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Women and Girls in Science

Marie Curie, Grace Hopper, Sônia Guimarães, Nise da Silveira and, more recently, Jaqueline de Jesus and Ester Sabino are examples of women scientists who revolutionized their areas of expertise. Yet, according to UNESCO, women represent only a third of scientists and less than 30% of researchers worldwide.

To reduce the low representation in this field, the UN established the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (02/11) and created the Coalition for Action on Technology and Innovation for Gender Equality. The goal is to double the proportion of women and encourage their engagement in the search for innovative solutions.

In this context, the GDF has been fostering the role of women and girls in science. In 2019, students from public schools participated in the Tekla Festival, a robotics event for girls launched in Sweden. We have also supported the "Girls in the Exact Sciences" program, a partnership between the Federal District Research Support Foundation (FAPDF), the Scientific and Technological Development Council (CNPq) and the Federal Government.

We hope that incentive measures of this type will no longer be necessary in the near future. Until then, targeted actions, such as the ones we have listed, will help ensure female representation in science.

EAI HIGHLIGHTS

REOPEN OF THE FAYGA OSTROWER GALLERY

Promoted by the Mexican Embassy in Brazil, with support from the Secretariat of Culture and Creative Economy (SECEC) and the Office of International Affairs (EAI), [the Fayga Ostrower Gallery, in the Ibero-American Cultural Hub, was reopened with the exhibition "Wonders of Mexico"](#). The exhibition opens the Brasília – Ibero-American Capital of Cultures (CIC) 2022 program.

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES: DF AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Military Police of the DF (PMDF) participated in a technical visit to the National Police of the Dominican Republic with the goal of sharing technical knowledge on security in the country. [The EAI and the Public Security Secretariat of the Federal District Government \(SSP/DF\) have mediated the project.](#)

GOOD PRACTICES



02/11 | Educational - Technology and Innovation Ecosystem Program that encourages girls in science promotes education in technology with live streams

The program "EstroGêNIAS: Meninas na Ciência", by Educacional - Technology and Innovation Ecosystem, with support from Disney, Unesco, Lego Education and Micro:bit, promotes education in technology, engineering and mathematics, and debates how girls can be encouraged to develop in these areas through a virtual environment.

02/11 | Federal District

Project inspires public school girls of the DF to enter courses in the scientific area

The Meninas.comp project, from the University of Brasília (UnB), holds workshops in public schools in the Federal District, with the goal of promoting the inclusion of women and girls in areas such as exact sciences, engineering and technology. The initiative is focused on elementary and high school girls.



02/15 | Barcelona

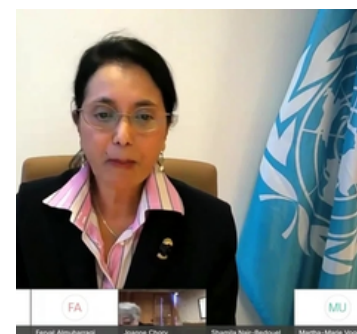
Implementation of the Gender Equality Tech Hub (GETHub) network promotes gender equality in technology companies

GETHub, promoted by the City Council and coordinated by allWomen.tech, is a public-private initiative that aims to bring together companies from Barcelona that are committed to gender equality in the technological field, in order to promote and implement specific measures to reduce the gender gap. in the sector.

02/22 | UN

Online event highlights women's role in creating effective solutions to climate change

A UN-sponsored event highlighted that climate change affects women and men unequally, as many women are responsible for gathering, producing and supplying food. The debate recognized the importance of women's participation in science to create opportunities for the creation of effective solutions for the environment.



EAI HIGHLIGHTS

ISRAEL: TREE PLANTING CELEBRATES THE ABRAHAMIC ACCORDS

The Israeli Embassy planted olive trees in the Brasília Botanical Garden to celebrate the Abraham Accords. The Peace Treaty between Israel, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates and Morocco marks diplomatic relations between Middle Eastern countries. [The head of the Office of International Affairs of the Government of the Federal District \(EAI/GDF\), Renata Zuquim, participated in the planting and celebrated the initiative.](#) "It is important for countries to cooperate in pursuit of peace and development," she says.

GDF AND SPAIN DISCUSS CULTURAL ACTIONS

The EAI and SECEC met with Guillermo Escribano, director of Spanish in the World, of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and with representatives of the Spanish Embassy in Brazil. [Among other matters, the meeting dealt with actions related to Brasília's title as Ibero-American Capital of Cultures \(CIC\) 2022.](#)

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

From February 11th to March 16th, several virtual activities take place involving different units of the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz). The program celebrates the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, and includes lives, debates, conversation circles, book launches, round tables, film screenings, etc. The means of participating range from youtube channels to face-to-face meetings.

WEEK OF 1922 AND ITS DEVELOPMENTS

The Brasilia Museum of Art (MAB) exhibits modernist pieces, including two protagonists of the Week of '22, Victor Brecheret and Oswald de Andrade, until March 14th. Brecheret's bronze sculpture "Female Nude", from 1930, can be touched by people with visual impairments. Alongside the pieces, MAB will exhibit three works from its collection: "Solidarity Committee" and "Afoxé dos Filhos de Congo", by Pierre Verger, and "Casarão", a watercolor by Pedro Henrique de Orleans and Bragança.

"Women are half the population. We cannot leave them behind, although I must emphasize that the task of creating a more just and inclusive world is not just for women — men must take responsibility, too."

Dra. Anna Paolini - Director of the UNESCO Office in Doha.

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