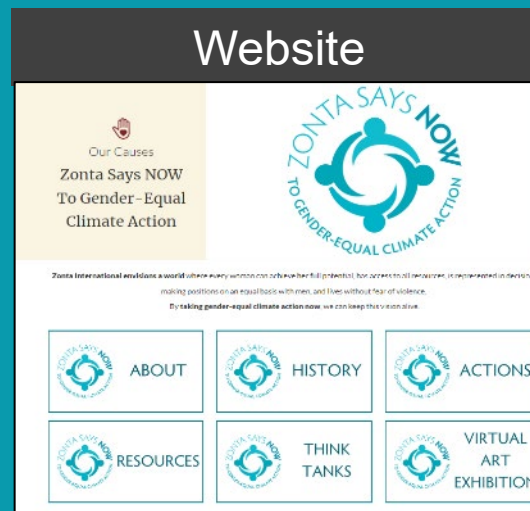




Why does Zonta Say NOW?



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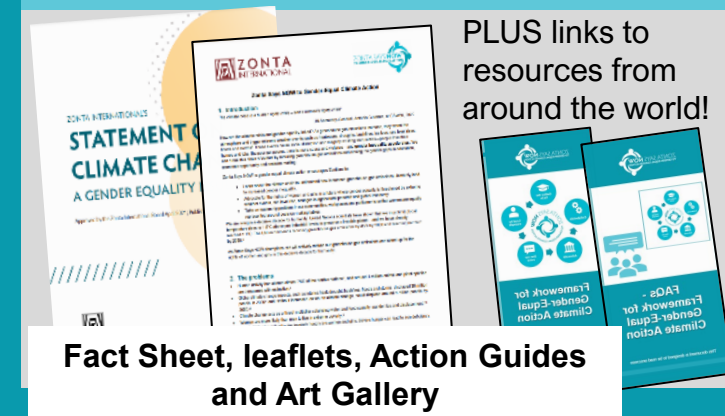
Think Tanks



