## Bahamas Lotus

## NEWS



# Women's History Month \_\_\_ Kick Off

March includes many awareness's, which are all near and dear to Bahamas Lotus, such as, "International Women's Day" celebrated on March 8th which falls within Women's History Month.

On the 19th of March Bahamas Lotus (BL) held an amazing Women's Seminar acknowledging the history and endless achievements of women and highlighting the future possibilities that women can embark on.

This Year's Theme was: "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow."

#### Women Program

We embodied the spirit of this month at the Women's Seminar with topics of:

- ~ History of Women who have paved the way.
- ~ Fostering Gender Equality for a sustainable tomorrow.
- ~ The roles women play in climate change adaptation, mitigation, and response.
- ~ Think, live, and eat smart for a sustainable tomorrow.
- ~ The rise of women is not the fall of men.

### Women & Girls in Science

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science was February 11th, first declared by the United Nations Assembly in 2015. On this day BL highlighted the accomplishments of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Such as:

Aisha Bowe a Bahamian Astronaut

Dr. Patrice Pinder, one of the best STEAM Education scientists in the world and she is a Bahamian!

She needed a hero so that is who she became!



## Advocating for Women's Rights

Bahamas Lotus collaborated with organizations throughout the country advocating for the rights of women and children. Highlighting the increase in cases on violence against women and children. Demanding that our nation's leaders do something to address these issues.

A series of recent events have been tabled and yet to be resolved. Focus was on the following:

- 1.Legislation to support Gender Based Violent (GBV).
- 2. Shelters and Safe House
- 3. Resources to expedite court processes.
- 4. Enactment of the GBV Bill.
- 5. Enactment of the victim's bill of rights.
- 6. Removal of Reservations from the Bahamas' commitment to the world.
- 7. National statistical database for GBV.
- 8. Law Reformation and Increased Public Awareness to the issue.

#### World Water Day March 22nd

Focuses on the importance of freshwater. During the month of March BL advocates of the sustainable management of freshwater resources. As a result we hosted a virtual presentation to bring awareness that their are some people locally and around the world who do not have access to safe and clean water.



2 Billion people lack access to safely managed drinking water at home.