

Introduction to Zonta Says NOW

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Why does Zonta Say NOW?

Increased carbon pollution

Cause global heating and extreme weather events

Trigger social disruption

Magnify gender inequality

ZONTA SAYS NOW
TO GENDER-EQUAL CLIMATE ACTION



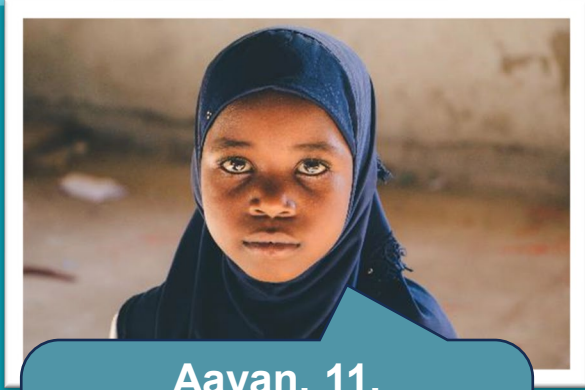
Stops the train by taking **climate action** and closing the gender gaps in **leadership, education, economic opportunity, health, and safety.**



Life for women and girls at the end of the train



Dabor, 9, Sudan
Drought means no time for school.



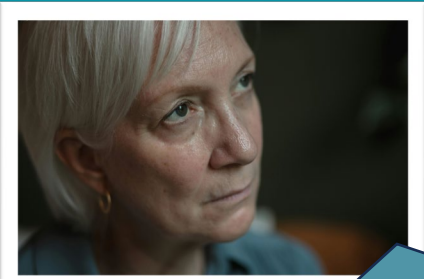
Aayan, 11, Mozambique
Floods led to child marriage.



Judith, 42 and Clare 7,
Bushfire smoke triggered Clare's asthma. Judith may lose her casual job as she cares for Clare.



Maria, 79
Her heart condition is exacerbated in extreme heat and she cannot afford air conditioning. Walks to library to keep cool.



Freya, 51, lost home in tornado. No savings. Priced out of rental accommodation.



Katie, 24
Traumatised when floods destroyed her town. She is now pregnant and struggling with substance abuse.



The Statistics

1°C rise in average temperature associated with **6%** rise in violence against women



Gender & Disaster Australia

Climate displaced **36.2 million** people in 2022. Could rise to **1.2 billion** by 2050

1 in 5 displaced women experience sexual violence.

We need to find solutions for displaced people in Australia and climate refugees from overseas.



Our Purpose

**Zonta Says NOW
seeks climate justice
for women and girls**

So women and girls can
prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from
the impacts of climate change on the same basis as men.



Strategic Plan



Zonta Says NOW is the campaign for climate justice

Zonta will fully embrace climate justice as an area of focus, and we will further develop Zonta Says NOW as the campaign for our activities to address climate justice at local, national and international levels.



Statement on Climate Change

Zonta Says NOW puts the statement into action

ZONTA INTERNATIONAL'S

STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

A GENDER EQUALITY ISSUE

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Calls on governments to

Meet climate justice obligations under **Paris Climate Agreement, SDGs, etc**

Integrate gender-sensitive measures into climate policies and planning

Educate girls and educate all students on social/economic consequences of climate change

Enable women's full **participation in the economy** e.g. child care, elder care, pay gap etc

Include women in **disaster preparedness planning** that include women's needs



Zonta Says NOW Activities 2024-2026

Zonta Says NOW Think Tanks

Learn, share ideas, and inspire action.
Supported by Working Groups.

Intercontinental Think Tank - odd months

- Global North meets Global South
 - North / South America
 - Europe / Africa
 - Asia / Oceania

Australian Think Tank - even months

- Focus on Australian issues



Advocacy Teams

- Clubs
- Areas
- Districts
- National Groups
- International
 - United Nations
 - Council of Europe
 - African Union
 - UN Environment Program
 - CSW – NGO CSW



Key Dates

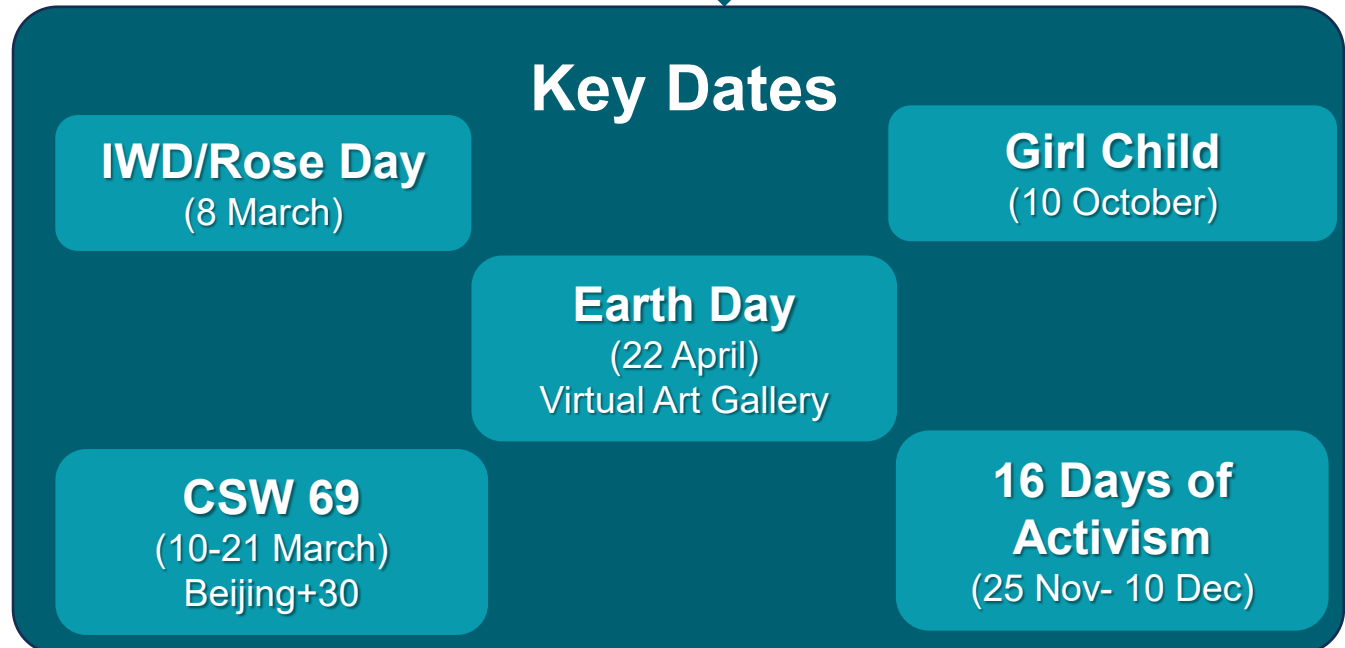
IWD/Rose Day
(8 March)

Girl Child
(10 October)

Earth Day
(22 April)
Virtual Art Gallery

CSW 69
(10-21 March)
Beijing+30

**16 Days of
Activism**
(25 Nov- 10 Dec)





Disaster-Ready Guides

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International Guides

1

Disaster-Ready Guide 1
Why are women and girls more vulnerable to the impacts of disasters?

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Disaster-Ready Guide 2
Is your household disaster-ready?

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Disaster-Ready Guide 3
Is your community disaster-ready?

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Disaster-Ready Guide 4
Where are your local disaster relief organizations?

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Disaster-Ready Guide 5
Is your country disaster-ready?

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Australian Guide

Guide to Disaster Management

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All shared with Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management



Zonta Says NOW Resources



Intercontinental Think Tank UPDATE

In this October Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank Update

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- [November Intercontinental Think Tank meeting](#)
- [Climate change and violence against women](#)
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- [Virtual Art Gallery](#)

Things are Humming in Colombia



The streets of Cali in Colombia are buzzing with activity as delegates from 195 countries gather for the UN Biodiversity COP16. The UN Secretary-General [urged delegates](#) to make *peace with nature*, emphasising that *for humanity to thrive, nature must flourish*. Progress on the [Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework](#) has been sluggish, to the point where it feels like a hummingbird might need to prod the delegates into urgent action with its long beak.