Framework for action

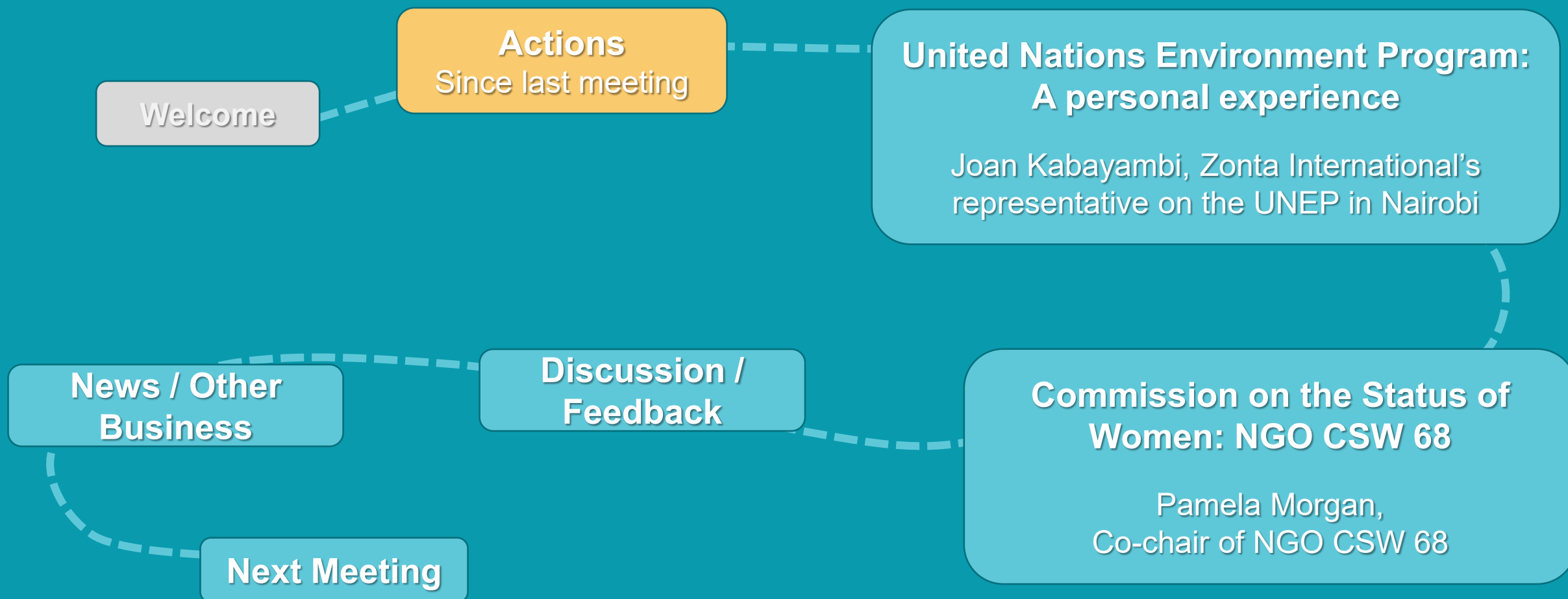


Resources





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Actions since Last Meeting

**1. NGO CSW 68
Team**

<https://ngocsw.org/ngocsw68/>

**2. Virtual Art
Gallery Team**

**3. SOcial MEdia
Team**

**4. Alliances
Team**

Actions since Last Meeting

5. Meeting dates for 2024

On our working page at zontasaysnow.org.au



Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank Meetings 2024

Date 3 rd Sunday of the month	Most convenient for	Time	Registration link
January 21	A. N and S America	6 pm UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztwpcOGsrjsqHNSkjbEDUv91TBysUqbSBBjc
February 18	B. Europe and Africa	10 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZAqc-Chrz4sHNwAQtkR39R-jStJsigvnWHn
March	No Intercontinental Think Tank meeting CSW presentation (sometime between 10-22 March)		
April 21	C. Asia and Oceania	3 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZctcO-ggz0qGd1jT4pID2f7AFpuYVITUSx4
May 19	A. N and S America	6 pm UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZYpceqhrDliGN3lrcpreFMW8utcv6VWVCDk
June 16	B. Europe and Africa	10 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUsde6rqD4tGt1fRb6PSa1gST54ieeSKw4l
July 21	C. Asia and Oceania	3 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZcvceuvqTsvE93VbuqBO_HG7xzkBekO68X1
August 18	A. N and S America	6 pm UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZEvdur2rrTsrGdJfQliYVrpai-IAE1fKcEF-
September 15	B. Europe and Africa	10 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZYpdOuqpgjuH9U70RPI7ZHooosa5K8COiEG
October 20	C. Asia and Oceania	3 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZcld-6orTwuGNzHb_SJlpAc_dRHKZeeXpX
November 17	A. N and S America	6 pm UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZYvceugqzgjG9V99B4H-IPVx2GwOI8mDRMN
December 15	B. Europe and Africa	10 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwod-CvqDspEtNMhdtQuDKiKheqLzj-U9je
January 19	C. Asia and Oceania	3 am UTC	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZ0sduigpzluGtQLav3npPtNhOwvF57qGMe_

Actions since Last Meeting

Drop into Australia for
Convention 2024!



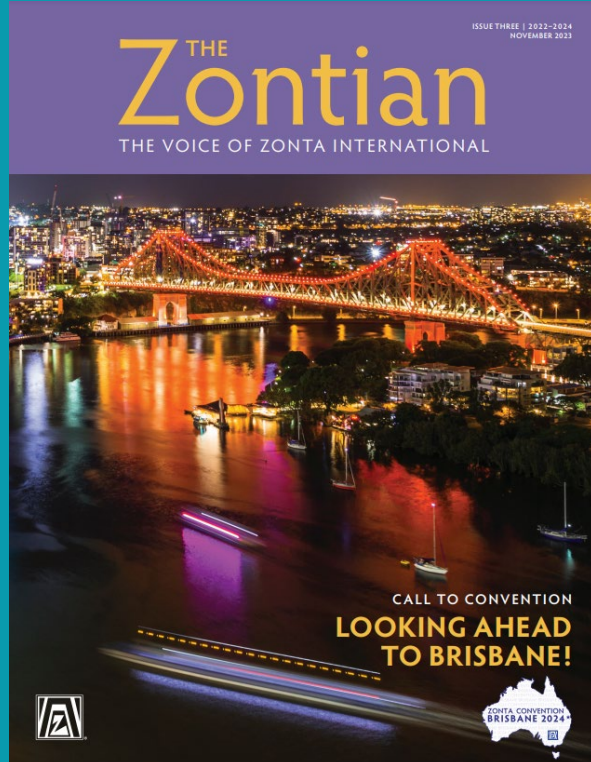
6. Convention

**Zonta Says NOW
disaster-ready
workshop
27 June 2024**

<https://www.zontaconvention.com/>

Actions since Last Meeting

7. The Zontian



ACHIEVING CLIMATE JUSTICE

A Message from the Zonta Says NOW Working Group

Around the globe, women and girls are facing challenges within their everyday lives due to the climate crisis.

- In Mozambique, Aayan, age 11, is frightened she will be forced into marriage. Her family lost everything in floods, leaving them destitute and unable to feed her.
- In Australia, Maria, age 79, walks to the local library to find relief from extreme heat as she cannot afford to effectively cool her apartment. She has a heart condition and is worried about how she will financially, physically and mentally survive the summer.
- In Nigeria, Ralia, age 33, saw her entire market wash away in floods – taking away her livelihood and she is worried how she will feed her children.
- In Canada, Judith, age 42, has a daughter with severe asthma that is made worse by the wildfire smoke. Judith is worried she may lose her job as she must stay home to care for her child.
- In Sudan, Dabor, age 9, has to walk further each day looking for food, water and wood in her drought-affected country. There is no longer time for her to go to school and she no longer dreams of being a teacher.

The list goes on. The climate crisis is not about statistics. It is about people. These stories inspire the **ZONTA SAYS NOW WORKING GROUP** to take gender-equal climate action.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

Climate Change: The long-term changes in the Earth's climate that are warming the atmosphere, ocean and land.

Climate Crisis: The serious problems that are being caused, or are likely to be caused, by changes in the planet's climate, including weather extremes and natural disasters, ocean acidification and sea-level rise, loss of biodiversity, food and water insecurity, health risks, economic disruption, displacement and even violent conflict.

Climate Justice: Putting gender equity and human rights at the core of decision-making and action on climate change as women and children are often more vulnerable in natural disasters. This is Zonta's focus on climate-related topics.

Climate Action: Actions we all should take to address climate change, climate crisis and climate justice.

Source: UNDP

Changing Climate and the Gender Gap

Our changing climate is widening the gender gap. Extreme heat, drought, fires, storms and floods cause immense social disruption, with millions losing their homes and livelihoods, and, in turn, magnify any existing disparities, including gender inequality.

