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## Dear members, sponsors, partners and friends around the world,

The 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), held in New York City in March 2024, focused on the priority theme of "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective" and it concluded with agreed conclusions and resolutions

Key discussions included gender-responsive budgeting, investments in social services, and the role of artificial intelligence in advancing gender equality. **Scan QR code & get outcomes of the conference =>>>**



The presence of WOMENVAI with up to 20 delegates from across the world was significant as we could voice and advocate through our statement (link online to website) but also network – providing us with opportunities to meet government delegations, UN officers, and other NGO representatives, fostering partnerships and collaborations -, influence by contributing to plenaries and workshops, including the Townhall with H.E. SG Guterres who responded to our plenary question and thus raising the profile of WOMENVAI.

The CSW sessions are crucial for setting global standards and policies for gender equality and the empowerment of women and by participating actively, WOMENVAI can help shape these policies and ensure they reflect the needs and rights of women and girls worldwide. (contd page 2)

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As WOMENVAI intends to be present in September this year at the Summit of the Future – the high-level event that aims to forge a new international consensus on delivering a better present and safeguarding the future – it is for all our delegates a great opportunity to accelerate our voice, with proposed action-oriented expected outcomes to shaping the Pact for the Future.

The Pact for the Future will address critical areas such as sustainable development, peace and security, and global governance: by advocating for gender equality and women's empowerment, WOMENVAI can ensure these issues are prioritized in the Pact.

As the Summit brings together world leaders, policymakers, and various stakeholders, WOMENVAI delegates can leverage this platform to establish connections with influential figures and organizations, potentially leading to future collaborations and support for its initiatives. With a focus on multilateral solutions, we can push for commitments that align with our mission and goals, showcasing our work and the issues we champions to a wide audience.



**United Nations**



Summit of the Future  
Our Common Agenda

<https://www.un.org/en/summit-of-the-future>

The Summit of the Future represents a strategic opportunity for WOMENVAI to amplify our impact on a global scale and contribute to shaping the future of international policies and practices regarding gender equality and women's rights. **So lets all join forces and join us !**

**WOMENVAI 7<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** was held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024, at the kind invitation of the Cultural Italian Institute n New York in margin of the UN WOMEN CSW68, with the coordination of our SG professor Elisabetta Venezia who opened the session.

The GA statutory part presented the 2023 activities (rapport moral de la Présidente), its 2023 financial status (rapport financier) and proposals with aligned budget for 2024. All items were voted unanimously with kind consideration by Members in Good Standing.

Observers and Donors were present either in physically or online, as we demonstrated how we all promote women in STEM, diversity, international cooperation, and gender equality across the world. The activities presented for 2023 include various advocacy events at UN level and conferences held at different places across our Members places : New York City (USA), Montpellier (France), Lisbon (Portugal), Bari (Italy), Nairobi (Kenya), Tunis (Tunisia), Cotonou (Benin), Bonn (Germany), Dubai (UAE) and Geneva (Switzerland). These events aim to engage stakeholders, raise awareness, and drive action towards gender equality, sustainability, and inclusivity in STEM fields.

The activities planned for the future aim to continue raising awareness, inspiring youth, and eliminating gender stereotypes in STEM fields. The focus is on creating opportunities for girls and boys to pursue technical professions, find role models, and explore paths in STEM.



By organizing events like workshops, conferences, and advocacy initiatives, WOMENVAI seeks to foster a more inclusive and diverse STEM society that empowers individuals to contribute to sustainable development and environmental issues.

**Thanks to all for the trust**



## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

At the occasion of the International Women Day the partners of WOMENVAI namely Swiss Engineering Geneva and SIA – Women engineers and architects in Geneva- Switzerland co-organized a Round table with the objectives of \*\* carrying out an inventory of the presence of women in technical and scientific professions and \*\*proposing areas of development for greater equality and equity between women and men in STEM in Switzerland. With the intervention of prestigious companies who presented their practices and actions in terms of gender equality, inclusion and diversity, the event gathering 100 ladies.



