

**7th International Day of Women & Girls in Science Assembly  
“Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Water Unites Us”**

**11 February 2022, New York (9:00 – 18:00 US EST, virtual format)**

**Press Release**

For the past six years, the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) and UN member states have been organizing the event marking the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (IDWGIS). This annual celebration builds on the declaration adopted at the World Women's Health and Development Forum, organized by RASIT and the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA) in 2015, as well as the UN General Assembly resolution A/RES70/212, proclaiming February 11 the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

This year's event, entitled “Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Water Unites Us”, will focus on the role of women and girls in science in accelerating progress towards the achievement of clean water and sanitation (SDG6). It will also affirm the importance of full and equal access to, and participation in, science for women and girls, in view of achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls (SDG5).

The 7<sup>th</sup> IDWGIS is being co-organized by Cyprus, Kenya, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Tajikistan. It is being co-sponsored by Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Bhutan, Ecuador, Greece, Finland, Latvia, Mexico, Nigeria, Republic of Korea, San Marino and Uzbekistan. The International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UN-Water, and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) are also joining as cosponsors.

The event will begin with a high-level opening segment, including interventions from the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, the President of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid, Heads of State and Government from coorganizing and cosponsoring Member States, RASIT and civil society. Two panels will follow, each with two thematic conversations. The ensuing closing session will feature a dialogue between the President of the 76<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly and experts, celebrating women and girls in science for SDG 6.

The Ebru Art Performance and Cansu Global Media Room will take place between sessions. Journalists will be able to engage with high-level speakers and experts during the latter.

The event will take place in a virtual format and will be broadcasted on UN Web TV.

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