Globally, women have less access to resources and opportunities than men, due to social norms and caring responsibilities. This makes them more vulnerable to the impacts of the climate crisis and more likely to be injured or killed during an extreme weather event. And, due to systemic gender inequality, women will find it harder to rebuild their lives after a disaster. The social upheaval caused by disasters increases women and

The climate crisis is a human rights crisis — and a women's rights crisis.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, at CSW 66, 2022.

girls' risk of child marriage, forced prostitution, abuse, assault and human trafficking and also disrupts access to employment, education and health.

Yet women are key to resolving the climate crisis. Countries with more women in parliament often have more stringent climate policies and lower carbon emissions. When more women are on corporate boards, there is better transparency around carbon emission data. If women globally had the same legal rights as men, they could own and improve land (and feed 150 million more people), increase food security and start businesses to support their families. If girls had 12 years of education, they would have more choices, fewer children and more skills to build resilient communities than girls without education. Strengthening access to sexual and reproductive health gives women more options and opportunities, enabling their families and communities to survive better during and after a disaster.

Closing the Gap with Zonta

The Zonta Says NOW Working Group's task is to implement the recommendations in *Zonta International's Statement on Climate Change* by closing the gender gaps in education, economic opportunity, disaster response, STEM, health and leadership to achieve climate justice.

To keep Zontians, their families and communities safe during the immediate disasters and their aftermath, we are coming up with practical actions to take. We are developing 'action guides' and emergency packages that would help women escape the dangers of natural disasters and from violent situations. The first action guides relate to raising awareness and disaster preparedness. They recommend taking a first step to check if there are local emergency and disaster plans and what the recommended actions are for a disaster.



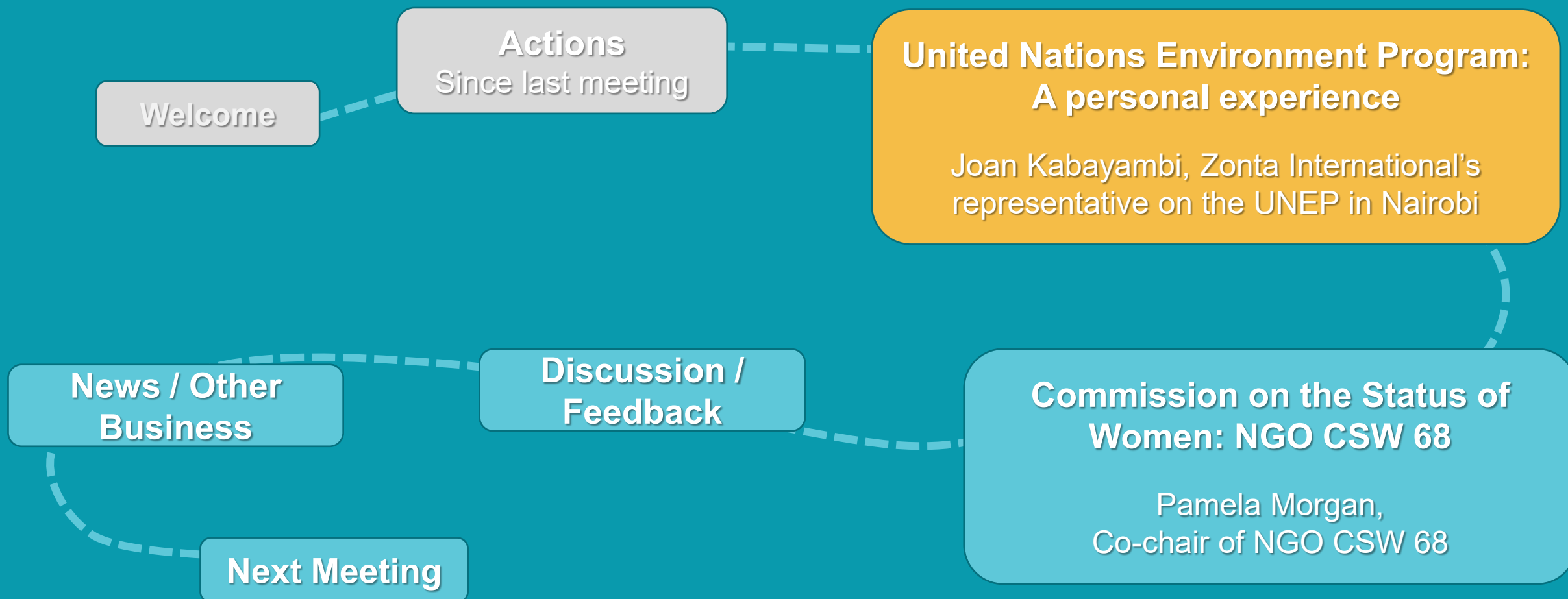
"When I visited our Ending Child Marriage project in Mozambique this year, I found that in every village, the local authorities said the biggest driver for child marriage was the changing climate. Homes that were hit by cyclones were destroyed and families did not have the means to rebuild them. To get the necessary money, families gave their adolescent daughters away to be married. We must take action to achieve climate justice, so no adolescents are forced to marry as a means to survive climate-related disasters." —President Ute Scholz.

The climate crisis is a gender equality crisis in which women are disproportionately affected. Through Zonta Says NOW, you can be part of the solution to build a better world for women and girls. To find out more, contact info@zontasaysnow.org.au.

Please find all mentioned articles and reports linked within the digital version at www.zonta.org.



