

WOMENVAI pledge

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A call for action towards achieving Agenda 2030 success in Water&EquityForALL

As representatives of civil society but also industries and other public/private stakeholders through our Ambassadors and Partners, WOMENVAI believes in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through Water & Equity For All. Only 2% of the stakeholders who contributed to the Global Online Stakeholder Consultation (UN Water, October 2022) come from Women Organizations, when we know that inequity in access to water services including safe water is concentrated on girls, women, indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities, etc. Water-gender interlinkages with health crucially need stronger commitment from all and stakeholders recognize that women and girls are most health service users and health workers, and therefore their needs are to be prioritized through special programs for women and girls. Through WOMENVAI academy and our KidsVAI programme, we call on actors to contribute to an accelerated implementation and improved impact on the field of not only SDG 6 but also SDG4 and SDG5 which are at the heart of our commitments. Known and unknown challenges in the field of water require innovative and transformative ideas and a "beyond business as usual" approach, that is why Women and Men working together in STEM* for SDGs solutions can bring efficient and effective implementation.

ABOUT WOMENVAI

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The NGO WOMENVAI established in January 2018, proposed for the Special Consultative status ECOSOC to the United Nations, is a unique platform gathering women and men together in STEM* to build and bring sustainable solutions for a better world, aligned with the SDGs. Our Goals are (a) represent the interests of women in STEM globally (b) strengthen their role in our society in a sustainable and inclusive way (c) build on diversity and create innovative synergies, particularly in areas with high technological added value, to benefit sustainable development and environmental issues (d) enable international cooperation between national organizations of women engineers and scientists, (e) promote a balanced and modern life for all, respectful of professional equality between women and men.

*STEM= Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths more on <u>www.womenvai.org</u>