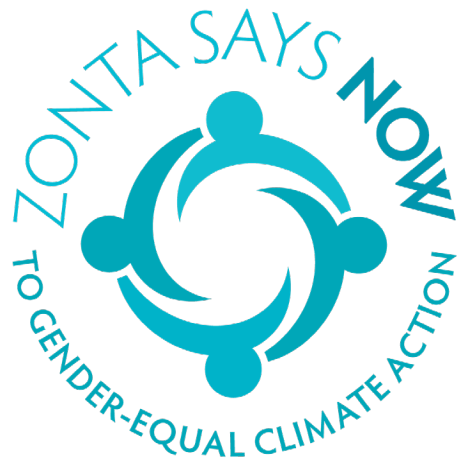




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What to do when something is not fit for purpose

Australian Think Tank

Sunday 14 June 2025



Housekeeping



Use the chat line to say hi and where you are calling from today

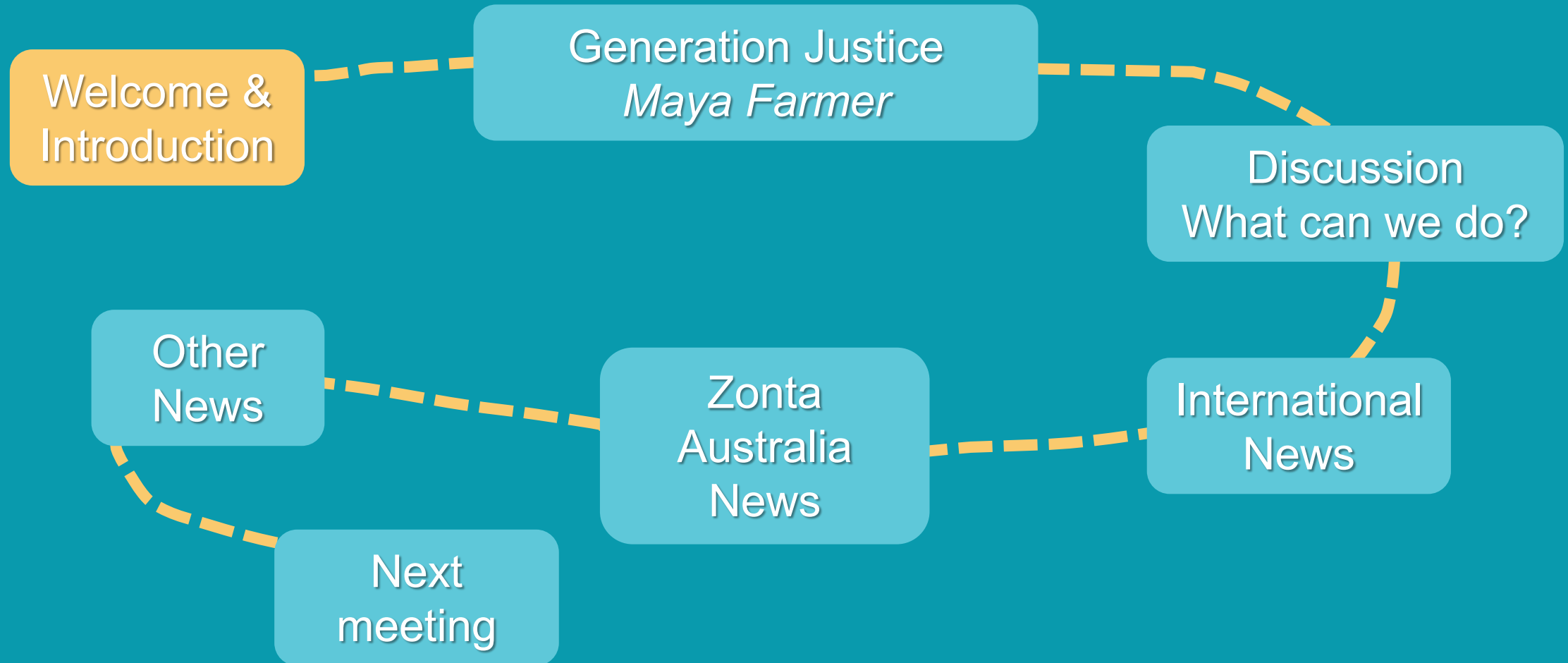
Use welcoming and inclusive language

Please keep your microphone on mute

Ask short, succinct questions



Today's Journey





Welcome

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the lands in all the places we meet from today - and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

'Saltwater in my veins': fight to protect island homes

Keira Jenkins - May 17, 2025



NEWS

Marine biologist Tishiko King has seen the impacts of climate change on Torres Strait communities. (Image: HANDOUT/PATAGONIA)

[Source](#)

Tishiko King

- Human rights advocate
- A Kulkalaig woman from the Torres Strait Islands
- A new documentary – [Sea Country/Malu Lag](#) follows her journey to COP in Dubai.



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Arnhem
Land

Sue Lees

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Melbourne
on Yarra





What to do when something is not fit for purpose

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

Independent Review of the EPBC Act

Independent Review of the EPBC Act – Final Report

October 2020

Professor Graeme Samuel AC



The EPBC Act is ineffective. It does not enable the Commonwealth to effectively protect environmental matters that are important for the nation. It is not fit to address current or future environmental challenges



Woodside's North West Shelf, Australia's largest gas project, approved for life extension to 2070

By political reporter Jake Evans

Federal Government

Wed 28 May

POLL

1. What was your first reaction to hearing about Woodside's gas approval to 2070? (*more than 1 answer*)
2. Why did you feel that way? (*1 answer*)



The North West Shelf gas project in northern Western Australia has been given environmental approval to operate to 2070. (ABC Pilbara: Charlie Mclean)



POLL

- 1. What was your first reaction to hearing about Woodside's gas approval to 2070? (more than 1 answer)**
- 2. Why did you feel that way? (1 answer)**

June Poll A - Woodside decision

2 questions

1. What was your first reaction to hearing about Woodside's gas approval to 2070? (Multiple choice)

- Anger
- Frustration
- Disappointment
- Surprise
- Acceptance
- No reaction
- Other (put in chat line)

2. Why did you feel this way? (Single choice)

- Expected more from the Government
- Accepted the Government could only work through the law and the law was poor in this area
- Not interested in the issue
- Other (put in chat line)

Submit

2 mins



June Poll A - Woodside decision

2 questions

POLL

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2. Why did you react that way?

