

## ***International Day of Women and Girls in Science – February 11***



Gender equality has always been a core issue for the United Nations. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls will make a crucial contribution not only to economic development of the world, but to progress across all the goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as well.

On 14 March 2011, the Commission on the Status of Women adopted a report at its fifty-fifth session, with agreed conclusions on access and participation of women and girls in education, training and science and technology, and for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work. On 20 December 2013, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on science, technology and innovation for development, in which it recognized that full and equal access to and participation in science, technology and innovation for women and girls of all ages is imperative for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. On 15 December 2015, the General Assembly adopted the resolution, deciding to proclaim 11 February of each year of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

In order to achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls, and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/70/212 (draft A/70/474/Add.2) declaring 11 February as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.

Generations of young women at SSND high schools have pursued STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) careers, before that acronym became fashionable. Their students have always been encouraged to focus their interest in the field that attracts them.

Background: <http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/background.shtml>

Resources: <http://www.un.org/en/events/women-and-girls-in-science-day/background.shtml>

Messages: <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0024/002436/243667E.pdf>

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Conference: <http://womeninscienceday.org/>

One SSND high school's STEM program: [https://www.indofmd.org/academics/biomedical\\_sciences](https://www.indofmd.org/academics/biomedical_sciences)

