



Intercontinental Think Tank UPDATE

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We Can Collaborate



Mark your calendars for June 23–28 from 1pm to 6pm Eastern Time, USA.

The [Women's Earth and Climate Action Network \(WECAN\)](#) International is hosting the *Global Women's Assembly for Climate Justice: Path to COP30 and Beyond*—a powerful, online global forum you won't want to miss.

This free event brings together frontline women leaders, Indigenous advocates, youth voices, and climate policy experts to share solutions for a just and sustainable future.

Among the incredible [speakers](#) are Christiana Figueres, former Executive Secretary of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and a key architect of the Paris Agreement; Mary Robinson co-founder of Project Dandelion; Mamta Borgoyary, Executive Director of She Changes Climate; Sandrine Dixon-Decleve Honorary President of the Club of Rome and Executive Chair of Earth4All; Xiye Bastida, co-founder of the Re-Earth Initiative and many more!

The [sessions](#) will include storytelling, deep dialogues, and actions we can all take to drive change—especially as we build momentum towards COP30.

We encourage Zontians around the world to register and take part in this unique opportunity to hear from inspiring women who are shaping climate justice globally.

Zonta International is proud to be a WECAN partner.

Learn more about WECAN and
register for the Global Women's
Assembly

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May Think Tank: Engaging with Men



At our May Zonta Says NOW Intercontinental Think Tank, we explored how engaging men and boys can accelerate gender-equal climate action.

We were honoured to hear from two African leaders of the [MenEngage Alliance](#), who shared how challenging harmful gender norms can empower women—and benefit everyone. The messages from [Dr Chris Ugwu](#), in Nigeria and [Mr Kayinga Muddu Yisito](#), in Uganda were clear: gender equality is not a women's issue alone, it's a community effort.

Participants discussed inclusive strategies and heard powerful stories, where men and women are partnering to build climate-resilient futures.

This was a dynamic, hopeful conversation and a reminder that we all have a role in creating change. If you missed the event, the video and slides are available from the link below.

May Intercontinental Think Tank
video and slides

Art for Action: 'Two Sisters'



The [Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery](#) invites us to reflect on the human stories behind climate change.

One compelling entry in the 2025 Collection is “*Two Sisters*” by Nicole Miller from the Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley, USA—a design that powerfully captures the unequal and growing burden of climate impacts on women.

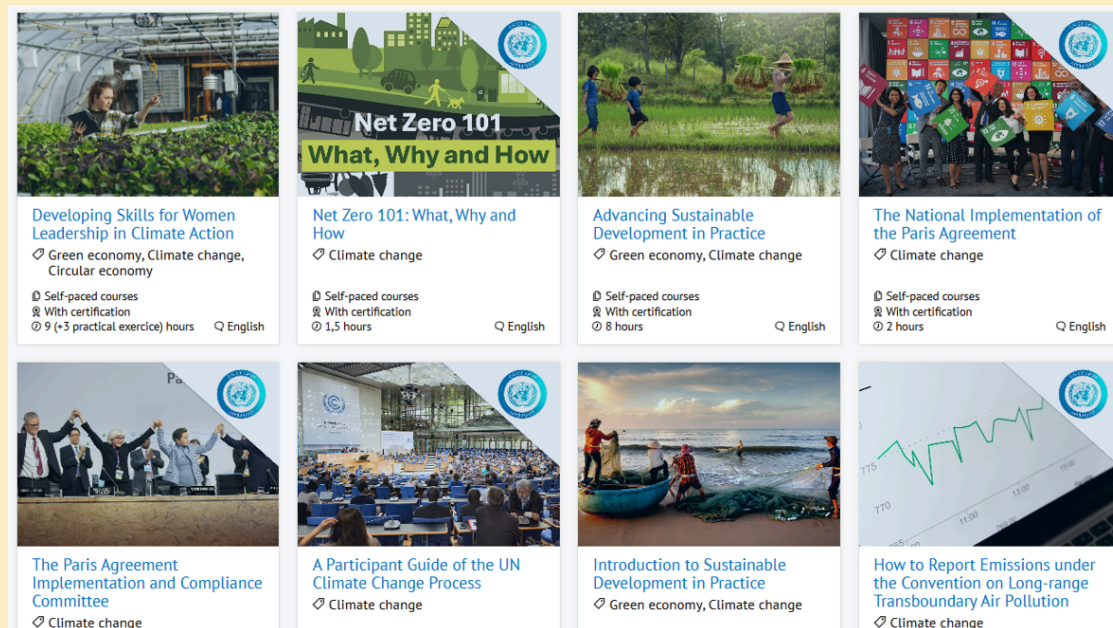
“*Two Sisters*” features two dresses representing the lives of two sisters—one that lives through wildfires, one that survives hurricanes. Each dress tells a story of survival: fires and floods that are too many, too often. How long will they be survivable?

Nicole’s work asks us to confront a difficult truth: climate change does not affect everyone equally, and women—especially those in marginalised or at-risk communities—are on the front lines.

“Two sisters in an unequal world,” Nicole writes. “They too deserve climate justice NOW.”

We encourage Zonta Clubs to showcase the 2025 Collection at your next meeting. It’s a powerful entry point for conversation and a vivid reminder of why gender-equal climate action matters.

[Virtual Art Gallery](#)



Looking to boost your climate knowledge—and earn certificates too? The UN Climate Change Learning Partnership ([UN CC:Learn](#)) offers over 60 free online courses covering everything from climate science to policy, all with a strong gender and human rights lens.

Courses are self-paced and vary in length from 45 minutes to 12 hours.

Zontians may be especially interested in these standout courses:

- Developing Skills for Women Leadership in Climate Action (9 hours)
- Gender Equality and Human Rights in Climate Action and Renewable Energy (6 hours)
- Introduction to Climate Change and Human Rights (3.5 hours)
- Gender and Environment (6 hours)

Each course is self-paced and includes a certificate on completion—perfect for professional development or club discussions. These resources are practical, accessible, and designed to support global citizens in building a fairer, greener world.

The courses are available in many languages. We encourage you to explore and share them widely!

[UN CC:e-Learn Course Catalog](#)

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July Think Tank: Women's Rights on the Climate Frontline



On Sunday 13 July, Zontians from Oceania and Asia will host our next Intercontinental Think Tank, spotlighting a region where the climate crisis is personal, urgent, and deeply connected to gender inequality.

Across the Pacific, island nations are battling rising sea levels, violence, and poverty—challenges intensified by climate change and rooted in unequal systems. This Think Tank brings voices from the frontlines to share what's really happening and what's needed now.

We're honoured to welcome Carole Shaw, CEO of the UN Asia Pacific Women's Watch, as well as Zonta's representatives to the UN's Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), based in Bangkok.

Their insights will connect local realities to global policy—and help us explore what Zontians can do to drive gender-equal climate action in this region and beyond.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and act. Register at the Zonta International Events page.

**Register for the July
Intercontinental Think Tank**

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Support What Matters



When you donate to the Zonta Foundation for Women, you're supporting real, lasting change—for women, girls, and communities around the world.

One powerful example is the [Climate Empower](#) project, a US\$1 million partnership with UNFPA helping women and girls in Madagascar, Mozambique, and South Sudan build resilience to climate shocks. The project promotes women's leadership, protects against gender-based violence, and ensures access to essential services in times of crisis.

But that's just one of many initiatives your donation helps fund. From ending child marriage to advancing education and economic opportunities, the Foundation ensures your contribution creates impact where it's needed most.

Every gift—big or small—makes a difference. Together, we can empower women and girls to lead, thrive, and shape a more sustainable, gender-equal world.

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