

MEDIA INVITATION

The Organizing Committee of the **14th Zonta International District 30 Conference in Zermatt** is pleased to invite the media to its Opening Day.

We will have the privilege to welcome and listen to **Zarifa GHAFARI** who was able to leave **Afghanistan**. The lawyer and activist, first female mayor of a capital city in a Taliban occupied province and winner of the **International Women of Courage Award in 2020** will be the keynote speaker.



We look forward to seeing you on **Friday, September 24, 2021 in Zermatt, Hotel Alex as of 10:30 am**

Program

- As of 10:30 **Hotel Alex** - Welcome, badge distribution and access check according to Covid-19 protection plan
- 11:00-13:00 Opportunities to interview members of the organizing committee and Zarifa GHAFARI
- 11:30 **Church Square** - Welcome and reception of the women's climbing party "Breithorn Ascent" and of the Zontians arriving in Zermatt by bike (in stages from Neuchâtel)
Aperitif offered by the Zermatt Tourist Office
- 13:00-14:00** **Hotel Alex** - **Press conference** of the organizing committee and Zarifa GHAFARI
- 14:00-15:15** **Hotel Alex** - **Talk by Zarifa GHAFARI - "Discussion on the status of women in Afghanistan"**
- 15:15-16:00 Opportunities to interview Zarifa GHAFARI (by appointment)
- 16:30-18:00 **Zermatt Church** - Official opening ceremony with a parade of flags of the Zonta International District 30 member countries and music by the Concordia de Vétroz.

For planning purposes, we kindly ask you to register by e-mail until **Friday, September 17, 2021** and let us know your interview requests.

Kind regards.

Dominique Caroline Moritz, Media Officer

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

COVID-19 : The COVID certificate is mandatory for access to all Conference sites (Hotel Alex – Zermatt Church).

DOSSIER : A press kit will be available on site and/or can be sent to the editorial staff on request as of September 25. A media kit will also be available online on the conference website (media section).

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ZONTA PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT 30

Zonta is an international, nonpolitical, nonsectarian organization. Founded in Chicago more than 100 years ago, Zonta advocates for the status of women and girls in terms of access to education, gender equality, campaigns against violence towards women, fights against forced marriages, and engages in actions with the UN and UNICEF such as vaccination campaigns. Zonta International is present in 63 countries and has over 29,000 members worldwide..

Zonta clubs are divided into Districts and Areas according to more or less common borders and not by languages. District 30, which includes the French-speaking part of Switzerland and Ticino (excluding the German-speaking part), includes the Clubs of Ste Croix Balcon du Jura, Biel-Bienne, Delémont, Fribourg, Lausanne, Locarno, Lugano, Morges-la-Côte, Neuchâtel, Sion-Valais, Yverdon-les-Bains and finally Vevey-Montreux. Bulgaria, Southern France, Southern Germany, Northern Italy, Macedonia, Monaco and Romania are also part of District 30.

All these clubs will be represented by more than 200 delegates in Zermatt. The founding member of the Club of Sion-Valais, Mrs. Fabienne Moulin, will lead the Conference in Zermatt as Governor of District 30. Mrs. Maria Locher, also from the Club of Sion-Valais, is the President of the Organizing Committee of the District 30 Conference in Zermatt.