Today's Journey



Joan Kabayambi



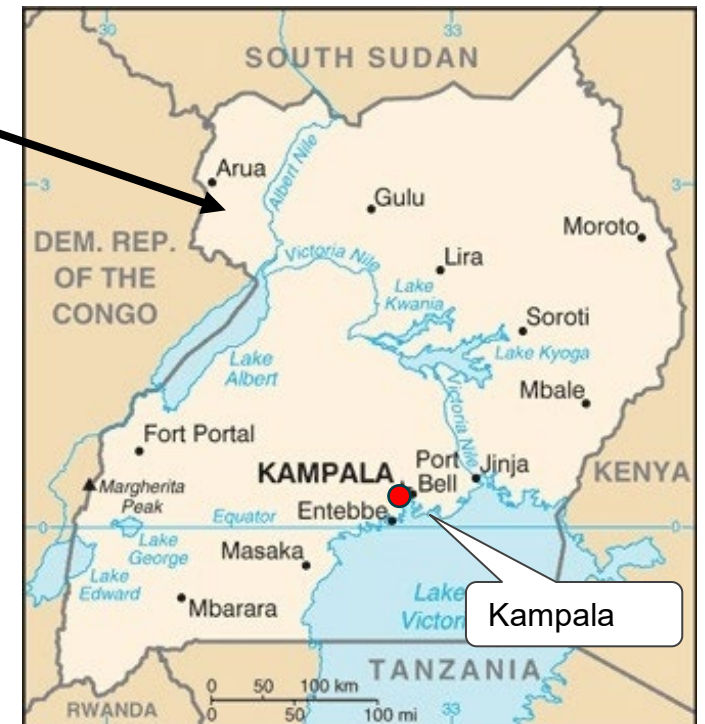
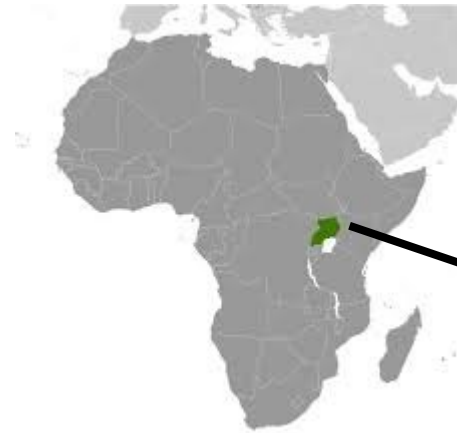
Zonta Club of Kampala
District 18
Uganda

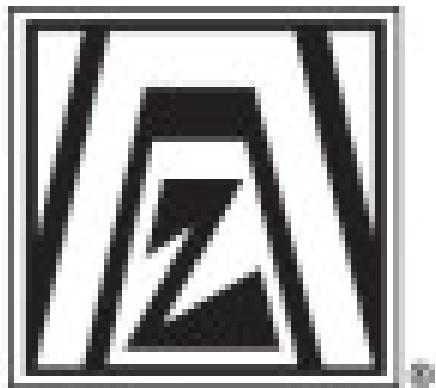


UGANDA

Population: 47.7 million

Area: 241,0038 sq km





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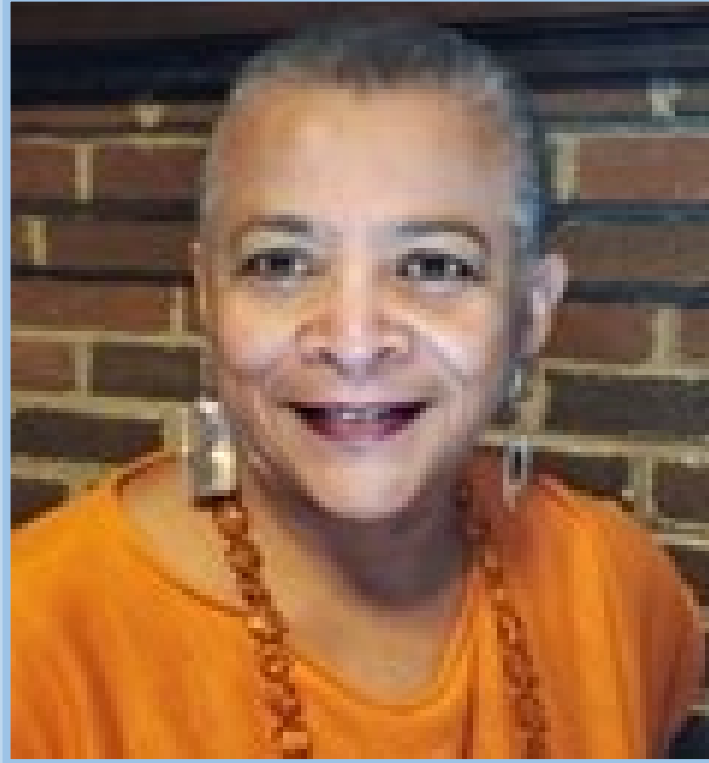
BUILD A BETTER WORLD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

ZONTA SAYS NOW
TO GENDER-EQUAL CLIMATE ACTION



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**Pamela Morgan –
Chair - Zonta UN Committee**



**Joan Kabayambi-
Member UN com- UNEP - Nairobi**

Inter Continental Think Tank- December 17,2023





Scope

- overview of what the UNEP does
- Personal account of my UNEP experience so far?
- Events Zonta has attended
- What Zonta can learn
- How we can best work with the UNEP to achieve our mission?
- What are our priorities?





