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In September 2015, a historic UN Summit took place, during which the nations of the world agreed on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which officially came into effect on 1 January 2016. These universal Goals aim at mobilizing all efforts to challenge all the issues, humanity is facing, including those connected with climate change. In order to reach these Goals, we all have to contribute, not only governments but also society, i.e. people like us.

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In order to effectively face the challenges of the 21st century, we must rely on science and involve everyone, including women and girls, who often play a key role in the scientific and technological communities. Based on UNESCO's efforts to mobilize the global community to engage women and girls in science, we decided to organize the call for presentations on research taking into account the gender perspective, diagnosing the current situation of women in science, showing solutions that increase their presence in science as researchers, as well as mechanisms to support them.

Some suggested topics include:

- the role of women scientists in addressing the challenges of the future,
- challenges women scientists face in their career development, including the impact of the covid-19 pandemic,
- consequences of ignoring gender in research and best practices of solving this problem,
- best practices in implementing gender equality at universities, schools and public institutions,
- best practices in attracting girls and women to science,
- science and business; best practices in cooperation between scientists and business,
- ways to empower women and girls in the Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

All of the Conference submissions are assessed by the Scientific Committee. The presentation time is limited to 15 min (12 min for presentation + 3 min for discussion). The accepted formats of presentations are: *.ppt, *.pptx or *.pdf format. Poster session will be handled using Padlet.

We hope to see you virtually on 11 June this year!

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