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Dear colleagues and friends of the WOMENVAI platform,

At COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, I had the great pleasure to represent our NGO WOMENVAI as Secretary General and researcher from Poland - as Cracow University of Technology's Sustainable Transport and Mobility Professor. My mission is to involve young women and engineering experts into the interdisciplinary research and actions toward more sustainable world.

WOMENVAI's intercontinental activities, with female and male experts on sustainability, makes me feel happy and honored - all the more so that our relatively young organization already has great ambitions and plans. This year, COP27 allowed us to introduce our multiple projects to a large, global audience: 33,000 delegates from all UNFCCC member States. We hope to be at COP28 in Dubai, with equal representativity - in both quality and quantity of delegates - 22 women working in STEM, including myself.

Other key United Nations conferences and events WOMENVAI will be attending include UN WOMEN Committee on the Status of Women, UN Water conference - for which we were awarded a special accreditation - both held in March 2023 in New York City, USA. Also, WSIS in Geneva as well as UN Science Summit - to be held in September 2023 besides **UN General Assembly**.

Wishing you all a great new year 2023, much success and joy! Looking forward to meeting you in the world, wherever WOMENVAI projects are planned, starting by our General Assembly, on March 10th, at the University of Bari, Italia. Book your seat contact@womenvai.org.

Professor Lidia Zakowska - Secretary General of WOMENVAI

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Personal views after COP27 on this International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, by Yvette Ramos

As 25th November 2022 is upon us - the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women - we want to commemorate, as we do each year, this day established in 1999 by the United Nations.

Around the world, NGOs and organizations hold events to raise awareness by highlighting the reality of a situation that is not acceptable.

COP27 has demonstrated that governments around the world are willing to rise up to the various planetary challenges in a context of a sharp increase in the cost of living. **Surely, they can come up with solutions to curb global warming and protect against its consequences without affecting economic development.**

The best solutions are sometimes right before our eyes: over 90% of the world's population breathes polluted air beyond the thresholds recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and 4.5 million people die from it every year.

The main cause of air pollution is known to be the combustion of fossil fuels. The solution may seem simple - **but taking action is more challenging than expected.**

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Personal views after COP27 on this International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, by Yvette Ramos (cont'd from page 1)

The same applies to, I guess, any complex problem that a global governance is failing at solving- problems caused by humans! **But we must not wait any longer: five years ago, the #MeToo movement, founded by activist Tarana Burke in 2006, exploded and sparked global mobilization**, creating a sense of urgency in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls.

Since then, unprecedented awareness and momentum have been created thanks to the relentless work of grassroots activists, women's rights defenders and survivor advocates worldwide to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls.

However, this has triggered a backlash - a rise in anti-women's rights movements, including anti-feminist groups, lesser access to public space for women, restrictions for women's rights organizations and a rise in attacks against women human rights defenders and activists. Supporting and investing in strong, autonomous women's rights organizations and feminist movements is key to ending violence against women and girls.

Situation of human rights of women and girls in Afghanistan:

Since the Taliban took power in August 2021, the women and girls of this country have experienced the largest and fastest decline in their rights in decades. **We are witnessing an incremental exclusion of women and girls from the public sphere** and their institutionalized and systematic oppression: Afghan women and girls face, among other things, hunger, food insecurity, restrictions of their freedom (clothing, movement) as well as their exclusion from education (secondary education ending for 1.2 million girls), the workplace (large obstacles to their employment, massive unemployment) as well as public life at large. All these violations are identical to those already denounced by the United Nations under the Taliban regime in the 1990s. There is a need to scale up humanitarian assistance and support, ensuring that assistance also reaches Afghan women and girls.

What about freedom in Iran?

The ongoing violent crackdown in Iran against protesters, including women and children, further highlights the urgent need for the women, peace and security agenda and calls for our support for these protesters. The rights of women and girls in Iran must be respected and protected, and their full, equal, and constructive participation in public life, including decision-making ensured. I recently subscribed to Emma's social network and here is no need to tell you more - listen to the song [here](#).

Let's unite and act to end violence against women & girls!

Save the Date - WOMENVAI General Assembly March 10th, 2023, Bari, Italy

Save the date and join us for our 6th General Assembly on March 10th, 2023, at Bari University, Italy.

WOMENVAI's next General Assembly will take place from 5pm. It will be preceded by a Conference organized on Gender issues, to be confirmed in early 2023.

