

# girls worldwide say “we can save our planet”

*“One thing I have carried with me and treasured most is the learning of leadership skills. As patron of the Girl Guides Association of Zambia, I pledge to do my best in upholding its values and principles. This will ensure the creation of an environment that will foster the full development of girls and young women in Zambia to enable them to become responsible citizens”.*

The Zambian First Lady, Mrs Thandiwe Banda, Patron of the Girl Guides Association of Zambia, October 2009.

*Our partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has enabled the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to reach young people with its messages on food, security, hunger and the environment. Through our successful joint initiatives, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide have taken positive action in the fight against hunger.”*

Alexander Mueller, Assistant Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)

*“Without a doubt, I owe my success to the education, training and support I received from the Girl Guides, particularly the courageous Guiding women who, while black people were being controlled and repressed, encouraged and helped me to be strong and assertive, inspired me to help others and gave me the courage to overcome all obstacles to triumph in the end.”*

Isabel Direko, former Premier of the Free State Province, South Africa

*“The impact of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting on a girl’s life cannot be underestimated. The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts has achieved so much but there will always be more to be done to develop and promote young women in society.”*

Cherie Booth, QC

**Women** are the most affected by climate change. It is girls’ futures that are at stake because of climate change. Policies, programmes and treaties to combat climate change will be more successful if girls and young women are at their heart.

**Yet** less than half a cent of every US dollar spent on international assistance programmes is invested directly in girls and the UNFCCC does not mention girls or even gender.



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