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(25/25) 100% answered





June Poll A - Woodside decision

2 questions

1. What was your first reaction to hearing about Woodside's gas approval to 2070? (Multiple choice)

Anger

2. Why did you feel this way? (Single choice)

(22/25) 88% answered

Expected more from the Government (16/22) 73%

Accepted the Government could only work through the law and the law was poor in this area (4/22) 18%

Not interested in the issue (0/22) 0%

Other (put in chat line) (2/22) 9%

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World on the brink of an irreversible climate disaster, scientists warn

UN action on gender and climate faces uphill climb as warming hurts women

European court rules human rights violated by climate inaction

Why older women are hit hardest by deadly heatwaves

Recognizing women's unpaid care work for food security and climate resilience

Empowering Students as Change Makers: The Call for Climate Education in Schools

HOW INDIA'S WOMEN ADAPT TO A HOTTER WORLD

There cannot be climate justice without gender justice

How extreme weather is fuelling violence against women

Climate change forces Jakarta fishing families to marry off young daughters

Global Warming Is Particularly Bad for Women-Led Families, Study Says

Experts warn of serious health impacts from climate change for pregnant women, children, and older people

Climate disasters challenge right to safe and adequate housing

Anger is most powerful emotion by far for spurring climate action, study finds

Gender inequality ingrained in global climate negotiations, say researchers

What women and girls need most as climate disasters and displacement wreak havoc across the world

Heat exposure during pregnancy can lead to a lifetime of health problems

Q&A: Should We Be Having Babies In a Warming World?

Heatwaves and hormones: How climate change is taking a toll on women's menstruation cycles

The fossil fuel industry is disproportionately harming low-income and minority women: Report

Seven reasons more female leaders would be a positive step for the climate

Menstruation is a Climate Justice Issue. Period.

Women and girls sacrifice their education as climate change haunts the classroom

Why climate change increases gender inequality

The hidden heroes of the climate crisis: How women are turning desperation into hope

Financial toll of climate crisis hitting women harder. UN says

Love is what will drive climate action

WA had its hottest summer ever, but climate change and heat-related health problems barely made the news

G20 ends with call for urgent action on climate, global health, women's rights

Women in leadership could hold the key to addressing climate change across the Indo-Pacific

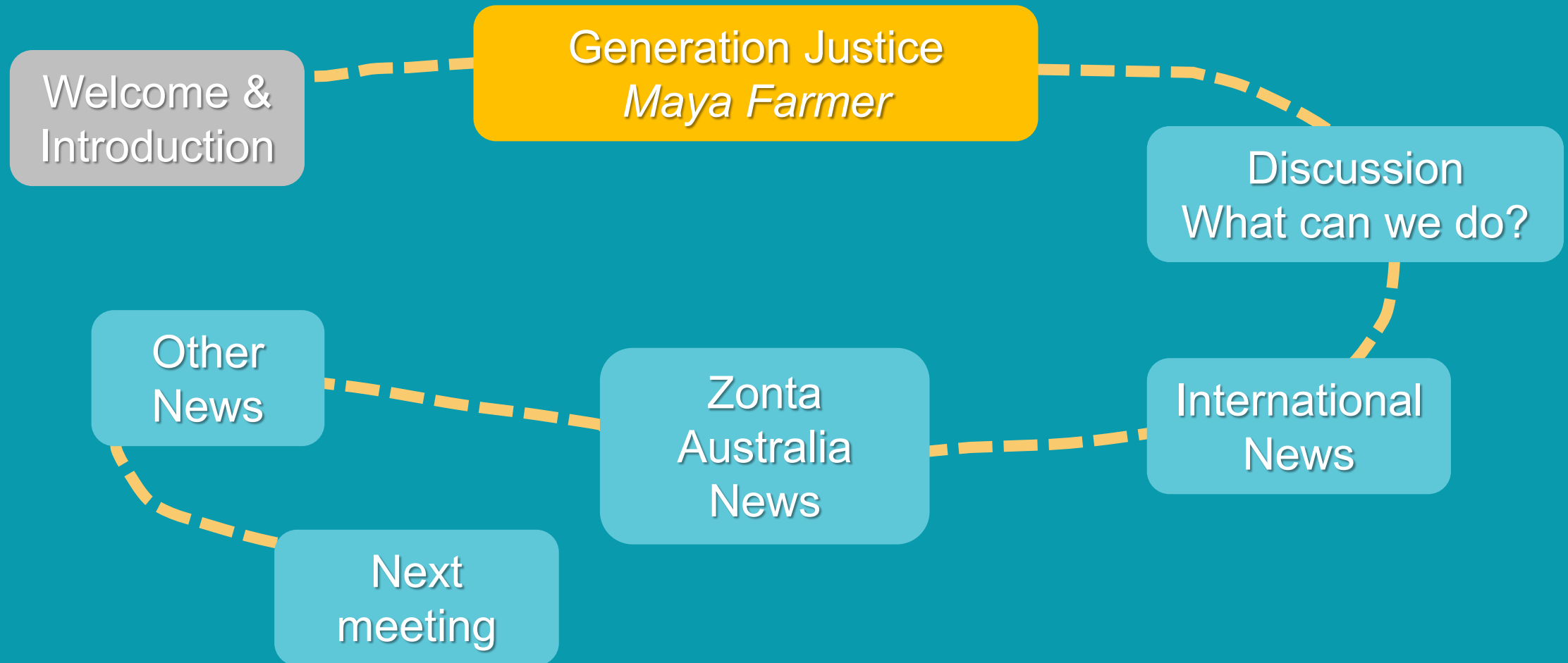
How to end hunger in sub-Saharan Africa: fight inequality, gender imbalances and climate change

My hope for the future is fuelled by my anger at climate injustice and my courage to do something about it.