On Saturday March 11th, a Board meeting will be arranged - and anyone present will be welcome. **A city tour** will follow. A zoom link will be provided to active members who are not able to join us physically.

Applications to become a Board Member are now opened to all active members in good standing with their membership (invoices will be sent out early 2023, so proxies and votes can be organized properly).

These must be sent out to contact@womenvai.org.

Welcome to Bari!



Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt

Amany Asfour, Egypt

As a delegate of Womenvai, I was honoured to attend and participate in different events focusing on the African Continent - and promoting the role of the private sector, including women and youth in green Economy, Blue economy, Renewable energy and Decarbonization of Africa's Industry. I also participated in events for the economic empowerment of women and for Gender Equality and Women and Climate Justice. It was a great experience.

On the margins of COP27, I had the great pleasure to:

- Meet H. E Minister of International Development of **Norway, Anne Beathe**, who focused on Green Economy and Agriculture at the panel hosted at Africa Pavillion
- Participate and give closing remarks in the launch of **Transforma Platform for Clean Energy for Africa**. A business, governance digital platform to connect Africa's Energy Regulators, industry actors and consumers around a common interface to advance Africa's Clean Energy and Green Transformation Agenda
- Be a panelist at the **High Level Event on Women and Climate Justice and Gender Equality** with focus on Empowering Women in Green Economy Blue Economy and renewable Energy. Great advocacy pillars of BPW International organized by FEMNET and BPW Egypt at the SDG Pavillion at Blue Zone Sharm El Shiekh Egypt in presence of H. E Hanan Morsy Deputy Executive Director of United Nations Economic Commission of Africa



With Minister of International Development of Norway Anne Beathe



- Meet H. E Amb. **Soha El Gindy - Minister of Immigration and Egyptian Expatriates** - and discuss the collaboration with Africa Business Council to promote the role of African in the Diaspora in investment in the Industrialization in Africa, especially in Green Economy and Renewable Energy.
- Meet with **H. E Hanan Morsy Deputy Executive Secretary OF UNECA Ms Heba Saad Chair of Financial Inclusion Committee of BPW Egypt** and Prof Amany Vice President of Pan African Universities at the Africa Pavilion the Blue Zone
- Meet **H. E Dr Hala El Said Minister of Economic Development and Planning of Egypt** and the members of the External Relations Committee of National Council of Women of Egypt

Dr Amany Asfour - President Africa Business Council/Chair Partnership BPW International/Chair of FEMNET/Chair Trade Committee COMESA Business Council/President Egyptian Business Women Association/African Alliance for Women Empowerment besides Ms. Saida Agrebi, President of OISAT/WASAT the World Association for Solidarity Alliance and Tolerance, NGO created in Paris in 2013 with ECOSOC status (United Nations Economic and Social Council), Founder of the community approach through multidisciplinary caravans at the service of sustainable integrated development.

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Elisabetta Venezia, Italy

At COP27, the event “Educate to a Sustainable Future”, led by Womenvai and the University of Bari Aldo Moro, was met with great success and satisfaction. It fostered the debate on the relevance of social responsibility and sustainability maturity integration in higher education institutions for sustainable development goals to be achieved. Several contributions were given as a result of the EFFORT Project. More [here](#).



First, the focus was on the variables that impact the effectiveness of responsibility teaching. Specifically how to assess, identify and categorize the level of **social responsibility/sustainability in higher education** institutions.

Second, the challenge of **developing innovative teaching formats** and measuring teaching effectiveness was debated.

Third, discussions focused on how academia executives and policymakers may derive policy indications for the enhancement of the university system and the development of policies, to better facilitate HEIs embracing Education for Sustainable Development all over the world.



Yvette Ramos, Switzerland

On the 15th of November 2022, WOMENVAI, as a new member of the WGC – Women and Gender Constituency – had the honour to take part of the panel along side the Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), the All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, Inc. (FAWCO) to Showcase Gender Just Climate Solutions for inclusive global action implemented all around the world, transforming the narrative on climate action. Such initiatives demonstrate that the Global Stocktake should be conducted with a human rights-based, inclusive and gender-responsive approach.

