

Invitation

Women and men from all types of educational and scientific organizations from high schools to universities, to scientific societies, government and industry organizations are welcome to organize breakfast events either virtually or in person (per local COVID-19 safety guidelines). Breakfast events can be small or large, formal or casual, and we encourage each breakfast team to reach out and connect with another team. GWB events are designed to be a catalyst for change towards greater diversity in science www.iupac.org/gwb. Event organizers and participants can strengthen their activities by connecting with other events locally and across sectors. For example, an event at a university may want to partner with another event at a nearby industry or government location.

Successful events held in [2019](#) and [2020](#) have demonstrated the need to build a network of **both women and men working together** to address the barriers and inequalities faced by women in science. IUPAC is in a unique position to serve as a leading organization and global platform where these difficult and persistent issues can be addressed in a transparent manner. [The IUPAC Global Women's Breakfast, GWB2021 will be held on February 9, 2021, two days prior to the United Nations Day of Women and Girls in Science.](#) Goal 5 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals is: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. As quoted in the recent [Gender Gap in Science](#) study, and stated by the UN:

“Gender Equality is not only a fundamental human right, but a necessary foundation for a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world.”