Today's Journey

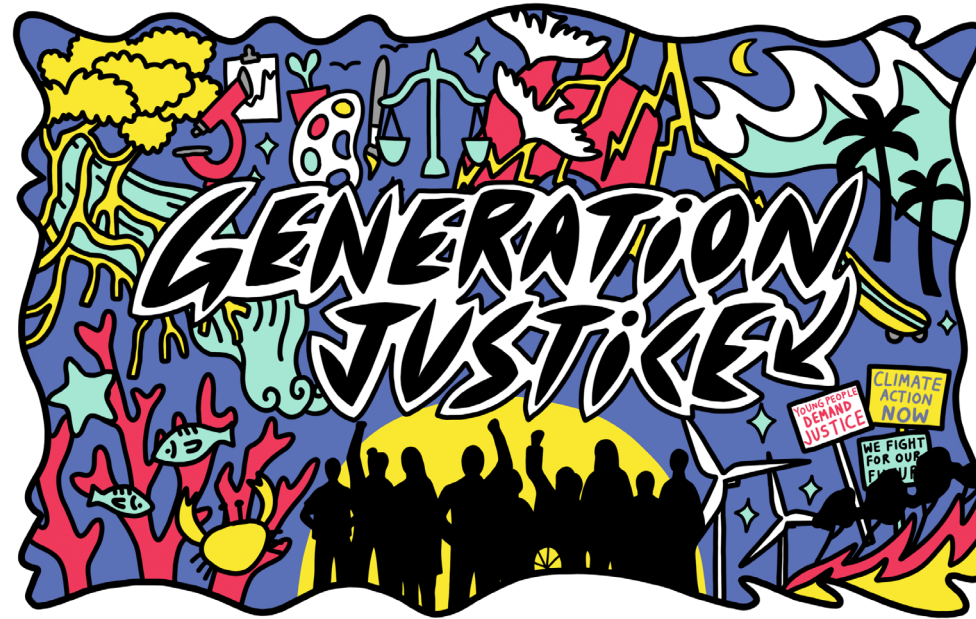


Maya Farmer



District 23

Young Women in
Leadership Awardee 2025



- Nine young people building a better, fairer future

The Zonta International Young Women in Leadership Award recognises young women, aged 16-19, who demonstrate leadership skills and a commitment to public service and civic causes, and encourages them to continue their participation in public and political life. 37 International Awards, US\$5,000 each



my climate activism journey and generation justice



Raging hailstorm sweeps through Coffs Harbour, damaging local businesses and homes

By Emma Siositan | By Luisa Rubbo | By Keely Johnson | ABC Mid North Coast | Storms

Wed 20 Oct 2021



my climate story



Incredible videos show how Australia's east coast has turned into a winter wonderland after towns were belted by frightening hail storms

- Northern NSW begins clean-up after supercell storm hit the area yesterday
- Toormina, Sawtell and Boambee the worst hit areas as giant hail fell
- Coffs Harbour SES dealt with more than 850 requests for assistance
- 'It went absolutely ballistic for about 3-5 minutes,' resident Louise Langley said

By MICHAEL PICKERING FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA

PUBLISHED: 14:45 AEST, 21 October 2021 | UPDATED: 18:06 AEST, 21 October 2021



Northern NSW is cleaning up after a 'supercell' hail storm hit parts of the region, turning entire suburbs into carpets of white.

The towns of Toormina and Sawtell were hit hardest, with locals posting frightening pictures and videos to social media of the powerful deluge yesterday afternoon.

Residents still waiting for repairs a year after Coffs Harbour's freak hailstorm

By Indiana Hansen | By Nick Parmeter | ABC Coffs Coast | Weather

Thu 20 Oct 2022





coffs council declare a climate emergency



School Strike 4 Climate Continues

By ANDREW WOODS
 School Strike 4 Climate continued its protest in Coffs Harbour on Monday, with a group of about 20 students gathered in front of the school. The students were holding signs and banners, and some were wearing red shirts. The school principal, Mr. [Name], said that the school was proud to support the students' efforts to raise awareness about climate change. He said that the school was committed to reducing its carbon footprint and was looking for ways to support the students' efforts. The school was also looking for ways to support the students' efforts to raise awareness about climate change. The school was also looking for ways to support the students' efforts to raise awareness about climate change.



protests and strikes



CLIMATE STRIKE



NOVEMBER 18TH
 12PM

MEMORIAL POOL PARK
 (NEXT TO THE SWIMMING POOL)



climate concert

Concert 4 Climate

Chloe Braun | Blind Pretty | The Crets | Purple Disturbance | The Jam Jar | #1Badass/DJ

Botanic Gardens

April 28th 5pm

Tickets: \$10 u/25 \$20 o/25



canberra lobbying trip



vote for climate justice



step up for climate justice

today is double donation day for the [@youth4climatejustice](#)'s Step Up challenge, meaning every donation up to \$9000 will be matched! (so if you donate \$5, it will become \$10!)

[Stepupforclimate.com](#)

if you've been on the fence about donating, today is the day so if you can don't hesitate to donate to my Step Up profile! ♡

you can join legends like [@maya_farmer_](#) who are fundraising for AYCC's climate justice work!