**Table ronde :**  
**Les femmes dans les métiers techniques et scientifiques en Suisse**  
**08/03/2024**



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CSW68 Side Event - Empowering Women in the Digital Age:  
WSIS Commitment to Gender Inclusion  
19 March 2024, United Nations Headquarters, New York



*“ Technology shapes our future and inclusion of women at all levels in STEM is vital: we are key to creating technologies for a better planet and a fairer global society. Boosting progress by implementing quotas is essential with support from allied men in power. ”*

**Yvette Ramos**  
Cofounder and president WOMENVAI, President of the Swiss Engineering Geneva Chapter, Switzerland.

#WSIS



## By Johanna Jeukendrup, Climate change researcher and Phd Student of Lisbon University (Portugal)

Amidst the war reality, the yearly and third conference for Climate Change was organized by Ben Gurion University. The conference was attended by the President of Israel, Isaac Herzog, the organization "Man, Nature and Justice", press, the rector of the University and more. Representatives of the Palestine territories, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon were unfortunately not able to come due to the situation and hope was expressed that the next conference will be a regional cooperation of those countries, as regional cooperation is a must and discussed at the COP 28. Youth were missed at the conference, even though all are understanding that they will play a key role in the near future. During the conference it became clear that Israel is far from reaching the moderate goals it set for itself of CO2 reduction, solar energy, ecology restoration and more. The importance of giving budgets to local councils was stressed, as well as the need for reconstruction of the areas that were hit by the war in the South and North. There was a good representation of women in leading management and financing roles, like Minister Zandberg, Professor Kronfeld Shore. The conference concluded with expressing the hope for an ending to the war situation, returning of all hostages and re-building trust, confidence and cooperation in the region.





# L'EPF À LA COP 28

*Qu'en disent les étudiant·e·s ?  
Comment organise-t-on le futur ?*

Conférence



COP28  
UAE

## PROGRAMME

- 17h30** Ouverture | Liliane Dorveaux - Jean-Michel Nicolle - François Stephan  
Présentation de Womenvai | Yvette Ramos
- 17h45** Introduction | Julia Mouton
- 17h55** Retour des étudiants présents à la COP28 | Table ronde  
Diego Soriano, Juliette Seguin, Matthieu Laloye & Adrien Loos
- 18h15** What's next ? | Womenvai
- 18h30** Temps d'échange
- 19h00** Fin | Apéritif offert par l'AEFP

EPF - 21 boulevard Berthelot - 34000 Montpellier

19/04/2024 | K02 | 17H30

Pour assister à la conférence en ligne :



**Back from COP28, EPF Students tell us about their perspectives of the Future! On the road to COP29**

**By Liliane and Julia, professors at EPF School of Engineering (France)**

These quotes reflect the testimonials of Adrien, Diego, Juliette and Matthieu who were part of WOMENVAI delegation in Dubai at the occasion of the COP28 of the UNFCCC, expressing their experiences and learnings and emphasizing the event's impact on their academic and professional development in the field of environmental engineering:

♥ *Participating in COP28 was a transformative experience for me. It wasn't just about personal growth; it was about seeing firsthand how global climate policy is shaped. The networking opportunities and the chance to engage with experts from all over the world were unparalleled.*

⚡ *As a soon-to-be graduate of EPF, I found the sessions on sustainable energy and environmental innovation particularly enlightening. They opened my eyes to the latest in climate action and the critical role education plays in sustainability.*

🌍 *Our collective contributions at COP28 included engaging in panel discussions, presenting our research, and collaborating on sustainability projects. Individually, I took part in workshops that allowed me to contribute my academic knowledge to the climate change dialogue.*

➔ *I would absolutely recommend the experience of attending UNFCCC events such as the COPs to other students. It's an educational goldmine. I'd even say that such engagement should be extended to other UN agencies, as each one offers a unique perspective on sustainability and development.*

# Organizing the future: Planning beyond 2030

Lisbon, Portugal on 26th April 2024

at the ICS University Lisboa, Auditório Sedas Nunes

A summary by Yvette Ramos (France, Portugal)

In the wake of the UN Science Summit, the UNFCCC COP28 and in view of the Pact of the Future and CBD-COP16, WOMENVAI alongside its partners, convened to advocate for proactive planning for the planet's future. A collective call was made to transition from fossil fuels, with a focus on securing financial commitments for low- and middle-income countries at the upcoming UNFCCC COP 29 later this year. The conference underscored the importance of long-term planning for future generations, highlighting the role of women in climate change processes and the need for their full integration across societal sectors.

Professor Carla Gomes of the University of Lisbon (ICS) initiated the conference with a vibrant keynote on the need for advanced multidisciplinary approaches. It was followed by a presentation of WOMENVAI and its contribution to the debate at high-level in STEM areas and social science.