Launched in 2015 by the WGC, the Gender Just Climate Solutions Awards honour the fundamental contribution of women to the fight against climate change and demonstrates the relevance of integrating gender equality in all climate policies. These solutions play a significant role in ensuring the climate resilience of communities and territories while also showing the way to a fair and inclusive implementation of the Paris Agreement and keeping to the collective 1.5°C warming limit above pre-industrial levels. More [here](#).

As presented during the side event, we insisted that high-level presence of our NGOs is not enough and that is why we built the **WOMENVAI Academy programme**, kicked off in 2019 with the aim to developing digital skills of girls and women and helping them building their capacities to match the needs of the 21st century society. Although technologies are becoming increasingly affordable, the acquisition of basic digital skills remains a barrier and the digital divide persists.

With our programme, we help strengthen Youth employability, creating new job opportunities, while ensuring the participation of girls and women in ICT in all socioeconomic sectors, and offering technological solutions to fight sexual harassment and violence in schools, on university campuses and in the workplace.



Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt , cont'd

Beatriz Morganti Brandão, Brazil



I attended COP27 with the main goal of following gender-related topics. To do so, I watched several side-events focused on the impacts of climate change on women (such as a panel on sexual and reproductive health rights in the context of the climate crisis); observed the activities of the Women and Gender Constituency (with a vision to build capacity and be able to participate directly in the constituency's advocacy next year, for COP28); and stepped up my efforts to enhance discussions on gender equality.

Regarding the latter, on Monday (14/11), **I coordinated an informal talk among women from different countries** to share their concrete experiences, challenges and ideas for tackling the crisis from a gender equality perspective. Then, on Wednesday (16/11), I took part in Womenvai's panel - 'Case Studies of Women in the Water and Sanitation Sector'- to share a gender equality perspective on the issue of water.

Also, on Thursday (17/11), **I ran Womenvai's booth for a few hours** and introduced our work to various people, encouraging them to research the organization further and become a member or partner. Finally, also on

Thursday, I was a guest speaker on the panel 'Global Climate Change and SGBV: a crisis within a crisis, the road ahead' held at the SDG Pavilion.

I am delighted with my experience at COP28 and hope to build on it to enhance my contribution to address climate change in a gender-transformative manner!

Susana Viseu, Portugal

At the Egyptian pavilion, WOMENVAI and one of our Partners the NGO Business as Nature (Portugal) presented a side event on the 16th November the contributions to the Women 4our Climate action plan 2023-2025, an initiative by Business as Nature chaired by Susana Viseu of the Portuguese delegation at COP27. This took place in a form or a networking event among Portuguese-speaking participants present at COP27 to promote the mobilization of Women in Climate Action. The event presented the Manifesto "**Women for the Climate, from Portuguese-speaking countries to the world**" – **WOMEN 4OUR CLIMATE**, which already had received contributions from various representatives of Portuguese-speaking countries.

Please sign the Manifesto [here](#).

Learn more about the movement through the video [here](#).



Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt , cont'd

Luiz Rielli, Brazil

COP27 was a gathering about implementation - dedicated to how previous pledges and commitments must be delivered. It aimed at raising developing country voices, including bringing "loss and damages" financing at the core of the agenda.

Climate change impact has been increasing in frequency and scale and we must get resources now. There are divergences on where this mechanism should get resources from, where to allocate those and what facilities are appropriate to manage it.

I had the privilege to see first-hand positions taken by European Union delegates and G77+China negotiators. **Moreover, the importance of youth, was emphasized once more,** with a pavilion solely dedicated to debate intergenerational justice, gender equity and the inclusion of other voices. Finally, COP27 was an opportunity to connect to other Womenvai delegates and key authorities leading the global climate agenda.



Luiz Rielli and Marina Silva (former Environmental Minister of Brazil)

Ryszard Stanek, Poland



For a long time, I have been following the work and seeing the enthusiasm of Womenvai NGO members, especially those projects connected to sustainable solutions for our future.

I had the great pleasure to become a friend of Womenvai's, as a partner representing international NGO Rotary, Krakow Wawel Club, and to participate in the COP27 actions. I had the opportunity to attend the UN FCCC parties negotiations, together with the impressive closing ceremony presentations.

