



**Space for Women** is seeking support promote gender equality and women's empowerment in the space sector.

Space for Women is an initiative of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education to women and girls, and to bring the benefits of space to women and girls globally, and particularly to those in developing countries.

UNOOSA's Space for Women project aims to work toward Space2030 and achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), addressing SDG 5: Gender Equality and SDG4: Quality Education, to encourage women and girls to pursue STEM education, and to empower women and girls to play an active and equal role in in space science, technology, innovation and exploration.

To achieve gender equality and women's empowerment in STEM and space, we are counting on your contributions so that we can move forward with the four main aspects of the project:

### **Space for Women website**

To develop a Space for Women online platform to communicate the opportunities of STEM education and to raise awareness about career opportunities in the space sector. A future forum will provide a central hub for global initiatives under the UN roof where women can network, share and exchange information about working in the space sector.

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### **Space for Women Champions Network**

To create a Champions Network for advocacy and awareness raising that provides women and girls with role models, industry leaders and supporters, promoting STEM education and access to careers in the space sector.

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### **Start of Space for Women Conference series**

To keep connected and up-to-date about the commitments and progress related to gender equality, gender parity and women's empowerment initiatives in STEM education, space sector careers and leadership opportunities for women and girls.





## (Re)Moving barriers through the potential of Space

We must do better to provide opportunities for women and girls in STEM education and in the space sector because a diverse and inclusive environment leads to greater innovation and success. Since it is estimated that 90 percent of future jobs will require at least some degree of STEM related skills, it is vital to prepare girls and young women for future employment. Increasing the participation of women and girls in STEM and space fosters women's economic empowerment, which has a direct benefit on the quality of life of women, children and families overall, contributes to financial freedom, better nutrition and quality of life in general, and serves as a step toward gender parity.

Space has always been on the frontier of technological capabilities of humanity and has been instrumental in improving living conditions worldwide in virtually all sectors. Yet, for decades women have only represented around 20 percent of the aerospace workforce, and the figure is even lower in leadership positions.

We have the ability to make a difference in order to create a better world in our pursuit to achieve Space2030. As capacity-builder, global facilitator and gateway to the space sector, UNOOSA and Space for Women can help bring the benefits of space to women and girls, so that these benefits reach everyone, everywhere.

To ensure Space for Women reaches women and girls to work toward gender equality and women's empowerment in STEM and space, UNOOSA needs your support—in-kind and/or financial contributions—to reduce the gender gap in STEM education, in careers and in leadership positions in the space sector.

## Key Elements

- ✓ Support the strive for gender equality and women empowerment through an unparalleled activity
- ✓ Gain high visibility due to attractive and unique concept design
- ✓ Referenceable gender promotional work in one of the fastest growing
- ✓ Tangible results to narrow gaps and for the promotion of a more equal society
- ✓ Contribute to uniting of international activities and depict the potency of joint actions
- ✓ Facilitate the removal of glass ceilings in a future oriented industry



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