Aligning with his academic and professional achievements, Professor Filipe Duarte Santos delivered the keynote speech, with insights from his extensive research on environmental sciences, particularly on climate change and its impacts, including discussions on global warming, sustainability, and adaptation measures. His clear explanations on the policy development and importance of scientific education in the environment, sustainability and climate change issues made all of us passionate in the audience!

The first Round Table discussed sustainable transport and gender perspectives in higher education, featuring Professor Elisabetta Venezia and Professor Zahra Khan, with insights on sustainable business practices from Susana Viseu (President Business As Nature, Portugal).

The second Round Table included PhD students from the University of Lisbon who presented their research topics such as 'Solastalgia in Youth,' sustainable water management, youth engagement in climate training, and Brazil's role in upcoming COPs (the UNFCCC COP30 is planned in Belem, 2025).

The event served as a platform for academia, civil society, and the private sector to share ideas and strategies to accelerate institutional change at national and global levels, with a particular focus on the upcoming United Nations global and regional events, with a focus on the role of women and youth in climate action. The discussions aimed to contribute to long-term planning for Sustainable Development Goals and co-design frameworks for better governance of climate action.



Prof. Filipe Duarte Santos & Prof. Carla Gomes, ICS University of Lisbon, Portugal | Prof. Elisabetta Venezia, University of Bari, IT | Yvette Ramos, President WOMENVAI, University of Lisbon FR-PT | Susana Viseu, Business as Nature, PT | Prof. Zahra Khan, UCL, UK | PhD candidates at University of Lisbon, ICS: Johanna Jeukendrup, Israël | João Pedro Rocha, Brazil | Raul Fretes, Portugal | Aura Bustillo, Colombia.



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## WOMENVAI raises the voice on women in STEM at the Townhall meeting with UN Secretary-General António Guterres on March 13, 2024, By Aggie Myofa (Zambia)

Hosted by UN Women Executive Director Ms. Sima Sami Bahous, the meeting emphasized the urgency of investing in women to overcome poverty and achieve equality. Guterres highlighted the off-track status of Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal No. 5 on gender equality, and the projection that 340 million women and girls could remain in extreme poverty by 2030. H.E. SG stressed the negative impact of male-dominated fields like AI on women's rights and the need for well-resourced women's organizations to combat this. The Global Digital Compact aims to bridge the digital gender gap, and the UN's Gender Equality Acceleration Plan seeks to raise \$300 million USD for women's organizations in conflict zones. Guterres advocated for increased investment in women's education, social protection, and leadership to advance SDG No. 5.



## Launch of Gender Action Plan (GAP) to support Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) by Zahra Khan (UK)

On the 18th of March 2024, at the Commission for the Status of Women (CSW) 68 in NYC, the Gender Action Plan to support the Sendai Framework was launched. UN Women, the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), and UNDRR were all present to provide some insight. Last year marked the halfway point of the Sendai framework, where parties renewed their commitment and agreed to close the gender gap in DRR and resilience with the GAP providing a clear pathway in closing that gap.



Climate change is deepening, and over 12000 climate disasters have been recorded since 1970 resulting in tremendous economic and human loss. The GAP was built by 70 countries and 500 non-governmental stakeholders, highlighting the need to scale up gender responsive DRR to get back on track for the 2030 agenda, and increasing efforts in supporting women in small island developing states (SIDS) and least developed countries (LDCs) to access DRR offices. The GAP integrates a gender lens in all DRR practices and is structured around the 4 fragilities in the Sendai framework to accelerate impact by governments. It cuts across 33 actions over 9 objectives with a consideration for early warnings where women are often left behind. They want to work with countries to implement this and adapt it to turn actions into impact and are currently working on several indicators.

The GAP underlines the resolve of the international community to take decisive action. Policy needs to be risk informed and leverage women leadership – they need to be the centre of policies, planning and decision making especially in resource allocation and deployment. Its full implementation will reduce gender inequality and keep the SDGs promise for all. Countries in the room like the Philippines and Malawi stated their commitment to the GAP but emphasised the need for financial support for its full application.

The GAP is a vital blueprint towards 2030, to see a substantial decrease in gender related disaster risk and the key priority now is what gets done and we, collectively, need to be the ones that do it.



SCAN and READ the WOMENVAI Statement provided at the occasion of the UN WOMEN CSW68



## Redefining Support: A New Approach to Feminist Financing

By Isabel Ereven (Canada)

The UNCSW68 Side Session highlighted the stark reality that 1 in 10 women globally live in poverty, despite women's significant contributions to the economy. In Africa, where 1 in 3 businesses is owned by a woman, the potential for economic growth is immense. Yet, investor contributions have alarmingly decreased by a third, translating to a \$360 billion shortfall. Despite this, 18 countries still restrict women's employment opportunities.