United Nation Environment Programme – UNEP- Nairobi

- UN global authority on the environment
- Works with Govts, CSOs, Private sector and UN entities to address pressing environment challenges
- Drives transformational change on the triple planetary crises: a) Climate Change; b) Nature and Bio-diversity loss; and c) Pollution
- Provides evidence to inform policy decisions





Zonta UNEP accreditation

- Process begun in April 2023 completed in June
- Z I having met certain standards of UN Environment programme stds
- Our cause of Gender-Equal climate Action Now
 - Attend regional meetings
 - Contribute to civil society statements
 - Receive UN working documents
 - Make written contributions to UN documents
 - Attend public meetings: UN committees, assemblies, global group meetings etc
 - make oral statements





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Observer status

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES* AND REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION ORGANIZATIONS

OBSERVERS FROM INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (IGOs) AND OTHER ENTITIES

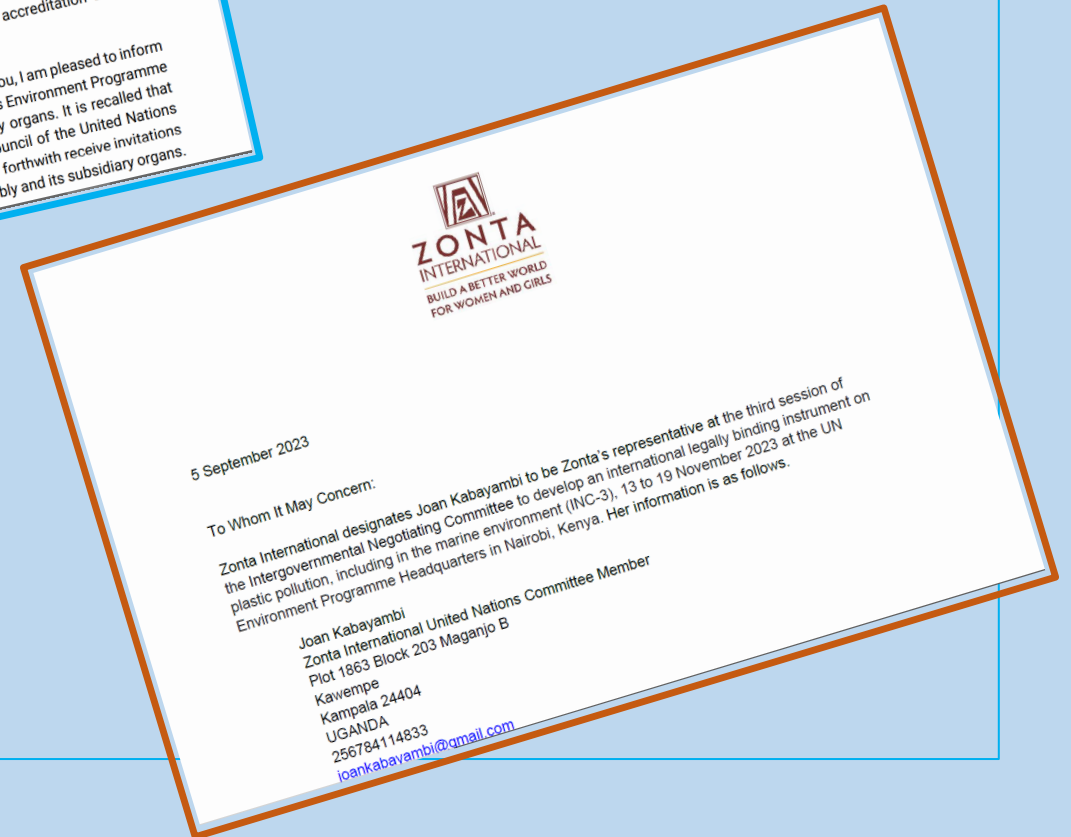
OBSERVERS FROM UNITED NATIONS ENTITIES

OBSERVERS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS





Zonta UNEP accreditation





Events attended

- May 16, 2023 – first inter-governmental consultations on nature based solutions 1st global consultation
- Pre-INC3 webinars – August 22, 2023- October 17, 2023



Events attended

- Inter Continental Think Tank-
Joined July 2023 we were
introduced at the July Think Tank
meeting
- INC-3 , Nairobi Kenya 13-19
November 2023



INC

- INC-1- November 2022 in Punta del Est, Uruguay
- INC-2 – June 2023 in Paris, France
- INC-3 – November 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya



UNEP- INC-3 (Third session) 13-19 Nov- Nairobi

- Intergovernmental Negotiations Committee
- Chair: Ambassador Gustavo Meza Cuadra, Executive Secretary: Ms. Jyoti Mathur-Filipp,
- 3rd Session on: Road to a Global Plastic Treaty





William Samoei Ruto, President of Kenya



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UNEP- INC-3 (Third session) 13-19 Nov- Nairobi

- Background to the Treaty?
 - UNEP @50 a resolution
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- High temperature
- Extreme weather events occurring faster and intense
- Most affected are not the ones who cause the problem.





Background to INC-3

- Fossil fuels (non-renewable energy sources (coal, crude oils, petroleum products, non renewable wastes) are great contributors of CC
- They are slow acting poisons in the veins of our planet and economies





Background (cont,)

- We need healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems
- 80% of plastics end up in oceans and plastic production is projected to triple by 2060





What can Zonta pick out of INC-3?

- Join other voices to support the Treaty
- No matter how much our water is filtered, it can never get back to its pure form, and this has a negative impact on health





What can Zonta pick out of INC-3?

