

W20 Panel Discussion 1 “Closing the Gender Gap for New Prosperity: Enhancing Governance for Women's Empowerment”

Background and Issues

At the Buenos Aires Summit in 2018 G20 leaders declared gender mainstreaming strategy across the G20 agenda. This means that the idea in which discussing all G20 agenda from gender perspectives and closing the gender gaps in any economic/ social aspects will strongly contribute to SDGs has been further recognized by G20 leaders. What economic and social impact will be created when all women and girls in the G20 economies which cover 90% of the world's GDP, 85% of the world's trade and 75% of the world's population now stand-up, get access to quality economic and social activities, receive fair recognition and evaluation, participate in decision making and have good literacy for the future of work? The speakers from public, business and academic sectors will discuss.

Also the G20 leaders' declaration includes the specific commitments to promote the empowerment of women and girls and to close the gender gaps which contribute to SDGs. This owes W20's 5 year continuous discussion since 2015. Now we should focus on concrete implementation of the agreed commitments together with evolution of our discussion. At this panel we will discuss how each of public, private and social sectors can play effective roles in order to promote gender mainstreaming and to implement specific commitments regarding closing the gender gaps and empowerment of women and girls.

Topics

- What economic and social impact will be created by gender mainstreaming, closing the gender gaps in various areas and empowerment of women and girls?
- How can we redefine the new growth and new prosperity through closing the gender gaps?
- What key roles should each sector play and how should human and financial resources be allocated to promote gender mainstreaming strategy?
- What key roles should each sector play to collect sex-disaggregated data to realize gender equality in decision making in the public and private sectors?