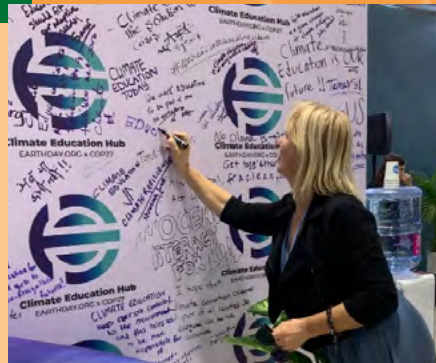
However, I was most impressed with the special events, sessions and conferences made by the group of

Womenvai delegates. I believe, after this wonderful week full of discussions, meetings and presentations on gender aspects in climate justice, that **Women and Men should work close together to make our world more sustainable.**

I would like to thank my colleagues, especially Womenvai President Yvette Ramos and Womenvai Secretary General Lidia Zakowska, for involving me in these group activities and hope that this is just the beginning of my passion and mission in supporting gender actions during next COPs - as the WOMENVAI delegate nominated by the UN.

Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt , cont'd

Lidia Zakowska, Poland



One important part of my lesson learned during COP27 has to do with sustainable transportation issues. I had a chance to participate in the European Union events on the 17th and 18th of November, called **Sustainable Urban Mobility Policy**. The EU side event on SUMPs (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans) was presented as a success story of EU research by recognized experts - Director of European Commission Herald Ruijters, Ministry of Transport Advisor Paola Visca, Director of Executive Council of Sustainable Urban Transport Thierno Birahim. SUMPs, after adaptation to different geographies, were a starting point for the worldwide discussion on its implementations.

Education was another important topic discussed - especially the areas of construction, urbanism and mobility. Sustainability can be achieved only when the majority of us understand the importance of this 17th SDG goals and are ready to act upon it. This requires proper education, so that all Womenvai members involved in research and science are engaged in projects focusing on SDGs studies, teaching and implementation.

I was proud to be invited and to participate with Womenvai colleagues Lylian Coelho and Richard Stanek in the Side event "Changing the equation" related to gender equality, which was organized by female international group @femalequotient, where role models and successful women engineers and managers from transportation, urban and land planning and oil engineering discussed closing the gap between men and women.

Fernando Borensztein, Brazil

I had the privilege and honour to participate in COP27 as a WOMENVAI delegate. This was an incredible opportunity to witness this unique moment in history in person when the entire globe gathered to put in place an action plan to tackle global warming and climate change.

It is fair to say that there were many "COPs" within a COP, as the agenda was vast and comprehensive, from technical discussions to government commitments and spontaneous participation of civil society.

At this COP, my focus was on the relationship between oceans and climate change. I had the great opportunity to hear leading experts on global warming's impact on oceans, but also on the opportunities and challenges of decarbonization in the development of a new blue economy - with technological innovation and international cooperation.

Oceans produce over 70% of the planet's oxygen, absorb over 30% of global CO₂ emissions, and about 90% of the heat from global warming. Despite this, this COP was the first one with a dedicated space for oceans within the Blue Zone. The Ocean Pavilion had an intense schedule entirely dedicated to the complex relationship between oceans and global warming. Ocean protection needs to be central to the climate agenda as oceans have regulatory functions. They are our greatest allies in mitigating global warming, yet they are the most affected by the climate crisis. Because we live on a blue planet, and it is time to take action.

I am returning to Brazil with energy and hope, after learning so much and making connections. To my surprise, COP was not only about discussing problems, but mostly about leveraging the opportunities created by the global efforts to save the planet. **Looking forward to Dubai 28!**



Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt , cont'd

Patricia Furtado, Brazil

For the first time, COP welcomed an Ocean Pavilion, which hosted over 60 events between November 6th and 17th. All the voices were there: international scientists, educators, entrepreneurs from all sectors, Early Career Ocean Professionals (ECOPs), members from the UN system and, most importantly, men and women representing the Youth, Indigenous Peoples, Islanders etc. - voices that must be heard so that we can address the huge threats our Ocean is facing in a real inclusive way.

On November 11th, Oceanic Global organized a major side event, the "Ocean & Climate Summit", which lasted the whole day and also included the participation of different artists who are playing an essential role in raising awareness in society and prompting behavioral change.

Since November 16th was dedicated to **Biodiversity and Ocean & Coastal Areas**, many Pavilions hosted events showcasing projects promoting **Ocean Sustainability**. Decarbonization, Food Security, Marine Biodiversity Loss, Mangrove and Seagrass restoration were central in these discussions. I participated in the panel "Public-Private Partnerships on Ocean Literacy at the Ocean-Climate Nexus", organized by IOC-UNESCO.

