Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends,

It is our pleasure to share with you updates from the WE EMPOWER—G7 programme.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been working tirelessly (virtually from our homes) to promote the economic empowerment of women at work and ensure that we do not backslide on the progress made toward gender equality in the changing world of work.

Below are a few highlights of what we have been creating and innovating while working from home and a few items before the world went on pause.

To learn more about this work, find upcoming events, and access a wealth of resources related to women’s economic empowerment, visit us at EmpowerWomen.org.

Add your voice to the call to ensure gender-responsive COVID-19 response and recovery.

We must work together to ensure gender equality is part of responses and recovery efforts to foster more resilient and regenerative societies and economies.
The COVID-19 pandemic is not just a health issue. It is a profound shock to our societies and economies, and women are at the heart of care and response efforts underway.

**COVID-19 and Gender Equality**
A call to action for the private sector

Join us on social media by using the WE EMPOWER COVID-19 social media package.

Get the package

We are in the process of gathering insights from companies who have implemented promising and innovative measures for gender equality and women’s empowerment.

We have been documenting concrete measures as case studies on topics from confronting gender imbalances at work, to closing gender pay gaps, to building gender balanced businesses.

Want your story included? Contact us and say #WeShare!

WE EMPOWER celebrated International Women's Day with global partners at Nasdaq to Ring the Bell for Gender Equality with stock exchanges.

WE EMPOWER has a new platform! EW@W platform (Empowering Women @ Work) has been launched to advance gender equality through training and developing awareness, knowledge, illustrative practices and lessons learned in some of the priorities for the future of women at work.
Women's Empowerment Principles

WE EMPOWER in support of the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) has developed various resources including guidance notes, brochures and briefs to advance responsible business conduct among private sector amid COVID-19 and beyond to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment in the workplace, marketplace and community.

WEPs signatories in G7 countries

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Country Progress

WE EMPOWER Canada
From Innovation, Entrepreneurship and the Future: International Women’s Day 2020 celebration to Ringing the Bell for Gender Equality with Stock Exchanges and other partners, to launching of several knowledge products, the Canada colleagues have been hard at work.

WE EMPOWER Japan

WE EMPOWER USA
WE EMPOWER convened a High-Level Roundtable “Gender Equality and COVID-19 Crisis Response and Recovery: The G7’s Role” where gender equality experts recommended key actions for COVID-19 response and recovery for G7 leaders.

WEBINARS

Did you miss the WE EMPOWER webinars?

From a discussion on COVID-19 and gender equality, accessing investors and capital, to ensuring non-discrimination at work and addressing domestic violence in the world of work amid COVID-19, WE EMPOWER webinars covered various topics.

Watch the recordings

Additional Resources
From closing gender pay gaps, to domestic violence at work, to family-friendly policies, and promoting positive gender norms in marketing and advertising, the WE EMPOWER team has been producing and supporting the creation of many resources to guide employers, employees and governments to ensure that we do not roll back on the gains towards gender equality amid COVID-19 and beyond.

For more resources on gender equality, women's economic empowerment and COVID-19: