

Dear Colleagues,

### Invitation to Participate in a Survey and Call for Personal Stories

The Australian Academy of Science, in partnership with the Australian Government, Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources (DISER), is conducting a survey and is calling for personal stories to inform a rapid research project on the *“Impact of COVID-19 on women in the STEM workforce, Asia-Pacific”*. This project seeks to understand the impact of COVID-19 on women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields, which include the natural, physical and life sciences, mathematics, engineering, ICT and technology related disciplines.

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting professionals of all genders working in higher education, research, government, industry sectors, as well as STEM entrepreneurs from across the Asia-Pacific to participate in the survey and the call for personal stories. This is an opportunity to share your insights and experiences about the challenges faced by you and/or your organisation due to the COVID-19 pandemic and solutions, where they exist. The results will be analysed and shared, as a contribution to the post COVID-19 recovery in the Asia-Pacific region.

We would like to ask you to please share information about this survey and the call for personal stories widely among your peers and networks. Please note that the deadline to complete the survey and submit personal stories is **31 March 2021**.

Thank you very much for your input and assistance in this project.

Yours sincerely,



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