



11th International Day of Women & Girls in Science Assembly

“Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls”

Concept Note and Program

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Concept Note:

The Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT) celebrates the 11th **International Day of Women and Girls in Science** Assembly, taking place on **11 February 2026** in at the **ECOSOC Chamber, UN Headquarters in New York**.

Following the adoption of **Resolution A/RES/70/212** on the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, RASIT continues to work with UN Member States, Inter-Governmental Organizations and the UN and its entities to achieve equality in science, technology, and innovation for socio-economic sustainable development in line with the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs.

The 11th IDWGIS is **co-sponsored** by the Permanent Missions of Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Chile, Cyprus, Greece, Kenya, Kuwait, Malta, Moldova, Romania, San Marino, and Viet Nam to the United Nations, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), UN Women, World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), and Pan-African Intergovernmental Agency for Water and Sanitation for Africa.

The 11th Assembly is aligned with the 2026 ECOSOC and HLPF theme *“Transformative, equitable, innovative and coordinated actions for the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs for a sustainable future for all”*. **To support achieving the three pillars of sustainable development**, namely **economic prosperity, social justice, and environmental integrity**, the 11th Assembly will bring together women in science and experts from around the world, high-level government officials, representatives of international organizations and the private sector to **discuss** the Goals to undergo in-depth review during the HLPF: Goals **6** (Clean Water and Sanitation), **7** (Affordable and Clean Energy), **9** (Industry Innovation and Infrastructure), **11** (Sustainable Cities and Communities) , and **17** (Partnerships for the Goals).

The 11th IDWGIS is theme **“Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance: Building Inclusive Futures for Women and Girls”**. As societies grapple with widening inequalities, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI), social science, STEM and finance emerges as a 4-pillar approach to accelerate inclusive sustainable development:

- **AI offers** powerful tools for data analytics, health diagnostics, climate modelling and more, but its benefits risk bypassing women and girls without targeted interventions.
- **Social science insights** guide the design of equitable policies, community engagement and behavioral change strategies that ensure STEM and AI innovations reach marginalized groups.
- **STEM disciplines** furnish the technical skills required to develop, implement and maintain AI solutions, while fostering gender-balanced research teams.
- **Finance mechanisms**, impact investing, blended finance and gender-smart funds, unlock capital to scale women-led innovations and sustainably fund STEM education and R&D.

Synergizing these four domains can dismantle persistent barriers: closing gender gaps in digital skills, catalyzing women-driven startups, informing gender-responsive AI governance, and mobilizing finance that embeds social inclusion as a performance metric.

The objectives of the 11th IDWGIS Assembly are:

1. Convene experts to showcase best practices at the intersection of AI, social science, STEM and finance for women's empowerment.
2. Identify policy and regulatory levers to foster gender-equitable AI development and data governance.
3. Highlight scalable financing models that support women-led STEM initiatives and AI startups.
4. Inclusion of women in science and experts with disabilities as agents for change.
5. Engage youth and community leaders in co-designing inclusive technology roadmaps.
6. Develop an outcome declaration with actionable recommendations for Member States, UN agencies, academia and the private sector.

The Assembly's Thematic Streams:

- Integrate the SDG targets most relevant to women and science within each goal.
- Highlight cross-cutting issues such as digital inclusion, climate resilience, and ethics in AI.
- Add measurable output (i.e., number of participants, case studies, policy commitments) to strengthen accountability.
- Include gender-disaggregated data in AI and STEM discussions, aligning with the UN Data Strategy.
- Add mention of ethics and data governance (AI bias, algorithmic transparency...) under the regulatory levers' objective.
- Link with the UN Secretary-General's Our Common Agenda and the Summit of the Future (2024–2026) outcomes to ensure policy relevance.

The Assembly's Format and Methodology

- Plenary opening with high-level remarks
- Three thematic panels with policymakers, academic, and industry speakers
- Plenary Closing with Adoption of the “Outcome Declaration on Synergizing AI, Social Science, STEM and Finance”

Expected Outcomes of the 11th IDWGIS Assembly

- Policy brief summarizing evidence, case studies and regulatory recommendations
- Financing toolkit for STEM-responsive impact investors and development banks
- Introducing RASIT and women-led AI/STEM innovations with scalability assessments
- Female Youth manifesto outlining priorities for future research and entrepreneurship support

The voice of Youth, Girls in Science 4 SDGs International Platform, and RASIT fellow scientists and experts with disabilities will be present in every conversation.