The Summit for the Future emerged as a pivotal platform, advocating for a gender-sensitive economy through multi-sector commitments. The session underscored the necessity of embracing feminism within cultural contexts. In Africa, recognizing the significance of embracing the term "feminism" underscores the vast cultural shifts required, as addressing poverty necessitates a holistic approach encompassing social, economic, and sustainable development justice.

Speakers emphasized the need for more than just funding; women require tools and resources for rapid advancement. The call for transparency and efficient allocation of funds was loud and clear, with a push for investments to flow directly into impactful projects rather than administrative structures.

The digital sector presents a significant opportunity, with 1.2 million women already benefiting. However, the session revealed a deeper sentiment: African women are tired of seeking financial aid. They desire tangible tools and results, not charity, urging the West for a more profound commitment.

Care remains a pivotal concern, with women's health as a critical public health issue, alongside the need to ensure care professions are not solely female-dominated, to prevent salary devaluation and promote gender equality by encouraging male participation.

This session highlighted that empowering women through feminist financing is crucial for economic justice. It's not just about providing funds but about offering the right support and opportunities for women to thrive independently, marking a step towards genuine gender equity and economic growth.



## Empowering Women: The Urgency of Feminist Financing

By Cristina Lunghi (France)

UNCSW68 Side Session: Generation Equality: Driving Feminist Financing and Accountability for Women's Economic Justice And Eradicating Women's Poverty

Feminist financing is a critical component in achieving economic justice and gender equity, lifting women from poverty globally. The call for gender-responsive financing highlights the need for tailored financial strategies to address long-standing disparities.

Recognition and valuation of unpaid care work are essential, often overlooked aspects in economic discussions. Stable, long-term financing is imperative to meet ambitious goals, including launching a new human report focused on economic justice and gender-responsive economies.

Countries like Sweden lead in gender equity efforts, investing in data for accountability and empowering women economically across all aspects of life. However, challenges remain, such as inefficient funding to civil society organizations supporting women's education and entrepreneurship.

Urgent voices from Uganda and the Philippines stress the need for structured analyses and action planning considering historical, capitalist, and colonialist legacies. These analyses form the basis for comprehensive, data-driven plans prioritizing the autonomy of community-based activists.

Effective resource distribution, addressing accountability, sustainability, and equity gaps, is crucial. Frustrations arise from excessive reporting burdens on feminist organizations compared to larger funding entities' lack of transparency.

The path forward involves holistic investment in local solutions, partnerships, and incubators for women's leadership. Aya's reminder that "poverty is sexist" underscores the need for a feminist accountability framework empowering change makers and leaving no one behind.

The collective commitment of \$33 billion signals progress, yet true advancement requires transparency, youth involvement, and a genuine shift in power dynamics towards inclusive decision-making. Transformative action in feminist financing is imperative to achieving gender equity.

## Jola Pypno-Crapanzano (USA) at the opening of the UN WOMEN CSW68

The 68th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) began on March 11, 2024, emphasizing the critical need for gender equality and women's empowerment. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres highlighted the risk of not meeting most Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, with millions of women and girls potentially living in poverty. He stressed the importance of inclusive growth and leveraging AI for gender equality, noting the challenges posed by patriarchy and gender biases in technology. Denis Francis, President of the Assembly, mirrored these concerns, pointing out the slow progress in reducing extreme poverty and the prevalence of gender-based violence. The session was a call to action for global leaders and communities to prioritize gender equality and the eradication of poverty, ensuring women's inclusion in building a fair and peaceful world.



## Ruth Richardson (The Netherlands) attended the CSW68 Parallel events on March 14:

- *Towards A Gender Transformative Approach” (Equals Global Partnership)* which seeks to challenge gender inequality by transforming harmful gender norms, roles and relations, while working towards redistributing power, resources, and services more equally.
- *Access to Education for Girls: Addressing SRHR Challenges in Tanzania and Beyond* with panels of girls from Loretto Academy in El Paso, Texas, responding to the activism and educational tools being introduced, and with the in-person gatherings held in collaboration with the Tzu Chi Center for Compassionate Relief.

*“We all have a role to play in working towards reaching gender equality and justice, which are fundamental to achieving a just and ecological future for all. By addressing and challenging the root causes of gender inequalities, we collectively take action to build more inclusive, sustainable, and fair societies. By adopting a gender-transformative approach, i.e. an approach which seeks to tackle structural and historical barriers to gender equality, organisations are better able to understand, and address these barriers to strengthen their work and to seek gender justice.”*

## Lidia Zakowska and Ryszard Stanek (Poland)

We were honored to be part of the WOMENVAI delegation accredited to this largest annual gathering on gender equality and women's empowerment with priority theme being *“Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective”*. Cracow University of Technology (CUT) Poland was represented by prof. Lidia Zakowska on March 12th during the special research session organized by Womenvai, University of Aldo Moro di Bari and co-organized by CUT. Among many respective speakers, Lidia had the pleasure to present the main research results from her transportation and gender studies entitled *“Gender related sustainable solutions for smart cities planning – research-based case study in Poland”*. The CSW68 concluded that achieving sustainable development, is crucial but possible by 2030: it has been recognized that women and girls play a vital role as agents of change for sustainable development. The empowerment of female in education was concluded as: lack of access to quality education and support services and women's limited participation in the decision-making process is due to systematic failures that may lead to exclusion and discrimination.





By Elisabetta Venezia, Secretary General WOMENVAI, professor at UNIBA (Italy)

Participation in CSW68 allowed UNIBA and WOMENVAI to contribute to this year's priority debate of "accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by tackling poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective". In particular, the event held at the Italian Cultural Institute in New York, co-organized by the University of Bari detailed the centrality of the issue, in its international dimension of equity in various sectors, including transport and the female component of the population. This is attested in the UN 2030 agenda, in which SDG #5 is dedicated to gender equality and the self-determination of women at a global level.



A few quotes from our delegates at CSW68: Maria Rita, Francesca and Sara (Italia)



*"Being part of the Italian delegation CSW68 was a great opportunity for me, it allowed me to interact with very competent people and delve deeper into a topic that is very close to my heart, such as gender equality. I will soon enter the world of work and I think it is important to know your worth and fight for your rights, so it was an honor for me to participate in this event."*

*As a young girl, being part of the Italian delegation in CSW68 gave me a chance to take an active part in the fight for gender equality. As a matter of fact, I deemed this experience on the one hand an effective contribution to the latter, while on the other hand a good training to understand better the treatment I will deserve at work just a few years from now.*

*Moreover, this event made me meet relevant figures involved in the topic who deeply inspired me as a girl and future woman. In conclusion, I would like to thank WOMENVAI for the opportunity that it gave me to take part in the 68th session of the annual Commission on the Status of Women.*

"Being part of the Italian WOMENVAI delegation at CSW68 in New York was a great honor for me. I have always been interested in discussions about gender difference and this was an opportunity for my personal and professional growth. Women's work has always been undervalued and underpaid even if it has great value and importance for families, business, politics, science and so on. During the meetings I interacted with people and organizations interested in promoting women's work and gender equality investing in culture and science. Culture and science are our friends and we must support them, in this way development is promoted and consequently we will soon be able to reduce gender inequality."

In the side event, that was held on March 12th, as part of CSW68, we have discussed all these aspects with some sectoral declinations to take into account the contribution of experts from an economic-social perspective and from STEM disciplines. The results highlighted that it is imperative for countries and companies to invest in closing the gender gap in the transport workforce and involving more women in decision-making processes. Greater diversity and hence perspectives in the workforce will bring immense social, economic and environmental benefits, and increased participation of women in the workforce will benefit not just women as transport employees and users but also men. The more women who are able to move up the hierarchy in transport sectors, the more they can serve as role models for others and help change gender norms in the field. A better understanding of such trends can reveal success factors and limitations that are responsible for the current gender gap in the transport workforce.

## Last words about the UN WOMEN CSW68 held in New York City in March 2024

\*\* WOMENVAI moderated a session of the WSIS in partnership with the ITU- International telecommunication Union (right)

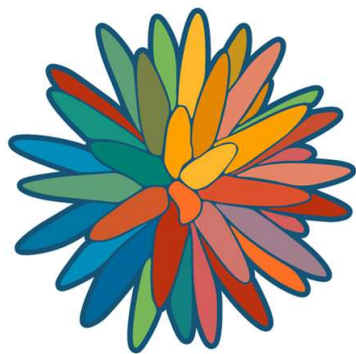
\*\* a KID\$VAI train-the-trainer workshop was facilitated alongside on March the 14<sup>th</sup> at the UN Library (below)



