

## International Conference Mind the Stem Gap

ITALY PAVILLON - Dubai, February 11 2022

### AGENDA

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 (only for the year 2022) 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.

**12 -12:15PM (CET)**

*Institutional greetings*

**Diana Bracco**, President, Bracco Foundation

**Giulio Tremonti**, Chairman, Aspen Institute Italia

**Paolo Glisenti**, Commissioner General Italy Pavilion, Expo 2020 Dubai

**12:15-1PM (CET)**

**PANEL DEBATE**

*Chair*

**Monica Maggioni**, Director of TG1, RAI (tbc)

*Speakers*

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

**Maria Chiara Carrozza**, President, CNR (tbc)

**Eleonora Dondossola**, Faculty at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas; STEM Expert, EAU

**Ersilia Vaudo**, Chief Diversity Officer, ESA

**Cristina Messa**, Italian Minister of University and Research (tbc)

*Q&A with youth present at Accademia of Italy Pavilion*

**1-1:30PM (CET)**

*Presentation of Mind The Stem Gap Manifesto*

**Gaela Bernini**, Secretary General of Bracco Foundation

*Presentation of the Aspen Scholarships in Stem disciplines*

**Marta Dassù**, Senior Advisor European Affairs, Aspen Institute Italia

*Closing remarks*

**Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan**, UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence

**Elena Bonetti**, Italian Minister for Family and Equal Opportunities