



MIND THE STEM GAP

Dubai, Italy Pavilion, Amphitheatre

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On the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, February 11, 2022, Bracco Foundation and Aspen Institute Italia will promote women's empowerment with an emphasis on the importance of the education of girls and young women in the STEM disciplines.

The international platform of Expo will be a great opportunity to share the importance of the need for change in education systems globally, enabling girls and young women to access disciplines commonly dominated by men.

Bracco Foundation has developed 'Mind the STEM Gap' a manifesto aimed to overcome gender disparity in the STEM disciplines, increase awareness of women's contributions to science, promote more inclusive education for girls, remove stereotypes and prejudices and support the community of educators at home and at schools.

<https://mindthestemgap.fondazionebracco.com/>

Aspen Institute Italia will launch on this occasion ten scholarships for Women from Southern Italy to support their fees to attend STEM laurea degree courses. The Institute will also support one Early Fellowship that in 2022 will be awarded by OWSD (Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World), a UNESCO program, to a woman who has completed her PhD in STEM subjects and is employed in one Science and Technology Lagging Countries (STLCs), to enable her to pursue research in her own country.

Agenda

OPENING REMARKS

Paolo Glisenti, *Commissioner General Italy Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai [present]*

Diana Bracco, *President, Bracco Foundation [virtual]*

Elena Zambon, *Vice Chairman, Aspen Institute Italia [virtual]*

INSTITUTIONAL REMARKS

Patrizio Bianchi, *Italian Minister of Education [virtual]*

Maria Cristina Messa, *Italian Minister of University and Research [pre registered]*

PANEL DEBATE

Chair Monica Maggioni, *Director of TG1, RAI [virtual]*

Speakers Maria Chiara Carrozza, *President, CNR [virtual]*

Rana Dajani, *President of the Society for Advancement of Science and Technology in the Arab world [present]*

Eleonora Dondossola,

Faculty at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas; #100esperte project [virtual]

Ersilia Vaudo, *Chief Diversity Officer, ESA #100esperte project [virtual]*

Q&A WITH YOUTH PRESENT AT ACCADEMIA OF ITALY PAVILION

PRESENTATION OF MIND THE STEM GAP MANIFESTO

Gaela Bernini, *Secretary General of Bracco Foundation [present]*

PRESENTATION OF THE ASPEN SCHOLARSHIPS IN STEM DISCIPLINES

Marta Dassù, *Senior Advisor European Affairs, Aspen Institute Italia
#100esperte project [present]*

Alberto Quadrio Curzio, *President Emeritus, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei;
General Council Aspen Institute Italia [virtual]*

CLOSING REMARKS

H.E. Hessa bint Essa Bhumaid, *UAE Minister of Community Development (TBC)*

Elena Bonetti, *Italian Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities [present]*