



Purple Pen..!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Today marks International Women's Day and it gives us a much-needed opportunity to reflect on the progress women are making, the challenges we face ahead and how we can work together to support mutual growth, happiness and success.

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BE KNOWLEDGABLE

Did you know...? Sexual and reproductive health problems are responsible for one third of health issues for women between the ages of 15 and 44 years. Today, the WHO talks about women's health through the life-course in [Ten top issues for women's health](#)



BE SUPPORTIVE

Did you know...? The theme for this year's international women's day is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". Following an unparalleled global push for women's rights, equality and justice, sexual harassment, intimate partner violence and discrimination against women are now front-page stories and very much part of everyday conversation.

Listen [to Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director, UN Women for International Women's Day's](#) speech on the Time is Now initiative be motivated to pursue multi-sector collaborations



BE INSPIRED

Have you heard of [Fly Sci Enterprise](#)...?

This innovative company founded by Dr. Knatokie Ford and recently featured in [BREATHE Magazine](#), is extending the reach of and improving public perceptions of STEM.

The Purple Pen Team is very excited by their "outside the box" approach, and innovative use of entertainment media to promote social change.

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