

## EDITORIAL



A more inclusive definition of leadership, built on collaboration and debate: that's the future of our societies. Positive and productive conversations are the way to produce progress that matters. At the Women Leaders Global Forum, which is hosted this November jointly by WPL and the Government and Parliament of Iceland, every single attendee will join a global conversation on big issues - all participants are Conversationists. At the Forum, women political leaders, together with women in leadership positions in business, technology, science and culture, will engage in conversations about digitalisation, leadership and shaping the future.

The WLGF will be annually held in Reykjavik, and "The Reykjavik Index of Leadership" will be presented. It measures how people feel about women in power, and looks at the perceived legitimacy of male and female leadership in politics and professions. WPL launches the Reykjavik Index in 2018 with a focus on the G7 nations.

Enjoy reading the newsletter!

Silvana Koch-Mehrin, Founder & President of the Women Political Leaders Global Forum

## WOMEN LEADERS GLOBAL FORUM - REYKJAVÍK, ICELAND



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The Women Leaders Global Forum launches on 26-28 November, 2018, in Reykjavik, Iceland. The Forum is annually co-hosted by Women Political Leaders (WPL), and the Government and the Parliament of Iceland, and is co-chaired by leaders of the OECD, World Bank, World Economic Forum and others.

## A closer look into the Women Leaders Global Forum

### The Reykjavik Index for Leadership: how do people feel about powerful women?

The Reykjavik Index will be presented for the first time during the Women Leaders Global Forum. Created in collaboration with Kantar, it shows how people feel about women in leadership positions, and looks at the perceived legitimacy of male and female leadership in politics and in other fields.

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### The POWER, TOGETHER Awards

For its inaugural year, the Women Leaders Global Forum is proud to give the POWER, TOGETHER Awards to three distinguished initiatives, which successfully worked to increase the number and influence of women leaders.

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### The Women's World Atlas: How would the world look if you could only see the countries that have achieved gender equality?

More than half of the world's population is female. So where in the world exists parity in distribution of political and business power? In which countries are women and men at par? The Women's World Atlas shows exactly this, in cooperation with CAPACENT and with appreciation for the contribution by Oxford Analytica.

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### Reykjavik Summit - Power, Together, the first of its kind at the WLGF

On November 27 extraordinary women leaders will gather during the Women Leaders Global Forum at the historic Höfði House in Reykjavik, Iceland for the Reykjavik Summit - Power, Together. This roundtable session will be the first of its kind and will be held in cooperation with the Council of Women World Leaders (CWWL) and the University of Iceland.

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## GUEST POST



**Kristalina Georgieva, CEO, World Bank**  
Co-chair of the Women Leaders Global Forum

When I joined the World Bank in the early 1990s, women were few and far between and it was to the detriment by the institution. The World Bank President at that time, Jim Wolfensohn, once said to me, 'Kristalina, so much work to do, and so very few women to do it.' The World Bank Group of today looks nothing like the one I first joined.

We have embraced the idea that diversity makes us better, and that has changed the way we do business and make decisions. We put into place targets to make sure that our leadership team is gender-equal, and in the World Bank, we have met that goal ahead of schedule. We need to do even more to have a strong pipeline of qualified women (and men) to step up in the future. I have come to wholeheartedly embrace the need to push for gender equality, after many decades believing that we had to be gender blind: that you are either good or not. I recognized maybe a bit late that if we leave this issue to solve itself, it would take hundreds of years for men and women to be equal. As a world, we need to do three things to enable women's leadership: make sure that every girl, everywhere can have a quality education; empower girls and boys equally to speak up and be heard; and equalize society's expectations and aspirations for girls and boys so that they can grow up to be anything that they want to be. The Women Leaders Global Forum provides an opportunity for women to come together and learn from each other on how to take this important agenda forward.

## PAST EVENTS

### Over 1,500 #Girl2Leader Delegates celebrate International Day of the Girl on five continents.



Girls are the leaders of tomorrow and the future of our society. To #LeadLikeAGirl means leadership with heart and brain. On the International Day of the Girl, influential women politicians from 24 countries hosted more than 1,500 rising young leaders during #Girl2Leader campaign events on five continents. Thanks to a global video call, #Girl2Leader delegates connected with girls attending events around the world, generating the base for new networks of future women politicians.

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### WPL Panel at UNGA: Blockchain of Social Good



Blockchain represents an opportunity to change the world, by introducing transparency and accelerating poverty reduction. That was the shared belief held by speakers at the event, 'Blockchain for Social Good: Utilizing Blockchain to Aid Economic Development', held during the 73rd United Nations General Assembly in New York on the 24th of September. The consensus among speakers was that blockchain holds potential for the development especially of frontier and emerging markets.

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## CALENDAR

**26-28 November 2018**

[Women Leaders Global Forum](#)

**22-25 January 2019**

[WPL sessions at the WEF Annual Meeting 2019](#)

**15-17 February 2019**

[WPL sessions at the Munich Security Conference](#)

**11-22 March 2019**

[WPL sessions at the UN Commission on the Status of Women](#)



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