

W20 Japan's over-arching theme: “Closing the Gender Gap for New Prosperity”

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About Women 20

- Women 20 is one of G20's official engagement groups and can affect the shaping of new global economic order by presenting recommendations and requesting their implementation on women's empowerment and gender equality to the G20.
- The W20 Communiqué (Recommendations) 2019 was handed to Japan's Prime Minister Abe from Co-Chairs of W20 Japan Steering Committee at W20Japan Summit in Tokyo held simultaneously with the 5th World Assembly of Women hosted by Japanese government in March, 2019.

W20's Recommendations to G20 Leaders



1. Request labour and employment ministers to present a mid-term report on the 2014 Brisbane commitment to reduce the gender gap in labour force participation by 25 percent by 2025 during the 2020 G20.
2. Remove systemic legal and social barriers in the labor market and provide solutions for achieving gender equality.
3. Close the digital gender gap and ensure that women can exercise their digital rights.
4. Ensure financial inclusion, promote women's entrepreneurship, and accelerate access to investment and markets.
5. Promote life-long learning, and education on gender equality in schools and workplaces, to eliminate gender stereotypes and unconscious bias.
6. End all forms of violence against women and girls in the public and private spheres, including social media.
7. Establish effective and transparent governance and accountability mechanisms for achieving gender equality

Framework of W20 2019 Communiqué



4 Pillars

7 Recommendations & 15 Bullets

Governance
(New)

#1 [25 by 25], #7 [Governance(monitoring & measurement)]

Labour

#1 [25 by 25], #2 [Labor], #5 [Education], #6 [Violence]

Digital

#3 [Digital], #5 [Education], #6 [Violence]

Finance

#4 [Financial resources/ Entrepreneurship], #5 [Education]

“Leaders’ Special Event on Women’s Empowerment”



G20 Summit Side Event “Leaders’ Special Event on Women’s Empowerment” on June 29 in Osaka, followed by Press Meeting.



UN Women, ILO&OECD, World Bank Group, IMF, ADB, WPL and W20 were invited to hand over reports/recommendations to Japan’s PM Abe.



W20 Japan's achievements (I)

Goal: “No Going Back”

- Keep up with the level of G20 Leaders' Declaration 2018, Argentina
- Accelerate G20 Leaders' Declaration 2014, Brisbane
- Align with G20 Sustainable Development Goals



W20 Japan's achievements (II)

Outcome: the level and degree of W20 Communiqué reflected in G20 Leaders' Declaration

1. A considerable amount of recommendations are reflected in G20 Leaders' Declaration, meticulously phrased, filled with crucial key words which are from W20's recommendations.
2. The most basic G20's Brisbane commitment and its implementation procedure are declared and the leaders proclaim to take the responsibility for accelerating progress on the basis of the annual report.
3. Leaders address systemic and normative causes of gender gaps such as "the gender gap in unpaid care work which remains a major obstacle to women's participation in the labor market," and "commit to take further action to improve the quality of women's employment, reduce gender pay gaps, end all forms of discrimination against women and combat stereotypes."

THANK YOU

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