Zonta Australia Zonta Says NOW Think Tank OCTOBER UPDATE

In this October Update:

- [Racing to the year's end](#)
- [Postcard from Samoa](#)
- [October Think Tank - Anjali Sharma](#)
- [Climate change a violence against women](#)
- [Every Member. Every November](#)

Racing to the year's end



I has been a busy month for Zonta Says NOW locally and internationally and it is about to get a whole lot busier as we race towards the end of the year.

On October 11 hundreds of Zontians celebrated the Day of the Girl Child by [sending video messages of hope](#) showing cards that 'flip the narrative'. At our October Think Tank we were intrigued to hear more from climate advocate Anjali Sharma and marvelled at her courage and resilience.

Behind the scenes, an international Fact Sheet on women's economic opportunity in the context of climate change has been finalised. Also, the winner of District 23's Women Taking Climate Action Award will soon be announced.

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FACT SHEET
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SAYS NOW
2024 - 2026

WOMEN'S
ECONOMIC
OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE CONTEXT
OF CLIMATE
CHANGE

Wellbeing
economies



Zonta Says NOW – Australian focus

Collaboration

- Like minded organizations e.g. Soroptimists, WCC, 1MW

CSW 69 March 2025, New York

- Zonta Australia / Zonta USA workshop at NGO CSW
- **Can you help us to connect with the Australian delegation to CSW?**

Climate-related issues

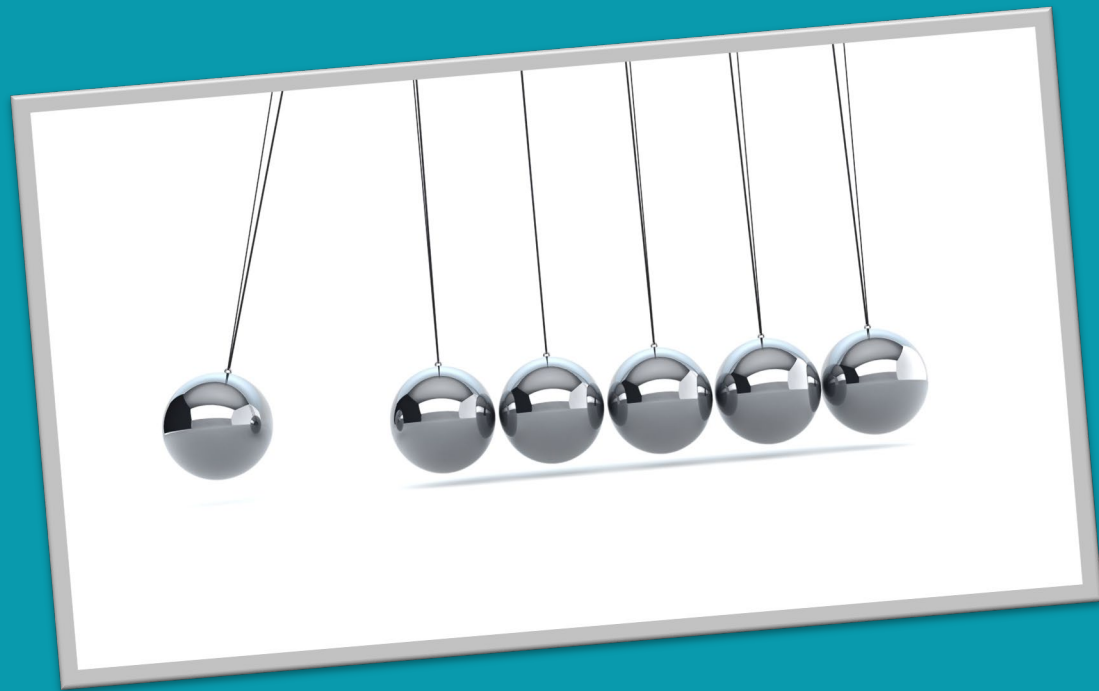
- COP31 - gendered focus
- Intergenerational duty of care
- Women in environmental sustainability decision-making
- Economic 'bounce' for women
- Extreme heat – risk to older people

Together we can create a sustainable, gender-equal world where *we respect each other and feel equal and supported.*



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FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS



Thank You

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