



# The XXX BPW International Congress “BPW International: 90 years of Women’s Empowerment for Sustainable Development” Orlando, Florida, USA • 21-25 August 2020

## 1. MESSAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

My very dear BPW Sisters across the Globe,

It really gives me a great honor to invite you all to our 30<sup>th</sup> BPW International Congress to be held in Orlando, Florida, USA from 21-25 August 2020. This congress will be historical as it will mark our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BPW International. That is why the theme of our congress is **“BPW International 90 years of Women’s Empowerment for Sustainable Development.”**

The congress will witness the great journey for Gender Equality and Women Empowerment, which our founder Dr. Lena Madison Phillips has started. She paved the way for our great organization to expand in more than 100 countries with all our rich diversity from around the world with no discrimination whatsoever regarding color, religion, nationality, language or race. I encourage you all to come with big delegations to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BPW International and join our great BPW Family.

Attending the International Congress is an eye opener and a great experience of our lives. You will meet your sisters from all over the world. You will hear great speakers, you will know new friends, enjoy the workshops and the great educational sessions and above all you will learn more about our great organization. You will witness the democratic debates during the general assemblies and be more educated about our rules and regulations and Governance documents. You will share in the debates for the resolutions and amendments. You will gain more experiences and develop new skills. You will develop many new contacts and be inspired by the great projects done by your sisters and BPW affiliates across the world. You will learn about new cultures. It is really a lifetime experience, so I encourage you all to promote your members to participate and your Young BPW members to attend.

My first International Congress was in Melbourne, Australia and since then I have never missed an International Congress as I really witnessed how great our organization is and became so proud of being affiliated to such a worldwide Global Network.

All the information for Call for Congress will be available for download at this link:  
[OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org/index.php/announcements/call-for-Congress](http://OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org/index.php/announcements/call-for-Congress)

The congress will be held at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista which will be our head quarter hotel. It is a walking distance from Disney Springs, so I encourage you all to book in this hotel and to come with your families to enjoy the thematic Parks of Disney and the lovely touristic attractions offered in Orlando. The link to the hotel booking will be available on the website of the Orlando Congress.

I invite you all to visit the Orlando Congress website at [OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org](http://OrlandoCongress.bpw-international.org) and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/BPWInternational2020>. The online registration for Orlando Congress will open on **10 February 2020**. For any inquiries about congress matters please e-Email: [30BPWCongress@googlegroups.com](mailto:30BPWCongress@googlegroups.com)

Looking forwards to welcome you and greet you all with your lovely families and friends in Orlando.

With all my love and warm regards,

Dr. Amany Asfour

International President,

BPW International 2017-2020

