



March 14, 2019

Ms. Audrey Azoulay  
Director General, UNESCO  
7 Fontenoy Place  
Paris, France

Dear Ms. Azoulay:

On behalf of the members of the International Network of Women Engineers and Scientists (INWES), I am writing to indicate the strong support of our organization for the ***Declaration of 4<sup>th</sup> March of each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.***

INWES is an international network established to strengthen the capacity of individuals, organizations, and corporations through education and professional development to encourage the participation of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) worldwide through an international network of organizations and experts.

We directly or indirectly represent over 250,000 women engineers and scientists in 65 countries around the globe.

If declared, our organisation commits to celebrating World Engineering Day with a wide range of activities that promote the role of engineering for climate change action and sustainability as urgent action is needed in these areas. Such celebrations will improve community recognition of the importance of engineering to society and the economy.

The activities to celebrate World Engineering Day is expected to engage young people, girls and boys, to raise the number of people studying science and mathematics, increasing the intake of girls studying engineering in universities while also supporting women in sustainable activities for climate change. This is critical for the sustainable development of our countries.

We anticipate that our activities will reach and have an impact on over two million women and the girls around the world.

Sincerely,

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