



UN Women has chosen for the International Women's Day  
on 8 March 2023 the following theme:  
"For an inclusive digital world: innovation and technologies for gender equality"



The United Nations, through the United Nations Agency for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, has chosen this year as its theme for action "an inclusive digital world through innovation and technologies for the 'gender equality'. What does this program cover?

The lines of force are as follows: i) remove all barriers to access to the digital world, ii) educate and train women and girls in digital technologies, iii) promote the creation by women of digital products adapted to their needs, iiiii) eliminate all forms of gender-based digital violence.

Indeed, women are too often hampered in their access to digital tools, and cannot, for many reasons, make the most of these technologies and their rapid progress, while they remain largely under-represented in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) careers and education; too often, finally, the all-too-frequent threat of violence disseminated by digital technology and aimed particularly at women, intimidates and discourages them.

However, by 2050, 75% of jobs will be related to science and technology, while today women only occupy 22% of positions in artificial intelligence, to cite just one example. The

2023 edition of International Women's Day thus aims to denounce the growing impact of the digital gender gap and promote a truly inclusive digital world.

On this women's day, how can we not have a special thought for the women of Afghanistan or Iran, victims of obscurantist and theocratic dictatorships, and for those of Ukraine, undergoing a war of aggression which is an attempt on the life of their loved ones and forces many of them to take, if they can, the path of exile...

This means that the time is certainly not for self-celebration in the "monitoring" of the status of women around the world. A single day is certainly not enough to identify all the types of injustice or violence that women suffer, and even less, unfortunately, to remedy them.

**The Federation** believes, however, that the ambition of the 2023 edition of International Women's Day is particularly well chosen, and that a world where women have equal access to digital technology would bring much more hope, and also perhaps more peace.

**The Federation** is wholeheartedly alongside women who are fighting for their survival, their loved ones, and their rights. Equal opportunity must remain an essential objective in all circumstances and all places, within our Institutions as elsewhere. In particular, it involves efforts to support European or other programs to promote women's access to the digital world.

**The Federation**

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