

International Summit on Women in STEM

Visualizing the Future: New Skylines

Venue: India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

Date: January 23-24, 2020

Programme Schedule

Day – 1 (23 rd Jan, 2020)	
Time	Programme
9:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 11:05	Inauguration
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome by Dr. Meenakshi Munshi, Advisor, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
10:05 – 10:10	Dr. Dinkar M. Salunke, Director, International Centre For Genetic Engineering And Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi – Introduction to the Summit
10:10 – 10:20	Address by Dr. Chandrima Shaha, President of the Indian National Science Academy
10:20 – 10:30	Address by Dr. Renu Swarup, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
10:30 – 10:40	Address by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
10:40 – 10:50	Address by Ms. Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner to India
10:50 - 11:00	Plenary Talk: Dr. Manju Sharma, Former secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
11:00 – 11:05	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Suraksha S. Diwan, Scientist 'E', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
11:05 – 11:30	TEA
11:30 – 12:00	Special talk by Guest of honour: Prof. Glenda Gray, President & CEO South African Medical Research Council, South Africa
12:00 - 13:15	Women in STEM: activities in different nations

	<p>Chair: Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India</p> <p>Key note Address: Prof. Jennifer Thompson, President of The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD): Women who are making a difference in STEM</p> <p>Addresses from SAARC Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Pramila Acharya Rijjal, Founder President of South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF), Charter President of Zonta Club Kathmandu, Nepal • Ms. Mariam Shakeela, Executive President, Maldives Women's Chamber of Commerce (MWCC), South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF), Maldives • Ms. Nasreen Fatema Awal, Founder President, Women Entrepreneur Association of Bangladesh (WEAB), Bangladesh • Dr. Sachie Panawala, Project Scientist, Coordinating Secretariat of Science Technology & Innovation (COSTI), Srilanka • Dr. Suraksha S. Diwan, Scientist 'E', Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India
<p>13:15 – 14:15</p>	<p>Lunch and Networking</p>
<p>14:15 – 15:15</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Building Leadership</p> <p>Convener: Dr. Simon Kay, Head, International Operations and Partnerships at Welcome Trust, UK.</p> <p>Special Lecture: Dr. Simon Kay, Head International Operations and Partnerships at Welcome Trust, UK.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Director Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad • Dr. Sandhya Srikant Visweswariah, Professor, IISc, Bangalore • Dr. Shourav Pal, Director, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Kolkata • Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director, The Energy Resources Institute, Delhi
<p>15:15 – 16:15</p>	<p>My life My Science: Women leaders in STEM</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Dasaradhi Palakodeti, Principal Investigator, InStem, Bengaluru</p>

	<p>Lead Address: Dr. Wendy Harwood, Senior Scientist, John Innes Centre, Norwich - From Farm to Lab and back again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Purnima Jalihal, Scientist 'G' and Head of Energy and Freshwater Programme, National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai • Prof. Ellora Sen, Scientist VI, National Brain Research Center, New Delhi • Dr. Sabhyata Bhatia, Scientist VII, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi • Dr. Shobhana Narsimhan, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bangalore
16:15 – 16:45	TEA
16:45 – 17:45	<p>Career perspectives: Thinking beyond boundaries</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Shahid Jameel, CEO, DBT Wellcome Trust, Delhi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Preetha Rajaraman, US Health Attache, India & Regional Representative, South Asia, Embassy of USA, New Delhi • Dr. Savita Ayyar, Research Management Professional and Founder, Jaquaranda Tree Consulting, Bengaluru • Dr. Swati Subodh, Co-Founder, 1 Million for 1 Billion and CSO, India Health Fund, New Delhi • Dr. Smita Jain, Executive Director, India Bioscience, Bengaluru • Ms. Samina Bano, Ashoka Fellow and Founder & CEO, Right Walk Foundation, Lucknow
17:45 –19:00	Visit to stalls and Posters and interaction
19:00	Dinner
	Day – 2 (24th Jan, 2020)
9:30 – 10:30	<p>Transforming India: Women in Entrepreneurship</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Deepanwita Chattopadhyay, IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Lakshmi Devi, Centre for Entrepreneurship and Career Oriented Program, University of Delhi, Hony, Director, CECOP, University of Delhi • Dr. Sanghamitra Mobassarrah Nusrat Jahan, Director, CyCa Ocosolutions, Odisha

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. K. Rajeshwari, Founder, Bioclone • Ms. Hema Annamalai, Founder and CEO, Ampere Vehicles Pvt Ltd.
10:30 – 11:00	TEA
11:00– 12:00	<p>Women in STEM: Influence of a changing world and scientific communications The session will include talks by women scientists and personalities involved in science communications</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Shubhra Priyadarshini, CEO, Nature India</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jahnvi Phalkey, Founding Director, Science Gallery, Bengaluru • Dr. Karishma Kaushik, Asst. Prof. & Ramalingaswami Re-entry Fellow, Institute of Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, Univ. of Pune. • Ms. B. Chagun Basha, STI Policy Fellow, Office of the PSA, Government of India • Ms. Kalika Bali, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research • Ms. Subhra Priyadarshini, Editor in Chief, Nature India, Nature Research
12:00 –13:00	<p>The future of women in STEM –Policies for enhancing diversity in STEM fields</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Rohini Godbole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley Jaiwardhane, President, Women’s Chamber of Commerce and Industries Central Province; Vice-President, SAWDF Chapter, Women's Chamber of Industry & Commerce, Sri Lanka • Dr. Atya Kapley, Vice President of the Asia Pacific Region of the Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) • Rupamanjari Ghosh, Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nader University, Noida • Dr. Vinita Sharma, Former Advisor, Department of Science & Technology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India • Ms. Milicent Liani, University of Nairobi, Kenya • Prof. Melanie Welham, Chief Executive, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC)
13:00 –13:30	Concluding session
13:30	Lunch