- Waste management: sort and separate plastics from other waste products
- Plastics destroy nature due to its harmful effects
- Plastic bags are the main cause of land pollution, they enter water bodies





What UNEP can pick from Zonta

- Women and girls' needs are unique regarding the environment
- They have unique health and safety concerns
- Gender-based violence concerns



What UNEP can pick from Zonta

- Gender related consequences of Climate Change
- Gender disaggregated CC actions
- Climate literacy for girls in school
- Women's full participation in the economy









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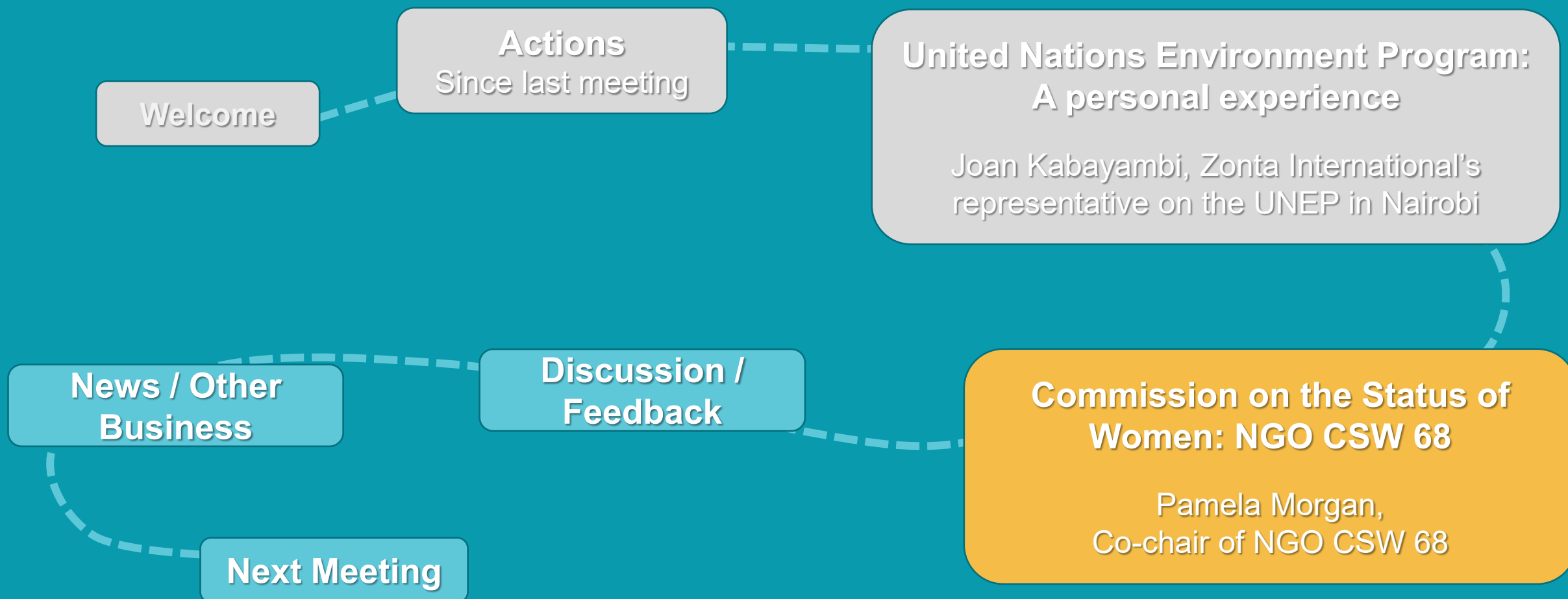
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*Thank you for
listening to me*





Today's Journey



Pamela Morgan



Zonta Club of Essex County
District 3
USA



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Population: 339.7 million

Area: 9,833,517 sq km



NGO CSW/NY

CSW 68 Overview



CSW68 Bureau

Responsible for the Agreed Conclusions

- H.E. Mr. Antonio Manuel Revilla Lagdameo (Philippines), Chair (Asia and Pacific States Group)
- H.E. Ms. María del Carmen Squeff (Argentina), Vice-Chair (Latin American and Caribbean States Group)
- Mr. Māris Burbergs (Latvia), Vice-Chair (Eastern European States Group)
- H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt (Netherlands), Vice-Chair designate and Negotiator (Western European and Other States Group)
- Ms. Dúnia Eloisa Pires do Canto (Cabo Verde), Vice-Chair designate, African States Group

CSW68 Themes

- **Priority theme:** Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective
- **Review theme:** Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-third session)

CSW68 Expert Papers

<https://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw68-2024/preparations/expert-group-meeting>

Leia Achampong, Senior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Climate Change,
Eurodad

Gender-responsive climate finance: the key to just climate action and
tackling inequalities

Zonta International's Statement to the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

3 Goals

Ensuring equal access to quality education at all levels.

- Addressing barriers to girls' education, including strong cultural norms that favor boys' education and delegate household obligations to girls, inadequate sanitation facilities in schools, unsafe school environments, gender-based violence and child marriage.
- Ensuring girls' access to quality education at all levels, improving retention rates, supporting interventions that encourage girls to enroll in school and make the transition from primary to secondary school, and addressing the unique needs of young married girls to allow them to return to school and complete their education.
- Recognizing and elevating the voices of adolescent girls through formal and informal educational opportunities and community initiatives.

Expanding access to information and communications technology.

- Ensuring universal access to the internet.
- Addressing specific barriers to women's access to the internet, including cost, service quality and digital skills and competencies.
- Investing in digital skills education for women and girls, so they can fully and freely access the internet and participate online.
- Increasing investments in girls' education and support STEM Education and digital skills development for girls at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels to ensure lifelong access to learning opportunities and economic and employment opportunities of the future.

Addressing the immediate and long-term impacts of climate change on women and girls.