## WOMENVAI raises the voice of women in STEM at the Townhall to H.E. the SG of the UN :

*"The President of WOMENVAI asked the Secretary General to help address the issues of gender biases in AI and technology with the statics that 80% of engineers and scientist across the world are men. She suggested that Womensvai an NGO focusing on the education of girls in STEM (Science, Technology Engineering and Math) should work together with other NGOs to address this issue.*

*In response, the Secretary General proposed quotas in universities in the technology sector because of a cultural issue. He also stated that there is a need for affirmative action in the engineering and technology sectors."*



**COP16**  
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## Join us at the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16- CBD)

Cali, Colombia - October 21st to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

By Aura Bustillo and Ruben Junca (Colombia)

In the quest to address pressing environmental challenges, the COP16 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) plays a pivotal role on the global stage. WOMENVAI, as a NGO with ECOSOC Status to the UN will have a delegation and we eagerly invite our global community to join us there!

We recently had the honor to participate to the official launch in presence of the Vice President of Colombia, Francia Márquez, and the Minister of Environment, Susana Muhamad. The COP16 to the CBD will be an example of international cooperation, bringing together countries to deliberate and establish frameworks aimed at preserving biodiversity. Unlike the very known COPs to the UNFCCC which focuses primarily on climate change issues, the CBD COP targets the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity. Of course these two key conferences are intrinsically linked, as biodiversity loss and climate change are interdependent issues that require holistic solutions. Nestled in the heart of Colombia, a country boasting one of the world's highest levels of biodiversity, Cali is emblematic of the natural wealth and ecological diversity that the COP aims to protect. This will be a unique opportunity to highlight the critical role of biodiversity-rich regions in global ecological health, recalling the urgent need for concerted action to safeguard our natural heritage for future generations.



## Emmanuel Duflos Managing Director EPF France launches **INCUBACT'HER**

On April 23, 2024, EPF launched INCUBACT'HER, its first incubator dedicated to female innovation and entrepreneurship. The new 1000m<sup>2</sup> space on the Paris-Cachan campus embodies EPF's values of diversity, impact, entrepreneurial DNA, and hands-on learning. INCUBACT'HER is unique for requiring female co-management in incubated companies, aligning with EPF's mission to advance women in science and technology.

The incubator supports projects that create social and environmental impact and demonstrate technical and economic viability. It offers comprehensive support from pre-incubation to market launch, leveraging EPF's cutting-edge technological platforms for prototyping, material testing, IoT solutions, biotechnology, and green energy.

Strategic partnerships with BPI France, the Île-de-France region, and acceleration programs like Pépité and Wilco provide financial and operational support. The incubator has already seen a surge in integration requests, reflecting EPF's commitment to fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting student and alumni ventures. INCUBACT'HER's criteria include potential for impact, technical and economic viability, and integration of academic knowledge.



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*Emmanuel is a distinguished figure in the field of engineering education. He began his career as a researcher and professor after graduating from ISEN Lille in 1991 and earning a doctorate from the University of Toulon in 1995. Specializing in multi-sensor systems and non-Gaussian, non-parametric signal processing, he has co-authored 70 international publications and two educational books. He served as a professor at Centrale Lille, where he held various leadership roles, including Director of Information Systems and Deputy Director of the institution. He was appointed as the Director-General of EPF last year bringing his extensive experience in higher education and research to the role.*



*Campus EPF Dakar*

The EPF Engineering School, founded in 1925 in Paris France as the first female polytechnic, continues to champion societal engagement and responsibility, offering a five-year engineering program across multiple campuses, with 37% female enrolment. Formerly known as École Polytechnique Féminine, EPF foundation is also present in Dakar, Senegal.

More information on [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EPF\\_School\\_of\\_Engineering](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EPF_School_of_Engineering)

# Presenting our new Sponsors and Partners

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*“As WOMENVAI is an NGO that aligns with similar values, focusing on gender equality, women’s empowerment, and leveraging technology for sustainable development, we decided to join forces and donate to this NGO due to the shared commitment to environmental issues and the potential for collaborative efforts in technological innovation and capacity building.”*

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### Executive Committee

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Liliane Dorveaux, Vice-President, France  
Elisabetta Venezia, Secretary General, Italy  
Inès Aivazian, Treasurer, France

Lidia Zakowska, Ethics Committee Chair, Poland  
Aura Bustillo, Programme Committee Chair, Colombia  
Guillaume Pahud, Communication Committee Chair, Switzerland



**WOMENVAI present at the United Nations Environment Assembly #6, Nairobi Kenya 26 Feb.-1st March 2024**

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