The Ocean is directly related to the Climate Crisis, due to all its ecosystemic functions, its relation to all the other SDGs - and as such, it operates as a climate regulator and a carbon sink, absorbing over 40% of the CO₂ emissions. If it were a country, it would be considered the 7th economy in the world.

Life on this planet originated in the Ocean. We need a healthy ocean to survive and to fight the climate crisis. The last IPCC Report has confirmed that, and the results of COP27, too.

In the Sharm el-Sheikh Implementation Plan of UNFCCC, published on November 20th 2022, we can read at XIII. Ocean / 50: "Encourage parties to consider, as appropriate, ocean-based action in their national climate goals and in the implementation of these goals, including, but not limited to, nationally determined contributions, long-term strategies and adaptation communications".



Bruna Mascotte, Brazil



COP27 was seen as the implementation COP, with the aim of moving past announcements and focusing on action. Held in Egypt, it was also called the African COP, with a clear intent to bring the priorities of developing economies to the center of discussions. In this scenario, I would like to highlight two key issues that caught my attention during COP27: the urgency of scaling climate finance and the role of the private sector.

While advanced economies have not yet achieved their goal of US\$ 100 bn in climate finance, a UN report showcases a need of US\$ 1 tn per year for emerging economies by 2030. To scale clean energy financing to emerging economies, blended finance should be a key tool to de-risk projects, while international development banks need a reorientation. Emerging markets poor investment environment and fiscal deficits are challenges that need to be dealt with. It is also important to recognize the relevance of companies engaging in the climate debate.

O&G, mining and hard-to-abate industries should be part of the solution for a fair transition to a low carbon economy. Mark Carney pointed out that "the world cannot divest its way to net zero", so we need to finance the transition of the high emitters in order to promote real decarbonization. **Attending COP27 with WOMENVAI was an unforgettable experience. Looking forward to the next conferences, discussions and projects aimed at transforming our ideas into a smarter today!**

Views and Activities of WOMENVAI Delegates at COP27, Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt , cont'd

João Pedro Rocha, Ulyy Sant'Anna and William Carlos Brum, Brazil



William Carlos, Carlos Nobre (Brazilian Scientist),
Ulyy Sant' Anna and João Pedro Rocha (WomenVai Delegation)

This COP27 was the first in 5 years to take place on the African continent. However, this was not the only milestone. For the Brazilian people, especially the youth, it was a time to celebrate the new political moment that had marked the country 10 days earlier.

With the change of figure in the federal government, via political election, and the recovery of Brazil's image as a country that recognizes the climate emergency we are experiencing and understands the importance of dialoguing with different social actors to have plans for mitigation and adaptation, the youth can also dream again. According to the latest Brazilian census, 2010, 23% of the Brazilian population is made up of young people. **WomenVai was represented, with a delegation of young Brazilians: Ulyy Sant' Anna, João Pedro Rocha and William Carlos Brum.**

During the event, Brazilian youth had the opportunity to discuss and consolidate a letter delivered to President-elect Luís Inácio Lula da Silva with 13 demands, the main one being

the creation of a youth council for climate action.

We want young people to be at the center of debates about more sustainable and smart cities. We need diverse people represented in the chairs who think of ways to adapt our society and we want this in an equitable way. Women, indigenous peoples, quilombolas, young transgender people from all regions of Brazil must be represented and participate in the elaboration and evaluation of public policies for innovation and just transition in Brazil.

COP27 demonstrated that actions taken are more important than commitments made. And the young people present made it clear that they do not accept being left out of discussions and the implementation of policies that should redirect the course of Brazil and of the whole world.

In his official speech to the UN, Lula highlighted that "There are not two planets on earth". The WomenVai youth delegation was present along with dozens of other young people to ensure that on this single planet there are no longer two distinct realities for men and women, young people and adults and countries from the global north and south.

Access [here](#) the full letter of youths in Portuguese.



Brazilian youth together with President-elect Lula for delivery of the Youth Charter

News from our Members around the Globe

Sustainable Blue, by Marise Almeida, Portugal

After the week dedicated to the second United Nations Oceans Conference in June 2022 in Lisbon, we tried to make Oceans the top priority on the international agenda. The perception is that a greater sense of urgency is needed at all levels to address the global challenges facing the oceans.

