



# Intercontinental Think Tank UPDATE

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## The Importance of Conversations



[Katherine Hayhoe](#), a Canadian Climate Scientist, says that the most important thing that you can do to fight climate change is to talk about it. How comfortable are you talking about climate justice issues with your family, friends, co-workers and neighbours?

In our [Framework for Action](#) we are asked to 'use our voice'. So what does this mean and how do we do this effectively?

The September meeting of the Intercontinental Think Tank will use the theme *How climate change affects women's health* to explore how we can have

meaningful conversations. Please join us on **Sunday, 8 September, at 6 pm UTC** - a time most convenient for those living in North and South America.

It is also time to start having conversations about the [Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery](#). What will your 2025 submission be?

**Register today for the September Intercontinental Think Tank**

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## **July Intercontinental Think Tank Meeting**

**Intercontinental Think Tank**

Zoom Meeting - 21 July 2024  
3 am to 4.30 am UTC

At the July Intercontinental Think Tank we had the privilege of hearing from Dr Eugene Cordero Meteorologist / Climate Scientist from San Jose State University in California. Dr Cordero had some amazing graphs at the start of his presentation showing the latest climate science data. His research showing how climate education is as effective as installing solar panels was fascinating. He has a great sense of humour and we could all see why his Green Ninja program is so successful with young students.

Sadly, riots in Bangladesh meant that our second guest speaker Dipisha Bhujel - and Dilruba Ahmed, who was to introduce her - were unable to join the meeting. The country was under a curfew and all internet access was shut down. We will set up another interview with Dipisha as her story is too good to miss!

The meeting also showcased and discussed what we can look forward to with Zonta Says NOW in the 2024-2026 biennium.

We also learned more about the UN's [Summit of the Future](#) that will take place from 20-23 September in New York. This Summit aims to show how we can 'turbocharge' actions so we can get the Sustainable Development Goals back

on track for implementation in full by 2030. The Summit will produce a *Pact for the Future* with human rights, gender, and sustainable development at its core. The Pact covers five themes and, ideally, should help to guide our future advocacy. There will also be a *Declaration on Future Generations* and a *Global Digital Compact* that will work towards intergenerational justice and protecting human rights online. It will be very interesting to see if all countries endorse the Pact!

Please use the link below to access the video of the meeting.

[View the video of the July Think Tank meeting](#)

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## Teetied - A Cup of Tea with Carole Theobald



Did you know that some marvellous Zontians from the Zonta Club of Leer-Ostfriesland in Germany have been producing a Zonta podcast called 'Zonta Teetied' (Zonta Teatime). Over the last couple of years they have recorded podcasts with many Zontians - including PIPs Ute Scholz and Susanne von Bassewitz.

Susanne Tertilt (left) and Ute Watermeyer (right) interviewed Carole Theobald about her life, what moved her to start Zonta Says NOW and why it is important for us to take gender-equal climate action.

Sit down with a cup of tea and listen to Carole's conversation with Susanne and Ute. (The conversation is in English.)

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## Support our Foundation



It is 40 years since the Zonta Foundation for Women was launched at the Zonta International Convention in 1984 - and, since then, thousands of women and girls have benefitted from our programs and awards.

The newly-launched [\*Inspiring Impact Quarterly Report\*](#) will showcase projects past and present. Which programs and projects inspire you to give to the Foundation? Let Zonta International know and they may include your story in a future edition.

Every dollar donated to the Zonta Foundation for Women is used to support Zonta's international program of service and advocacy projects, and our awards to promote the advancement of women in aerospace science and engineering, STEM, business, and leadership.

Consider giving a '40th anniversary' present to the Foundation!

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