



Intercontinental Think Tank UPDATE

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March Intercontinental Think Tank Meeting **at NGO CSW 68**

The NGO CSW Forum runs from 10 - 22 March 2024. There are hundreds of events to choose from, so [register for the Forum](#) today.

Our March Intercontinental Think Tank will be a very special meeting as Zonta Says NOW will be presenting online as part of the NGO CSW/NY 68 Forum.

[Register](#) for our two-hour Zonta Says NOW session that takes place on **Sunday 17 March from 10.30 pm to 12.30 am UTC** (6.30 pm to 8.30 pm New York time)

Did you see the latest report from the FAO entitled [The Unjust Climate](#)? It points out that an estimated one degree Celsius increase in long-term average temperatures reduces the average income of female-headed households by 34 per cent compared to that of male-headed households.

It is no wonder that the [Zonta International Statement on Climate Change](#) recommends advocating for women's full participation in the economy. Women generally find it harder to 'bounce back' economically after a disaster as they have fewer resources and opportunities than men.

The Zonta Says NOW session will explore how gender-equal climate action works to end poverty. We will show how the current economic system does not work for women and suggest some alternative models that could enable women to participate fully in the economy - including 'doughnut economics'. With discussion groups, polls and videos this will be an engaging session.

[Register](#) today for the Zonta Says NOW event.

AND THERE IS MORE!

On **Tuesday March 12 at 10:30 to 12:00pm (New York time)** [register](#) for the panel discussion on **CommonCents: Equal Pay for Equal Work** presented by our Zonta International Vice President, Fernanda Gallo Freschi with Renee Coppock (Zonta International Director), Joanne Gallos (Chair, D3 Climate Now), Angela Natale (Boeing Southern Europe) and Laura Ballerini (International JMK Awardee). This will explore what and who influences the finances for indigenous women? How has climate impacted the financial status of women? Are scholarship recipients finding equality in the classroom and the workforce? and much more!

Be part of NGO CSW 68!

[Register for the Zonta Says NOW session at NGO CSW68](#)

Register for the CommonCents:
Equal Pay for Equal Work Session at
NGO CSW 68

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February Meeting

In February, we celebrated the World Day of Social Justice.

We heard from two speakers:

- **Mwanahamisi Singano (Mishy)**, who is the Program Manager, Global Policy from the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO). Mishy described the work of WEDO and shared her experiences from COP 28. WEDO is a global women's rights advocacy organization working to promote a just world, protect human rights, advance gender equality and ensure there is environmental integrity.
- **Nomena Rasoamanandraibe**, who is the President of the Zonta Club of Madagascar. Nomena and her club members had been out on the streets of Andravoahangy and in the countryside interviewing people and taking photos of people in markets, health centres and harvesting fields. She captured life in Madagascar and shared some of the challenges caused by

flooded streets, plastic blocking drainage channels and air pollution associated with vehicles.

We also shared the five Disaster-Ready Guides that have now been uploaded to our [Resources page at zonta.org](https://www.zonta.org/Resources).

- [Guide 1](#): Why are women and girls more vulnerable to the impacts of disasters?
- [Guide 2](#): Is your household disaster ready?
- [Guide 3](#): Is your community disaster ready?
- [Guide 4](#): Where are your local disaster relief organizations?
- [Guide 5](#): Is your country disaster ready?

Please use the guides to make sure that you and your community are disaster ready.

If you missed the meeting, the video, slides, notes etc have been uploaded to our working page - just click on the button below to access them.

[February Intercontinental
Think Tank Videos, Slides etc](#)

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April Meeting

Our April meeting will celebrate Mother Earth Day!

This will be the first Intercontinental Think Tank meeting that is at a comfortable time for Zontians living in Asia and Oceania.

So put it in your calendar today - **Sunday 21 April at 3am UTC** (Zontians in the USA, be aware that this may be Saturday night for you.)

The event will be hosted by our Australian Zontians and will feature:

- Professor Anne Poelina who is a Nyikina Warrwa woman from the Kimberley region of Western Australia and her culture goes back over 50,000 years. Professor Poelina is an active community leader, human and earth rights advocate, film maker and respected academic researcher.
- a preview of the Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery that will 'launch' on Mother Earth Day.

This will be a fascinating event, so register today!

[Register for the April
Intercontinental Think Tank](#)

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Zonta International Convention 27-30 June 2024

Book now as the **early registration discounts end on 15 March**.

Convention is the only time when many Zontians meet each other face-to-face and it is one of the highlights of membership. Check out the Convention website to see the program and a list of day tours that will give you a taste of Queensland.

If you would like to minimise the greenhouse gas emissions associated with your air travel to Convention, use the [**Guide to Environmentally Responsible Air Travel**](#). It contains lots of tips on how you can fly and support gender equality. This has now been uploaded to the Zonta Says NOW [**Resources**](#) page at zonta.org.

At Convention, there will be wonderful speakers, discussion and workshops to get us thinking and sharing ideas. Don't forget to sign up for the **Zonta Says NOW workshop entitled: *Are you and your community disaster-ready?***

Use the link below to find out more and book today!

[**Convention Website**](#)

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Climate Justice Webinars and Links

Everyday we see interesting webinars, or articles on the internet. If you have found one that you would like to share with Think Tank members, please email info@zontasaysnow.org.au and we will try to 'advertise' it at the next Think Tank meeting or Update.

Webinars:

- *Her Power 2024 - Ensuring Economic Equity for Women* - April 18, 8.30 am to 12:00 pm, Washington DC USA, In-Person and Virtual . [Link](#)

Articles and reports:

- *Africa at the Crossroads of Women's Empowerment and Renewable Energy* [CleanTechnica](#)
- *The Unjust Climate? Measuring the impacts of climate change on rural poor, women and youth* [FAQ](#)



Donations for Rose Day

[Happy International Women's Day and Zonta Rose Day on 8 March!](#)

As Amelia Earhart said, " The most difficult thing is the decision to act. The rest is merely tenacity." Thank you for choosing to act for climate justice by supporting Zonta Says NOW.

Celebrate this special day by donating to the Zonta Foundation for Women so that we can continue to build a better world for women and girls.

**Donate to the Zonta Foundation for
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