- Actively taking into account human rights, gender equality and empowerment of women and girls in defining and implementing national climate action plans, including gender-responsive measures that are more effective and respectful of human rights.
- Upholding the principles of climate justice agreed to in the Paris Agreement and ensuring that the most marginalized groups do not bear the brunt of the climate crisis.
- Ensuring that climate adaptation and mitigation plans address the unique needs of women and the barriers to women's full participation in the economy, including childcare and elder care services, occupational segregation, informal work, the gender pay gap, and legal and social restrictions.
- Recognizing the importance of women as decision-makers, educators, caregivers, community leaders and experts across sectors and utilizing their unique perspectives and expertise to develop successful, long-term strategies to address climate change.

CSW68 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
POVERTY**



**GENDER BIAS IN
ECONOMIC POLICY**



**EDUCATION AND
POVERTY**



**DEBT CRISIS & IMPACT
ON WOMEN**



**WOMEN'S POVERTY &
CLIMATE CHANGE**

ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



**CSO REPRESENTATION &
ENGAGEMENT**



**GENDER PARITY IN
UN SYSTEM**



FEMININE LEADERSHIP



**ACHIEVING SDG 5 -
GENDER EQUALITY**



MEMBER STATE PRIORITIES



NGO CSW68 FORUM



ORIENTATION SESSIONS



ARTISAN FAIR



MORNING BRIEFINGS



VIENNA CAFE



**IN PERSON & VIRTUAL
PARALLEL EVENTS**



**NETWORKING
RECEPTION**



REGIONAL CAUCUSES



**CONVERSATION
CIRCLES**



**HEALING &
COMMUNITY SPACE**



EXHIBIT BOOTHS



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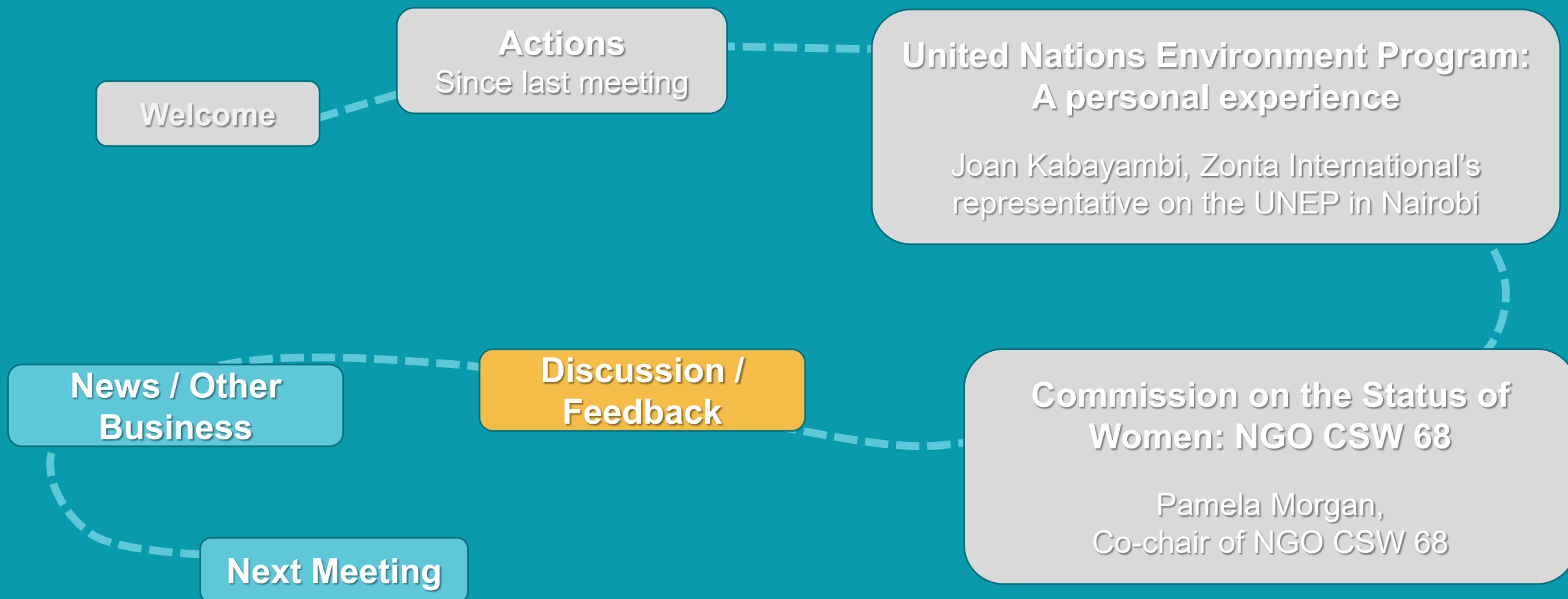


THANK YOU!





Today's Journey



Discussion

In Break-out Rooms

Working with the United Nations

How can we get the most from our relationships
with the UNEP and CSW?



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Welcome

Actions
Since last meeting

**United Nations Environment Program:
A personal experience**

Joan Kabayambi, Zonta International's
representative on the UNEP in Nairobi

**News / Other
Business**

**Discussion /
Feedback**

**Commission on the Status of
Women: NGO CSW 68**

Pamela Morgan,
Co-chair of NGO CSW 68

Next Meeting

NEWS from COP 28



United Nations
Climate Change



COP28UAE

Summary of Global Climate Action at COP 28

https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/resource/Summary_GCA_COP28.pdf

NEWS ... Gender @ COP28

COP28 World leaders – 11% women (15/133)

COP27 World leaders – 7% women (7/110)

Where are the
women
leaders?



NEWS ... Gender @ COP28

COP28 GENDER-RESPONSIVE JUST TRANSITIONS AND CLIMATE ACTION PARTNERSHIP



Recognizing that urgent action is needed to combat climate change,
we commit to working collaboratively to support just and inclusive transitions that advance gender equality and the goals of the enhanced Lima Work Program on Gender and its Gender Action Plan.

