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Dear Members,

I am pleased to be sending this latest issue of the World President's Newsletter just days after leaving London after a busy period of meetings. As well as the first gathering of the Executive Committee after the Triennial World Conference in Melbourne, I was honoured to attend the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes of England and Wales and visit both Bradley Stoke Women's Institute and Hampshire Federation of WIs. Our meetings at Central Office were fruitful and positive, and included a meeting of the Finance and Membership Committee. Each of the Committee Chairmen also had time to meet with their administrators and made progress on action plans for the Triennium. I have no doubt that you will see many positive outcomes from these meetings in the coming months. Whilst in London, I was delighted to receive the news that I had become a grandmother for the third time! Thank you to those of you who have already sent me greetings and messages. I would like to thank our CEO, Tish Collins, and the staff of Central Office for their hard work, passion, and dedication. Their support and assistance whilst I was in London reflect just how much they care about ACWW, and I know you would all join me in acknowledging their commitment.

I last wrote to you asking you to participate in the Climate Change Consultation that we were running. I am delighted that we have had more than 320 responses from Individual Members and Member Societies since it was launched on 14 June 2019, and with the information supplied we can see that these groups represent more than 700,000 people in 19 countries. There is still time to take part, and you can find a link to this [here](https://www.research.net/r/acwwclimate).(
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Also below is an introduction video to the Voluntary National Review process of the High Level Political Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals, as we have had many questions and want to provide as much helpful information as we can. Please take a few minutes to watch this, and feel free to ask any questions you have by contacting Central Office.

My final note is to make you all aware of a new innovation launched this week using our Facebook presence to help ACWW members ask questions, but also to help inform our processes and priorities. ACWW's Kitchen Table is a new group, open to all members (Individual, and those who are part of a Member Society), and is a friendly and easy way of getting information and helping ACWW by answering our questions also. When you join the group you will be asked 3 questions, please ensure that you answer these so that we can add you as soon as possible. [Please click here to see the group and join.](https://www.facebook.com/groups/acwwkitchentable/)
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/acwwkitchentable/>) So please, pull up a chair and get involved in the conversation!

I look forward to writing to you all again soon, and wish you all the very best,

Magdie de Kock
ACWW World President

An introduction to the High Level Political Forum on the Sustainable Goals and the Voluntary National Review process video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_pQ_9VHQYA&feature=youtu.be