



**2024 ADEA International Women's Leadership Conference VII (ADEA IWLC VII)**  
**March 12–13, 2024**  
**Hilton New Orleans Riverside**  
**New Orleans, LA**

**Preliminary Program**

This meeting will bring together an international group of diverse participants to learn, lead, strategize and act on global issues facing women, impacting gender equity, and affecting oral health care and research underpinnings.

**Tuesday, March 12**

TBD

**Registration Opens**

**Theme I: Advocacy and Equity**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**Breakfast and Welcome Remarks**

9:00 –10:00 a.m.

**Opening Keynote Plenary—Be the Light: Inspiring Service to Humanity**

Speaker

Ms. Elizabeth Bonker

Ms. Bonker, the non-verbal, autistic valedictorian of the Rollins College class of 2022, will share her thoughts on a life of service, as an everyday act of humility and a habit of mind. Like the iconic Mr. Rogers, she urges us to write a note of commitment to a life of service and save it in a special place to be an ever-present reminder. Her inspiring story will surely set the stage for the work of the 2024 ADEA IWLC VII as we tackle new ways to improve global oral health while elevating gender equity across the world.

**Learning Objectives**

- Discuss your inspiration for your role in service to community and all individuals no matter the differences they face.
- Describe the power of determination and persistence in achieving life's goals.

- Apply the experiences of others to discuss the positive impact each person can have on shaping inclusion.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

**Networking and Informal Meet a Coach Break**

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Podium Presentations: Good Health and Well Being**

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

**Break**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Podium Presentations: Gender Equality**

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch Presentation: Inspired Leadership for Human Good; Engaging Allies for the Cause of Women at Home and Worldwide**

Speaker

Rangina Hamidi

Former Minister of Education, Afghanistan

Former Afghan Minister of Education Rangina Hamidi lives in service to others. Her story of leadership commitment weaves a compelling story of rising above adversity, supporting women's rights, independence and having commitment to improving the experience of others less fortunate. In this session, Minister Hamidi shares her story and the challenges and barriers faced by women in war-torn countries. She will explore the importance of providing women in middle- and low-income countries with entrepreneurial opportunities to improve not only self-determination but also women's rights.

Learning Objectives

- Discuss key challenges and barriers to women's rights, globally.
- Reflect upon the leadership and humanitarian commitments and sacrifices necessary to positively intervene in the lives of women in war-torn countries.
- Explain the importance of advancing national and international entrepreneurial policies and opportunities to empower and improve experiences for women in middle- and low-income countries.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

**Plenary: Oral Health Access and Inequity. WHO Oral Health Resolution—Global Perspective of Need and Successful Projects**

Speaker

Prof. Ihsane Ben Yahya (Morocco)

President, FDI World Dental Federation

The WHO passed the historic first Resolution on Oral Health in 2021. Since that time, an action plan and strategy have been developed to

provide decisions and programs economically feasible for easy implementation across the globe. In this presentation, Prof. Ben Yahya will review global projects from the perspective of advocacy, policy, and oral preventive strategies that can improve global oral health. Successful projects from across the globe will be discussed for adaptation to places of local impact.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the potential impact of global work to improve oral health.
- Discuss specific strategies and projects that have been implemented successfully.
- Explain the WHO strategies for improving oral health.

2:50 – 3:50 p.m.

**Podium Presentations: Reducing Inequalities and Partnership for the Goals—Advocacy**

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.

**Break**

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**A Leadership Conversation With Icons Drs. Jeanne Sinkford and Lois Cohen**

Join two important icons in improving gender equity, leadership growth and oral health on the world's stage. Drs. Jeanne Sinkford and Lois Cohen provide leadership strategies for participants. Insights into leadership successes will be followed by a Q&A session with conference attendees.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Poster Session and Networking Reception**

**Wednesday, March 13**

TBD

**Registration Open**

**Theme 2: Inquiry and Intervention Through Scholarship and Research**

7:45 – 8:00 a.m.

**Riverside Chair Limber-up!**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary: The Science of Science, Bias and Improving Women's Health Through Research and Leadership**

Speaker

Dr. Janine Austin Clayton

Director, NIH Office of Research in Women's Health

What does science tell us about gender differences in the success of women scientists and in advancing research supporting women's health? Amid conflicting data, this session will highlight progress and areas of remaining work. The session also provides policy insights regarding when scientists should and are required to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum. Dr. Clayton will present information and best practices associated with improving and supporting women in biomedical research and oral health education fields at all stages of their careers. The unique characteristics of gendered health data highlight important contemporary scientific efforts in the research community.

Learning Objectives

- Identify the data on gender equity in research success outcomes.
- Describe policy considerations related to scientific considerations of sex as a biological variable in research.
- Explain initiatives and best practices that support the advancement of women in biomedical research and oral health education fields throughout their careers.

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

**Podium Presentations: Applying Macro Public Health Approaches to Improving Oral Health Access and Equity**

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

**Networking Break**

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Leadership Skill Building Workshop: Advancing Skills to Translate Women's Leadership Skills Into Global Action**

Speaker

Dr. Ann Florini

Fellow, Political Reform Program, New America

Professor of Practice, Arizona State University Thunderbird School of Global Management

Technology is upending the nature of human interactions and the very nature of human beings and how we lead in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR), which is defining the 21st century. The opportunities and challenges resulting from this rapid acceleration and today's turbulent environment require new ways of diagnosing and thinking about complex problems and their interrelation. This session provides an overview of the broad trends that are shaping the world of the 21st century and how they affect capacities for different kinds of leadership. Participants will also have opportunities for professional and personal self-reflection to better understand how these trends apply to their lives and ways of leading. A basic framework for exploring and reframing the complex and perplexing leadership problems of the 4IR and their interacting phenomena will be provided.

Learning Objectives

- Describe important 21st Century opportunities and challenges that are defining the 4IR.
- Identify broad trends that are shaping complex, interrelated global issues and their impact personally and on their ways of leading.
- Summarize basic framework components for exploring and reframing complex 21st Century leadership problems and interacted phenomena.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

Humanities and Artistic Exhibit: Art, music and literature highlighting the creative spirit of attendees

Video presentation

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

**Research Focus Point: Turning Oral Health Research Into Global Efforts**

Speaker

Dr. Rena D'Souza

Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Recent global emphasis of the neglect of oral health, its importance to general health, and its widespread prevalence has raised awareness of research needs and solutions that are economical and easily implementable strategies for disease prevention and therapeutics for broad use. The outlook for oral health improvement strategies based in current research emphasis and support for developing the next generation of researchers to help in this effort are the focus for this session.

Learning Objectives

- Identify global research emphases promoting oral health.
- Describe the need for economical and easily implementable strategies.
- Explain how research institutes and individuals can promote research support for oral health improvement and research leadership development.

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.

**Podium Presentations: Advancing Translatable Research**

4:00 – 4:20 p.m.

**Sustaining the Work**

4:20 – 4:30 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**