(10 specific actions identified)
Reconvene at COP 32 to report on implementation.

Human rights of women and girls

Access to funding

Value unpaid care and domestic work

Equal sharing of household responsibilities

<https://www.cop28.com/en/cop28-gender-responsive-just-transitions-and-climate-action-partnership>

NEWS ... Gender @ COP28



<https://www.cop28.com/en/>

Prepared by organisations including UN Women, UNFCCC, IUCN, WEDO and more

<https://data.unwomen.org/sites/default/files/documents/Publications/2023/Call-to-action-gender-environment-data.pdf>

Other COP28 news



1. All countries agreed to a tripling of global renewable energy capacity like solar and wind, by 2030.

2. Countries collectively agreed on the need to rapidly shift away from fossil fuels by accelerating action in this critical decade to achieve net zero by 2050.

Other COP28 news



United Nations



Framework Convention on
Climate Change

REVISED ADVANCE VERSION

FCCC/PA/CMA/2023/L.17

Distr.: Limited
13 December 2023

Original: English

**Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting
of the Parties to the Paris Agreement**
Fifth session
United Arab Emirates, 30 November to 12 December 2023
Agenda item 4
First global stocktake

First global stocktake

Proposal by the President

Draft decision -/CMA.5

Outcome of the first global stocktake

COP28 Verdict:

Not a phase-out - but the
beginning of the end of fossil
fuels.

Some progress on loss and
damage payments.

Will it be too little, too late?



Acknowledge your friends (and yourself) for taking climate action in 2023!



Give a
present
for the
future!

Help to boost the Foundation's Endowment Fund
(Zonta's Future Fund)

https://secure2.convio.net/zonta/site/Donation2?1640.donation=form1&df_id=1640&mfc_pref=T

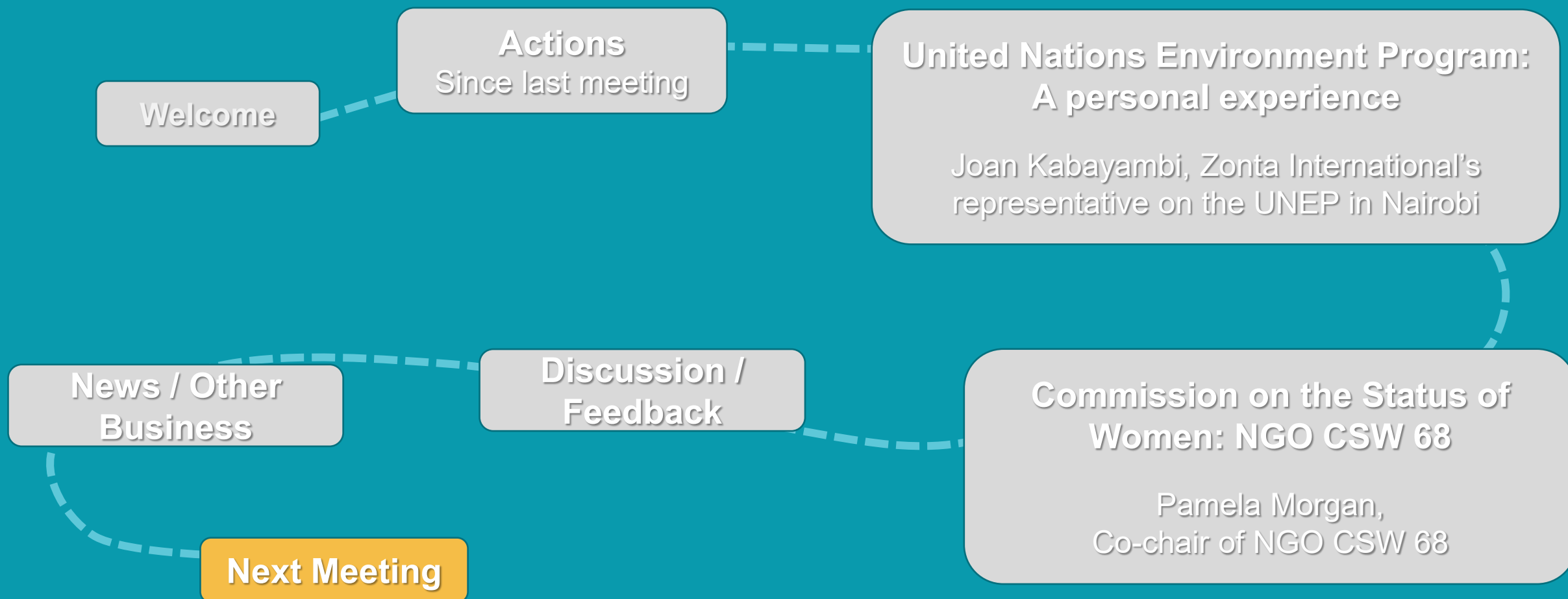
Other Business



<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/climate-council-cartoon-of-the-year/>



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Next Meeting



Sunday 21 January
6 – 7.30 pm UTC

Register at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpcOGs-rjsqHNSkJbEDUv91TBysUqbSBBjc>

For NEXT YEAR'S MEETING DATES and the video and slides from today's meeting, visit:
<https://zontasaysnow.org.au/intercontinental-think-tank/>



Intercontinental Think Tank

Thank you

Resources: zonta.org [Under Causes] - includes Virtual Art Gallery
Draft resources, meeting notes, videos: www.zontasaysnow.org.au
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