Our oceans are critical to human existence. We know that the ocean provides about 50% of the oxygen we breathe, absorbs over 90% of the excess heat stored in the Earth's system, absorbs a significant amount of the CO₂ that exists in the atmosphere.

But oceans are also a cornerstone of the global economy. Over 3 billion people depend on them for their livelihood and many of them are professionally engaged in ocean-related activities, the so-called blue economy. The current problems of the oceans such as overfishing with the consequent disappearance of biomass and loss of biodiversity, pollution either by plastics, phosphorus and nitrogen chemical compounds or pharmaceutical pollution, are reflected in blue economy.

Two major challenges emerge: improving the management of the various aspects of ocean sustainability, from sustainable fishing to ecosystem health and pollution, and **understanding of the challenges of ocean governance** - which will require a scale never achieved before, in terms of involvement by all states and stakeholders. As the United Nations has decided to dedicate this decade to the study of the oceans, all countries must contribute to this effort, by assuming a position of international leadership in the knowledge of the seas and the development of a sustainable blue economy. **There is an immense amount to do, and no time to lose!**



Celina Velayos, Executive Director of Yitos de Lomas, Argentina



Left to right:

Lic. Blanquieles Loria (President of the Business Women Commission at Lomas de Zamora) and nominees Celina and Carina Velayos

Within the scope of the local Chamber of Commerce, WOMENVAI member **Celina Velayos, together with her sister Carina, were nominated for the 2022 Women in Business award.** Together with their two brothers, they run Yitos de Lomas, a transportation company which will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023!

Founded by their grandfather in 1923, the company originally named "Compañía Hispano Americana-CHA" started its first bus line with a municipal concession in Argentina. **Celina has been working for 30 years as a Director and developed the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) policy** and implemented aligned activities all along her career. The dynamics of work have evolved since, especially with the acquisition of state-of-

the-art vehicles. They are the third generation to manage the company - and the members of the founder's fourth-generation descendants are also joining in. **They are recognized as outstanding women, working as entrepreneurs in their industry - which has long been male-dominated.**

About the company CSR activities, Celina comments: "We have activities outside and inside our company, working together with local communities and other organizations in charge of 1,000 children. We contribute to providing the key link in transportation - taking care of part of their education, organizing cultural visits, providing internships for high school students; we also organize training courses for heads of kitchens, so that children have a more balanced diet. And we do all these trainings not only at our employees' level, but we include whole families as well."

Presenting Les Amazones du Digital Édition 2022 by Inès Aivazian, France

During the Digital Week held in Cotonou, Bénin, in October 2022, and at the invitation of H.E. Minister Aurélie Adam Soulé, WOMENVAI mentors facilitated a 3-day workshop on entrepreneurial strategy for a group of 20 highly-motivated and select women.

The group was hand-picked from a preliminary competition aiming at encouraging innovation and boost female entrepreneurship in the digital sector. Out of the 100 applications from across the country, 20 candidates aged 19 to 52 were selected for training - which contained various units, such as key elements of business planning, project management tools, strategy and business management, innovation and communication.



The very positive response to this workshop shows that this type of action could encourage similar initiatives in all developing countries and be at the heart of their policies, allowing more women entrepreneurs to use their digital skills in the development of socioeconomic benefits and sustainability.



And the winners are (left to right):

Thaumaturge Ogou - Development of a web platform for tourism promotion in Benin.

Aichatou Oukpedjo - Medbase platform

Denise Bolarindé Moussoro - the Thaum System, the fast-track banking experience

Left to right, The Minister with the WOMENVAI team:
Denisse Salas, Yvette Ramos, Betty Bonnardel, Inès Aivazian



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As part of WSIS' work on Gender Mainstreaming, WSIS Gender Trendsetters, including Yvette Ramos, have been appointed to act as trailblazers and take action in strengthening gender equality.

Each Trendsetter has chosen a specific challenge or pledge to advance gender mainstreaming efforts in the field of ICTs. This session has provided an opportunity for WSIS Gender Trend Setters to update the community and hear about their respective commitments and activities they have been conducting to achieve their respective pledges.

Please view the whole session [here](#)

Wish to donate to the WOMENVAI Academy?

Please help our NGO grow and offer Girls and Women the possibility of choosing their future. Donate to KIDSVAI and the WOMENVAI Academy, so we can plan a series of workshops in 2023 with YOU!



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