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International Day of Women and Girls in Science #NoMoreMatildas

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Currently, less than 30 per cent of researchers worldwide are women. According to UNESCO data (between 2014 and 2016), only about 30 per cent of all female students choose higher education in the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Worldwide, female student enrolment is particularly low in the field of information and communications technology (ICT), at three per cent; natural sciences, mathematics and statistics, at five per cent; and engineering, manufacturing and construction, at eight per cent.

Long-standing gender biases and stereotypes continue to keep girls and women away from science-related sectors. This is why the 11th February, the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, is celebrated. It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in order to achieve full and equal access and participation in science for women and girls, and to achieve gender equality and empowerment.



On 11 February 2021, in Spain, the Association of Women Researchers and Technologists (AIMT) has organised a campaign called "No more Matildas" in which questions such as "If Einstein had been a woman instead of a man... What would have happened? Would her scientific genius have gone so far? Would she be so universally known?" were asked for reflection.

The aim of the campaign is to draw attention to the lack of female role models in science and the persistence of stereotypes.

Here you can see the video created to disseminate the #NoMoreMatildas campaign and the official web page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fGiyCl8aZW0>

<https://www.nomorematildas.com>