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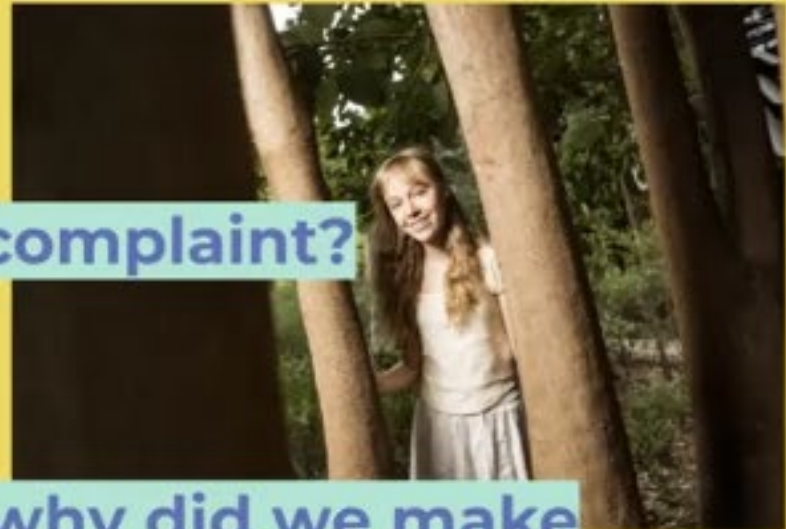




who are we?

what is the complaint?

what are we asking of the special rapporteur?



why did we make the complaint?





what's next for generation justice?





thank you!

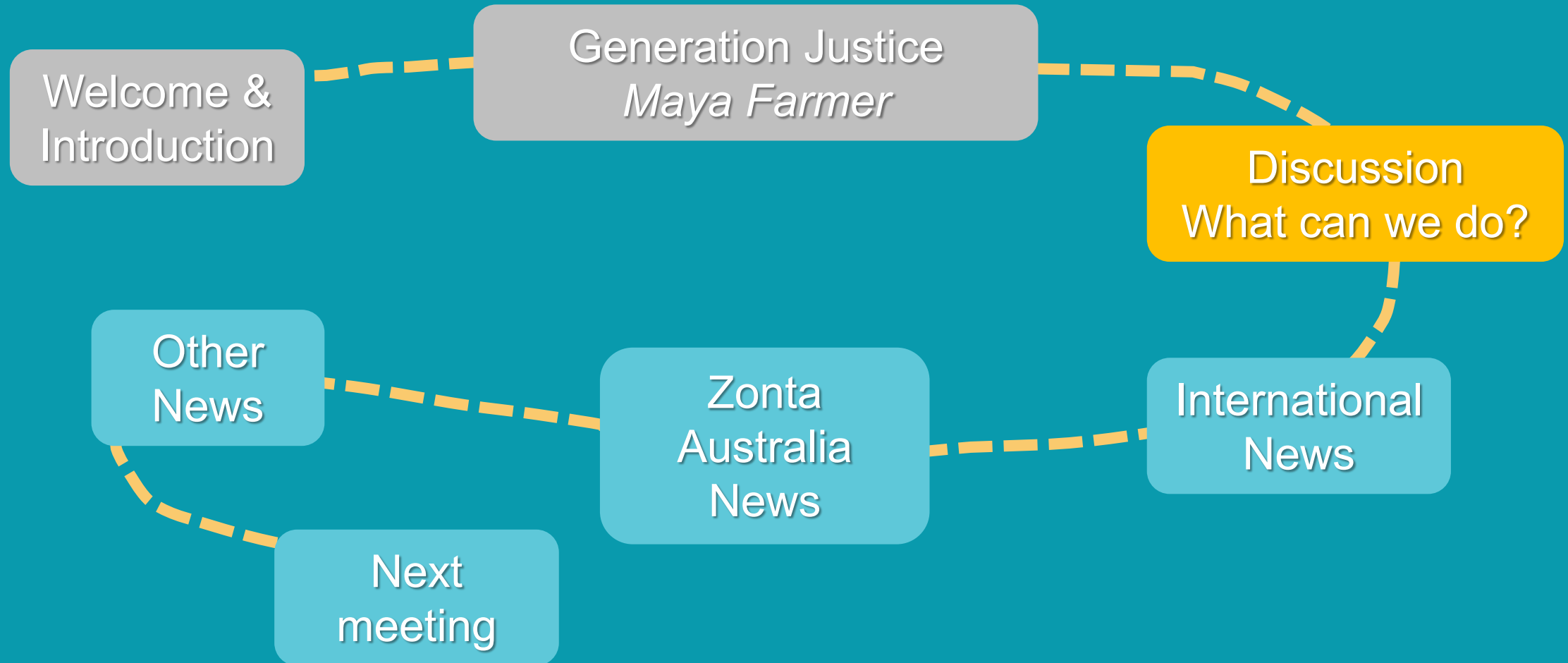




What resonated most with you in Maya's presentation?



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What can we do?





Discussion – Gather the Facts



“We must understand how the decisions made today will protect the people of tomorrow.”

What do recent decisions like the Woodside gas extension tell us about priorities in Australia’s climate policy

What facts and figures help us understand the stakes for future generations?



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/>



**CLIMATE
COUNCIL**

<https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/>



Discussion – Lead by Example

“Our everyday actions show what we stand for.”

How do we ‘walk the talk’ in our own lives and clubs?

What initiatives could your Zonta club take to lead in sustainability and support youth?



<https://www.1millionwomen.com.au/>



<https://generationjustice.org.au/>



Discussion – Use our Voice

“When we speak out, others listen.”

What could we say to our community, our MPs, our network about climate justice for young people?

How can Zontians help young women like Maya be heard?



Search for Senators and Members

Browse by states: All, ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, TAS, VIC, WA

Zonta Young Women in Leadership Award

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators and Members](https://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members)



Discussion - Advocate



“We must push for systems that protect people and the planet.”

What advocacy actions could clubs and districts take around fossil fuel policy or environmental law?

What is one local issue clubs could push to the top of the agenda?



Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)

The Review acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to their cultures and their elders past, present and emerging.

Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Climate Equity) Bill 2023

Wellbeing of Future Generations Bill 2025



[https://swelteringcities.org /](https://swelteringcities.org/)



Discussion - Collaborate

“Together across generations, we go further.”

