



# Intercontinental Think Tank UPDATE

Many apologies. This revised UPDATE contains the correct time of the Closer Look at Zonta Says NOW webinar.

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## A Closer Look At Zonta Says NOW



Not sure what Zonta Says NOW is all about? Do you have questions that you want to ask? [Register](#) for the *Closer Look at Zonta Says NOW* webinar and panel discussion.

Learn from the Zonta Says NOW Working Group how the Zonta Says NOW campaign strengthens Zonta International's efforts to build a better world for women and girls.

Salla Tuominen, International President, may be there to welcome us all, and Helen Bowie, Chair of the International Advocacy Committee, will moderate the discussion.

Panel members will include Julie Trone, Pia Hultgren and Karin Lange, the leaders of our Virtual Art Gallery, social media, and research teams - as well as Carole Theobald, who leads the Working Group. They are looking forward to answering your questions.

This will be the first time the Zonta Says NOW video will be shown at an international forum. This is designed to be viewed and shared on mobile phones. We hope you enjoy it!

**Correct Date and Time: Tuesday 25 February 2025, 12:00PM CST (noon)**

You can register from the Events page at [zonta.org](https://zonta.org) using the link below.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

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## You don't have to be an artist to enter the Virtual Art Gallery



How do you feel about the world today? In this magnificent world we live in, what have you seen or done that makes you laugh, angry or inspired? Share how you feel with the [Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery](#).

You don't have to be an artist to capture the moment. Yes, you can paint a picture, or create a sculpture, film, quilt, or textile. You could take a photo using your phone or write a poem or a short story. You could sing a song, decorate a cake or biscuit, or create a poster from your favourite quotation.

Get your family involved – what can you create with your children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces?

Zontians and their families can submit entries, as well as members of Z Clubs and Golden Z Clubs.

Use the online submission form to upload a digital photo or video of your work and a description of what inspired your artwork. It is free to enter and is not a competition.

Printable forms are also available in German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. Check out the [guidelines](#).

The 2025 Collection will be launched on Earth Day, 22 April.

Entries close on 8 March, so start creating today!

### Virtual Art Gallery Submission Form

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## Join the Global Conversation



Zontians, don't miss the opportunity to engage in NGO CSW69, the world's largest gathering on gender equality! This year marks 30 years since the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA), the foundation for advancing women's rights worldwide.

With general consultative status at the United Nations, Zonta International is one of a small number of non-government organisations invited to attend the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions. Zontians are also participating in events at the NGO CSW69, the civil society forum that runs parallel to the CSW event. For the first time, a Zonta Says NOW team will be presenting a workshop in-person in New York. Check the program as there are a few events that feature Zontians!

NGO CSW69 provides a platform to advocate, network, and showcase impactful work. With hundreds of online events, it's a unique chance to learn and connect. Wherever you are in the world, you can be part of NGO CSW69.

Zontians are encouraged to [sign up for the NGO CSW69 mailing list](#) to keep updated on what is happening.

As we will **not be hosting a Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank in March**—use this time to participate in online NGO CSW 69 events using the Whova app! You can register using the button below.

[Register for NGO CSW69](#)

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# Rights. Equality. Empowerment.



What are you doing for [International Women's Day](#) on 8 March? UN Women's theme this year is *For ALL Women and Girls: Rights. Equality. Empowerment.*

UN Women's global campaign marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and is a rallying cry to take action in three key areas:

1. **Advance women's and girls' rights:** Fight relentlessly for women's and girls' full range of human rights, challenging all forms of violence, discrimination, and exploitation.
2. **Promote gender equality:** Address systemic barriers, dismantle patriarchy, transform entrenched inequities, and elevate the voices of marginalized women and girls, including young people, to ensure inclusivity and empowerment.
3. **Foster empowerment:** Redefine power structures by ensuring inclusive access to education, employment, leadership, and decision-making spaces. Prioritize opportunities for young women and girls to lead and innovate.

Join UN Women's global campaign #ForAllWomenAndGirls and see the [one-minute promotional video](#) that may be very useful to share with your club members to inspire action.

[Join UN Women's Global Campaign](#)

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## Ideas for Rose Day



Did you know March 8 is International Women's Day and Zonta's Rose Day?

Rose Day is a time to reflect and give tribute to the women who have empowered us. The yellow rose is a symbol of friendship and happiness - so who would not want to receive one!

Many Zontians share yellow roses with women who have inspired them. In some clubs roses are used to promote Zonta's mission and attract new members. (Members remove the thorns and attach an information card to each rose before handing them out!)

Alternatively, you may choose to deliver a 'virtual rose' to a friend or someone you admire, by donating to the Zonta Foundation for Women and sending an eCard to them with a yellow rose on it. (You do this by selecting the Honor/Memorial Tribute option on the donations page.)

On Rose Day, don't forget to take some time for yourself - and stop and smell the roses.

[Donate to the Zonta Foundation for Women](#)

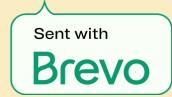
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