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The conference [Gender, Science, and Sustainable Development: The Impact of Media](#) celebrated [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#) by hosting it.

The event was held 10 February 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, New York, United States.

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Sponsored by the [Royal Academy of Science International Trust \(RASIT\)](#) and the [Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs, and Civil Liberties of Malta](#), this daylong conference focused on achieving gender parity in educational opportunity and scientific participation. Media portrayals play an important role that can limit the representation and status of women in the science workforce, and media research is examining the potential of more progressive portrayals to broaden the participation of girls in science. Many perspectives were presented, including from HRH Princess Dr. Nisreen El-Hashemite, Founder President of [Women in Science International League](#) and the Executive Director of RASIT; United Nations Women; member states; schoolchildren; educators; reporters; television journalists; university presidents; [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#); women in leadership roles in science; and many others. Examples of best practices worldwide were highlighted. I think this is an important message in moving forward with Sustainable Development Goals #4 - Quality Education, #5 - Gender Equality, #8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth, and #16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions. Much work still needs to be done, but raising awareness of the current status of women in science and advocating for policy changes that support this awareness is a strong beginning.