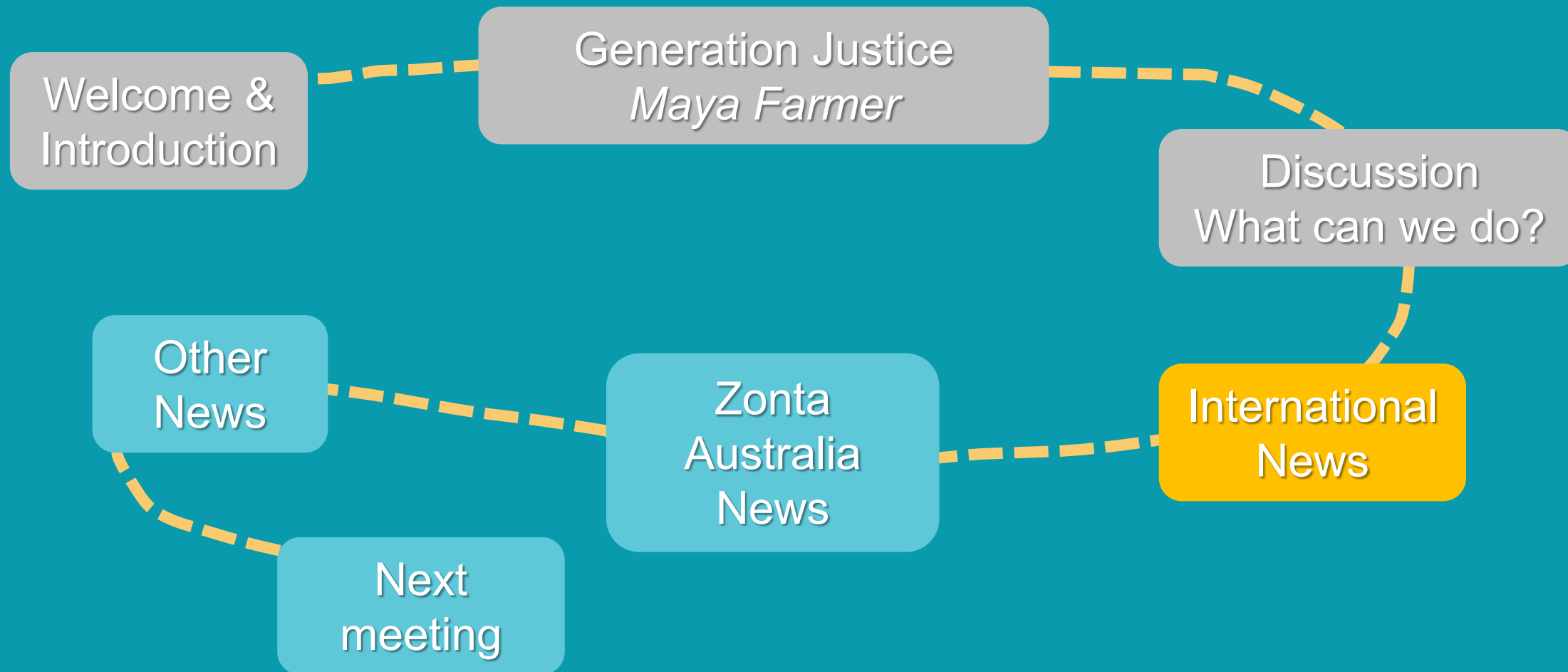
What partnerships could be forged between Zonta and youth-led climate groups?

What does it look like when generations work together for climate justice?





Today's Journey





Honorary International Zontian



Good News!!

- Lisa Blair is an Honorary Zontian
- Ice Maiden (Lisa's movie) is now showing on SBS OnDemand

ZI Honorary Member Lisa Blair signing her autobiography, *Facing Fear: The First Woman to Sail Solo Around Antarctica*, at the 2024 Brisbane Convention.

https://zonta.org/Web/News_Events/Articles/LisaBlairZIHonoraryMemberWorldEnvironmentDay.aspx



Latest Fact Sheet



Fact Sheet coming soon!



Virtual Art Gallery

Zonta Club of Schenectady created artwork out of recycled and upcycled material. We created this art to highlight the impact of overconsumption and wastefulness, which contributes both directly and indirectly to climate change, and disproportionately impacts women and girls. By using these recycled materials we not only create a circular model, keeping these often over-consumed, and often trashed items out of landfills, while also creating art and raising awareness. We will be displaying our art in the community to promote the message of Zonta Says NOW!



Zonta Says NOW Virtual Art Gallery
2026 Collection



Open for submissions from 1 July

<https://zontasaysnowvirtualartallery.org>



Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN)

1:00 – 6:00 AM WA Time

June 23 - 28, 2025 — Virtual Global Forum

GLOBAL WOMEN'S ASSEMBLY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE

Path to COP30 and Beyond



<https://www.wecaninternational.org/>

Global Who's Who of gender equal climate justice!

- Christiana Figueres
- Fleur Newman
- Mary Robinson
- Natalie Isaacs
- Sandrine Dixson-Decleve
- Plus dozens more!!

[SCHEDULE](#)

Zonta International is a partner for this event



Intercontinental Think Tank

- **Sunday 13 July**

- 11:00 am WA, 12:30 pm SA/NT,
- 1:00 pm ACT, NSW, Vic, Tas

- **Hosted by Australia**

- Sharyl Scott, Bridget Mather, Sandra McLean

- **Have you registered?**

<https://zonta.org/events>

YOU CAN'T HOST CLIMATE TALKS WHILE IGNORING THOSE HIT HARDEST

WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE PACIFIC FACE
RISING SEAS
RISING VIOLENCE
RISING POVERTY
RISING SADNESS

A GAS APPROVAL TO 2070 IS A VOTE AGAINST THEIR FUTURE.

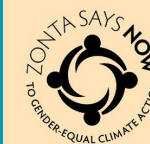
STAND WITH WOMEN, STAND WITH THE PACIFIC. DEMAND CLIMATE JUSTICE NOW



WOMEN'S RIGHTS CLIMATE FRONTLINE
CLIMATE JUSTICE IN THE ASIA PACIFIC
13 JULY - 3AM UTC
SPEAKER - CAROLE SHAW

Chief Executive Officer of UN Asia Pacific Women's Watch, Co-chair of the Women's Gender Equality Caucus Australia, expert in gender inclusive policy, justice, and empowerment for women and girls

Register at zonta.org/events
INTERCONTINENTAL THINK TANK





Intercontinental Think Tank

Sunday 14 September

- Theme – Plastics and Women's Health
- Hosted by North and South Americas

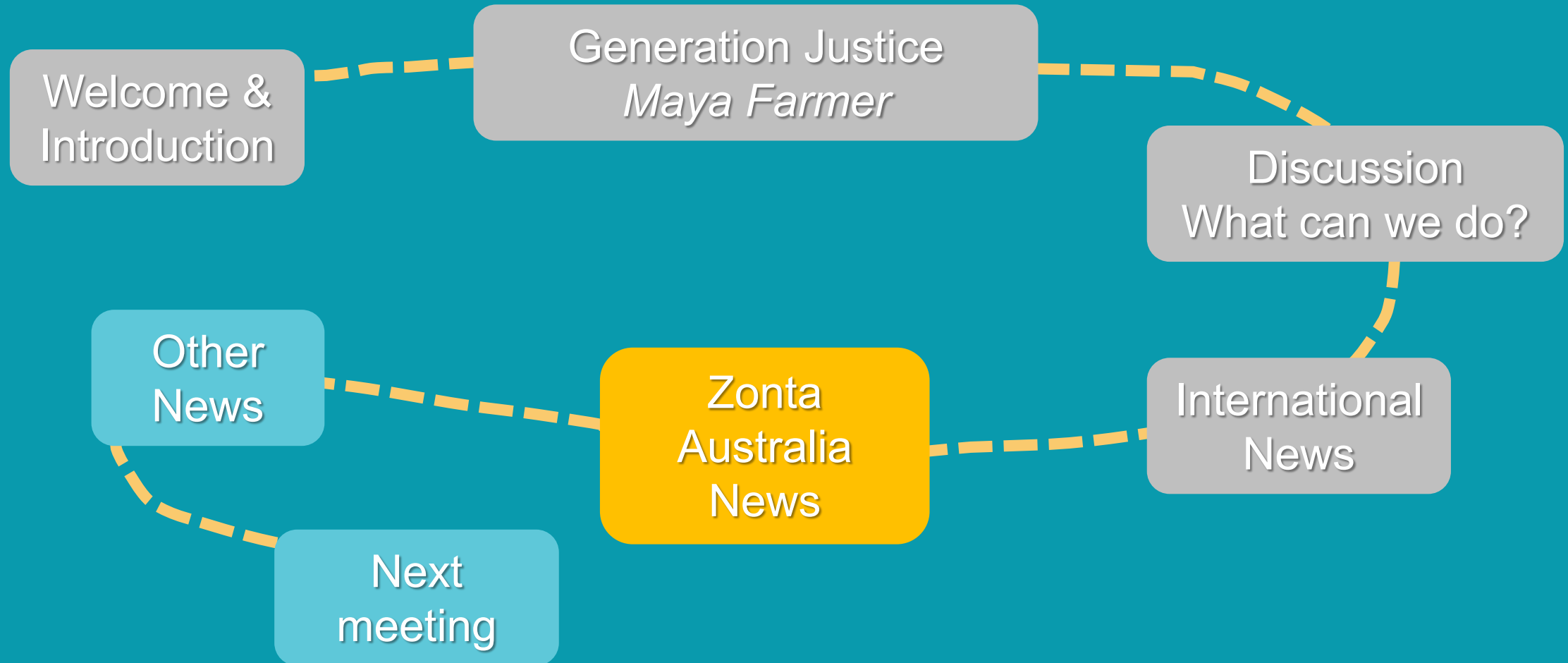
Sunday 9 November

- Theme – Women and Conflict in the Context of Climate Change
- Hosted by Europe/Africa

Register at <https://zonta.org/events>



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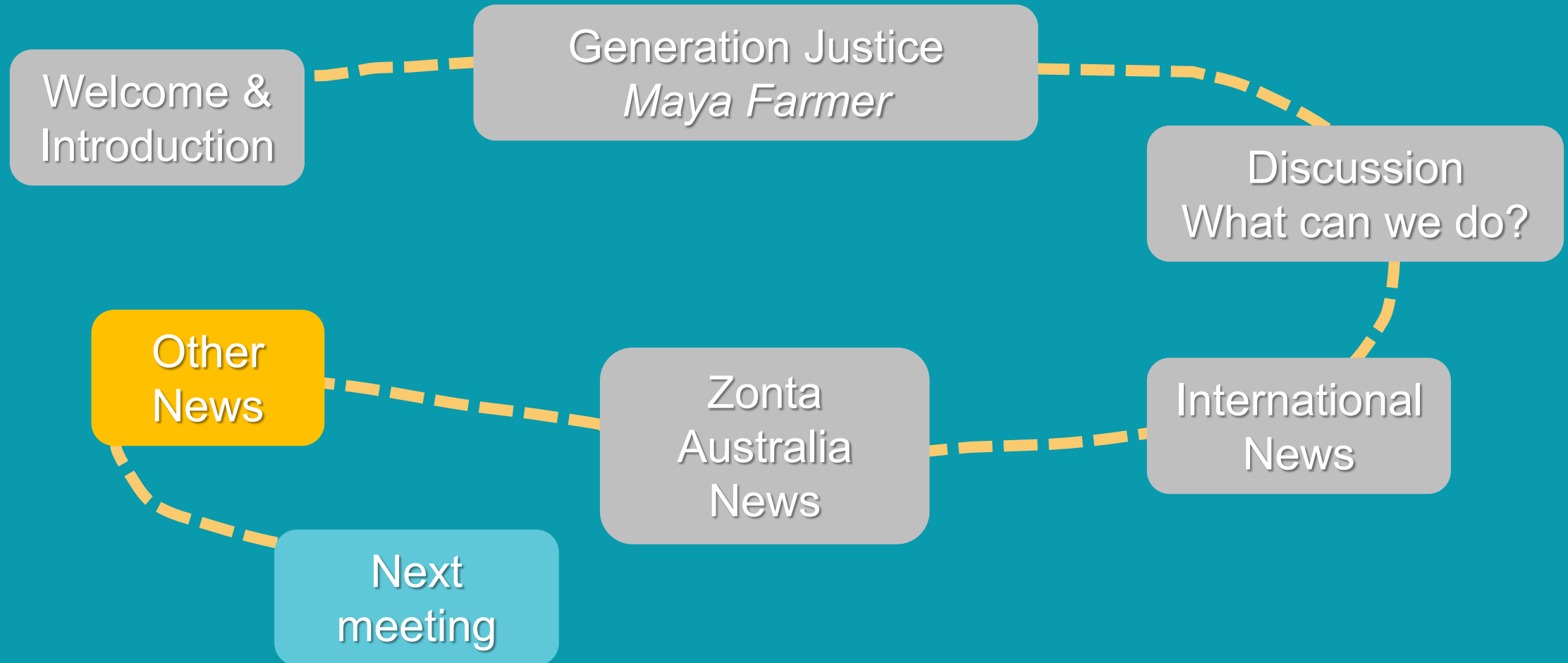
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Bridget Mather
Chair, Zonta Australia

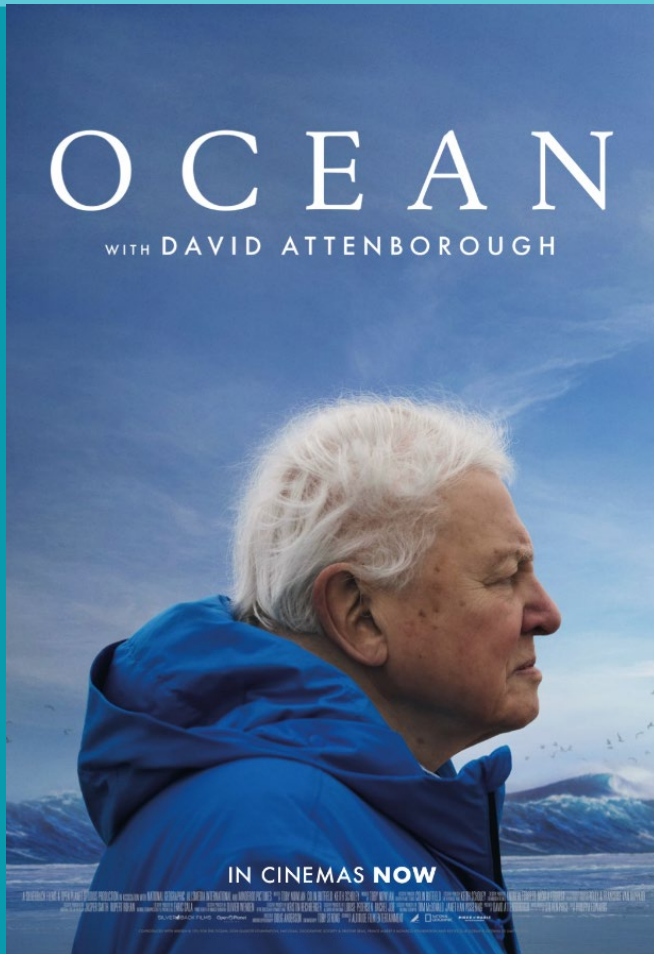


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Other News



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIZAdCtKT_g&t=128s



United Nations



UNITED NATIONS OCEAN CONFERENCE
NICE, FRANCE 2025
9-13 June

- UNOC 3
- Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean
- Nice Ocean Action Plan
- Hosted by France and Costa Rica

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



<https://unocnic2025.org/en/>



Women's Climate Congress

Video now on line

WOMEN'S CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS 2025

Compassion and kindness in government – a gateway to action on climate change and other challenges?

Thursday 5 June | 6.00 – 7.00 pm (AEDT, Canberra Sydney) | online



Jennifer Nadel FRSA
Co-founder, CEO,
Compassion in Politics (UK)



Kate Chaney MP
Federal Member for Curtin, WA



Chloë Spackman
CEO, Next25
Developer of 'Improving Democracy:
Transforming Parliament for
Women' leadership program



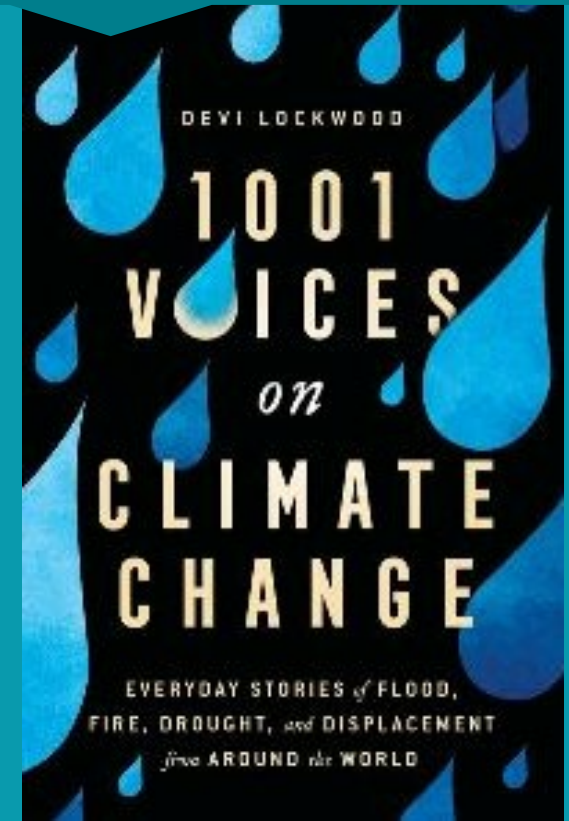
WCC Founder, Dr Janet Salisbury

in conversation with:



<https://womensclimatecongress.com/womens-climate-conversations>

Book Club, 7 July
5:00pm AEST





Women's Environmental Leadership Australia

<https://wela.org.au/connect/events/>

About our events

Tools for Changemakers

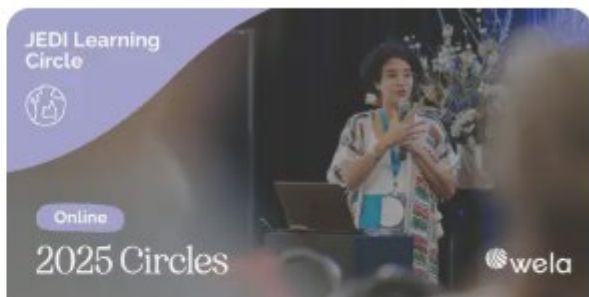
JEDI Learning Circles

WELA101 Webinars

WELA Connects



Tue, 10 Jun, 10am - 25 Nov, 10:30am A...
Tools for Changemakers Workshops
Online Event



Wed, 18 Jun, 10am - 17 Sep, 11:30am A...
JEDI Learning Circles
Online Event



Gender Disaster Australia



Gender & Disaster Australia



Lessons in Disaster, Online, May 2025
Tuesday at 8:30 AM AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, June 2025
Tue, 3 June, 8:30 am AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Brisbane, June 2025
Tue, 10 June, 9:30 am
Bright HQ
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, July 2025
Tue, 1 July, 8:30 am AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, August 2025
Tue, 5 Aug, 8:30 am AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, September 2025
Tue, 2 Sept, 8:30 am AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, October 2025
Tue, 7 Oct, 7:30 am AWST
Free



Lessons in Disaster, Online, November 2025
Tue, 4 Nov, 7:30 am AWST
Free

For a short time, these courses are free (thanks to a sponsorship)
So register today!

<https://genderanddisaster.com.au/>



Good News



UN Women Australia

30,456 followers

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Australia has ranked 13th in the world for gender equality - our highest-ever ranking since the [World Economic Forum's](#) Global Gender Gap Index began in 2006. 🥰

Rising 11 places from last year, this progress reflects the impact of prioritising gender equality at the highest levels. As Minister for Women Senator [Katy Gallagher](#) says, "This is a fantastic result for Australia and shows what is possible when government takes gender equality seriously."

But we're not there yet.

🌐 No country has achieved full gender parity, and according to the WEF, we're still 123 years away - though that's 11 years closer than last year.

Let's celebrate how far we've come and keep pushing for faster progress. Because when women and girls thrive, everyone benefits.

#GenderGap25 #GenderEquality

**In 2021 we ranked
50/156!**



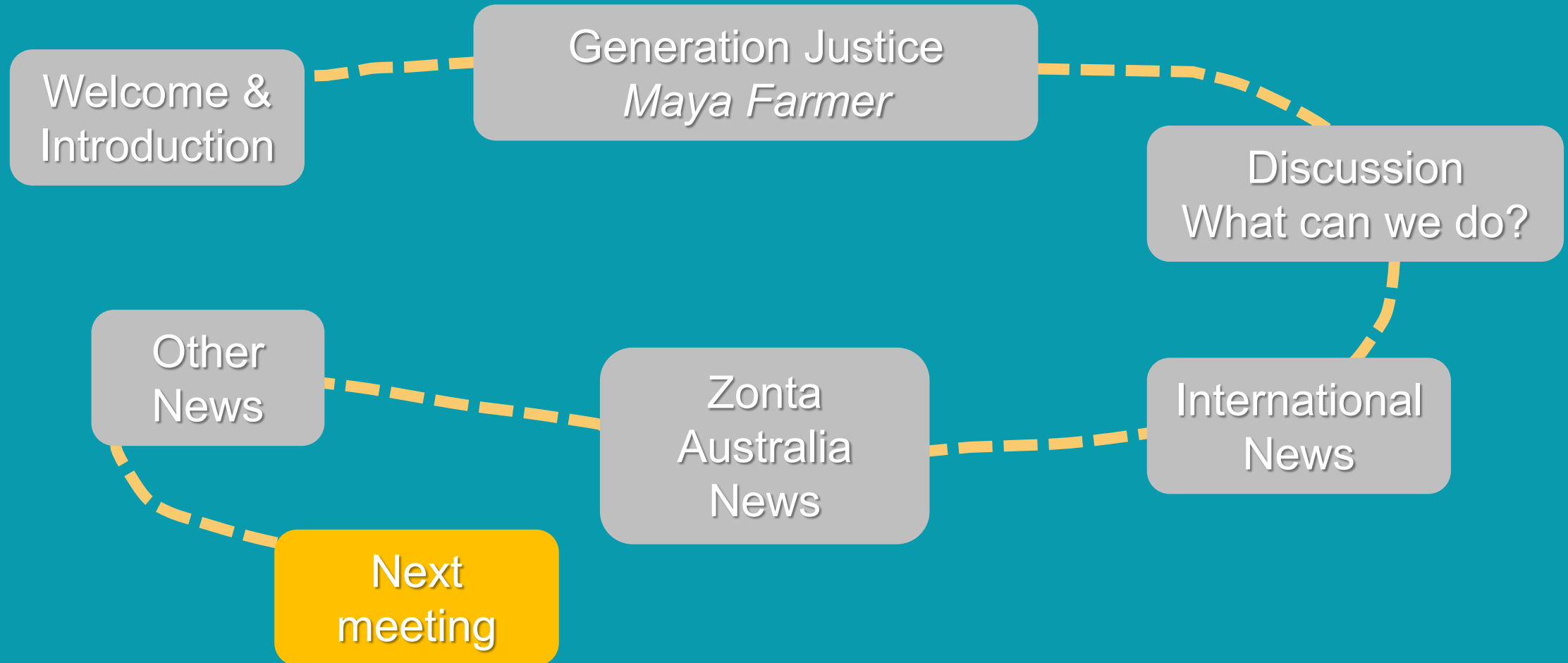
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Next Meeting



Fiona Dorman,
President,
National
Council of
Women
Australia



Saturday 9 August

- 1 pm to 2.30 pm WA
- 2.30 pm to 4 pm SA, NT
- 3 pm to 4.30 pm Qld, Victoria, Tasmania, NSW

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcuygrz8tGt1tpwQm-LH_e3QHbP0OC3BC



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