Women in Science: Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities

Event Agenda

International Day of Women and Girls in Science - 11.02.2026

10:30-11:00	YSU Central Building, 2nd Floor Foyer **Arrival and Registration of Participants**
11:00-11:30	YSU Main Hall (YSU Central Building, 2nd Floor) **Opening Ceremony: Welcome Addresses**
	Hovhannes Hovhannisyan YSU Rector
	Zhanna Andreasyan Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia
	Katrin Buder-Pelz Head of Development Cooperation at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Armenia
11:30-12:00	YSU Main Hall (YSU Central Building, 2nd Floor) **Keynote Speech**
	Ani Kojoyan Key Challenges and Barriers to the Participation of Women and Girls in Science in Armenia lecturer at the YSU Faculty of European Languages and Communication
12:00-16:00	**Panel Discussions**
12:00-13:00	YSU Academic Council Session Hall (YSU Central Building, 5th Floor) **Policies Promoting Equal Participation of Women and Girls in Science** **Moderators:** *Anahit Simonyan,* Policy Advisor for the Feminism in Action for Structural Transformation (FAST) program, German International Cooperation (GIZ) *Lusine Kharatyan,* Director of the YSU Continuing Education Center
	Zhanna Andreasyan Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Armenia

	Suzanna Shamakhyan Director of the Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)
	Naira Ayvazyan Director of the Orbeli Institute of Physiology, NAS RA
	Heghine Gevorgyan Researcher at the YSU Institute of Biological Research
13:10-14:10	YSU Academic Council Session Hall (YSU Central Building, 5th Floor) **Why Pursue a Career in Science** **Moderator:** *Yeranuhi Manukyan*, Head of Science Policy Department, YSU
	Marina Aghayan Head of the 3D Printing Laboratory at the Institute of Chemical Physics, NAS RA
	Nelly Gharibyan master's student at the YSU Institute of Physics
	Mariam Galstyan student at the YSU STEM High School
	Lilit Sahakyan Director of the Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies, NAS RA
14:20-15:20	YSU Academic Council Session Hall **Challenges Faced by Women in Science** **Moderator:** *Olga Semyonova*, Partner, Cybersecurity, Risk and Technology, Grant Thornton Armenia
	Anna Mkrtchyan Director of the YSU Institute of Pharmacy
	Susanna Badalyan Head of the YSU Laboratory of Fungal Biology and Biotechnology
	Susanna Gaginyan researcher at the Laboratory of Optoelectronics and Photonics, YSU Research Institute of Physics
	Astghik Pepoyan

	Head of the Food Safety and Biotechnology, Animal Origin Raw Materials and Product Processing Divisions, Armenian National Agrarian University
12:00-16:00	**Workshops**
	Presentation of projects created by students of the YSU STEM High School
	Visits to the laboratories of the Faculties of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Geography and Geology
	Supercomputer Demonstration
	Scientific Games (Geocaching)

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