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Career Development Workshop for Women in Physics

DESCRIPTION:

This workshop has been one of the most popular events in the ICTP Scientific Calendar since its founding in 2013: a space for women in physics to share experiences, build international networks, master the soft skills needed to bridge the gender gap and thrive in their global scientific careers.

MORE INFORMATION:

Despite global progress, women remain underrepresented in the physics community, resulting not only in a loss of talent but also in challenging working environments for those pursuing careers in physics, who may experience both social and professional isolation. This workshop is designed to address these challenges providing a dedicated and supportive space for women physicists to share experiences and perspectives. It also aims to equip early-career female scientists with essential soft skills that are critical for career advancement and that are often acquired informally through established networks, from which women may be excluded. Furthermore, the workshop seeks to foster the development of a global network of women physicists, encouraging long-term collaboration, mutual support, and professional growth.

TOPICS:

- overview of women in physics worldwide
- inspiring talks by 'successful' women in physics
- workshops on skills development
- panel discussions on topics such as how to achieve work-life balance and how to choose research topics
- drama therapy workshop on how to deal with challenges in the workplace
- scientific poster session.

SPEAKERS:

Sekhar Chivukula, University of California, San Diego, USA
Erika Coppola, ICTP, Italy
Maitri Gopalakrishna, Parivarthan, Bangalore
Sinead Griffin, Lawrence Berkeley Labs, USA
Shazrene Mohamed, University of Virginia, USA
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15 June 2026

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Female scientists are encouraged to apply

GRANTS:

A limited number of grants are available to support the attendance of selected participants, with priority given to participants from developing countries.
There is no registration fee.

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