

# Women in Science: Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities

## Event Agenda

### International Day of Women and Girls in Science - 11.02.2026

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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

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**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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