



Leadership for Gender Equality

South Asia Event

17-18 March 2021

“*Gender equality is more than a goal in itself. It is a precondition for meeting the challenge of reducing poverty, promoting sustainable development and building good governance.*”

Kofi Annan

In the past few decades where a lot has changed around the world, our commitment towards an inclusive, equitable and sustainable society still remains an important priority. Drilling down into facts and figures, we find that the quest towards gender parity has improved and many women are coming up to take leadership positions at various levels. Despite the slow and steady progress being made to narrow down the gender gap, the road to gender equality still remains a long way away. Gender inequalities still persist globally and require our immediate action.

119 countries have never had a woman leader

(Source: UN Women)

27 billion women are legally restricted from having the same choice of jobs as men

(Source: UN Women)

95 years are required to close the gender gap in political representation

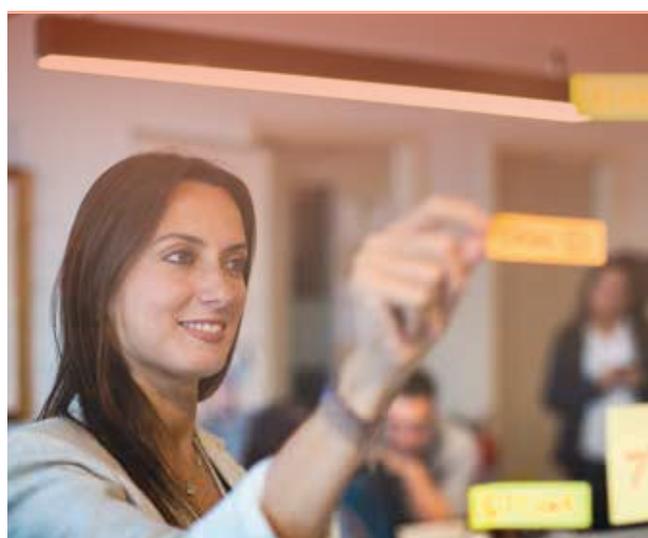
(Source: Progress of World's Women: Access to Justice, 2011-12, UN Women)

28% of women aged 15+ are employed in South Asia, compared to 48 percent worldwide

(Source: World Bank)

11% of seed-funding capital went to companies with a woman on their founding team in 2019

(Source: World Economic Forum)



About the British Council

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. They create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries, by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust. They work with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of Arts and Culture, English Language, Education and Civil Society.

British Council's commitment to gender equality

In order to create inclusive, open and prosperous societies it is important that all genders are considered equal and empowered. British Council provides a platform for discussion and dialogue to influence policies, works with partners to promote equal opportunities for women and contributes to the skill development of women and girls so that they can influence the decisions that affect their lives.

The Leadership for Gender Equality Summit

Decades of progress have revealed that the gender gap has narrowed over time, owing to a collaborative global effort. However, the recent pandemic has revealed that deep inequalities and gender gaps still continue to exist and women are still struggling to find an equal footing. Thus, to reflect on these inequalities and develop a shared vision for the future, the British Council is hosting a two-day mega event, The Leadership for Gender Equality Summit, to create an open forum for discussion and dialogue.

Being held virtually, in light of the pandemic, the event brings together thought leaders at the South Asia level, with participation from India, Sri-Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Through this event, we hope to improve access to case studies, role models and networks for progressing gender equality and women's leadership through digital platforms.

Event highlights

30+ experts from across South Asia to express their opinions on different aspects of gender equality

High-spirited discussion forums on gender issues to explore creative solutions to challenges faced by women

Synthesis of panel discussions, workshops and fireside chats on the overarching theme of Women in Leadership

Dynamic business leaders, policy makers and experts from international organizations like the UN, leading corporates, philanthropic organizations, and more

Our Speakers



Srilatha Batliwala

Senior Advisor Knowledge Building
CREA



Dr. Sulochana Segera

Founder
Women in Management



Dr. Saleemul Huq

Director
International Centre for Climate
Change and Development



Nighat Dad

Executive Director
Digital Rights Foundation



Rashid Bajwa

CEO
National Rural
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Kalki Subramaniam

Founder and Director
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Strategy Adviser &
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Samitha Sugathimala

Director Programmes
Foundation for Innovative
Social Development



Shahana Parveen

Joint Director
CCD Bangladesh



Dr. Tasneem Siddiqui

Professor of Political Science
at the University of Dhaka
and the founding Chair of Refugee
and Migratory Movements
Research Unit (RMMRU).



Kashmala Kakakhel

Specialist
Climate Finance
Member, Women In
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Dr. Ananda Mallawatantri
Country Representative
International Union for
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Sri Lanka



Dr. Gayani De Alwis
Global Chairperson
Women in Logistics
and Transport



Abia Akram
Chairperson
National Forum of
Women with Disabilities



Selima Ahmad
Member of Parliament
People's Republic of
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Prof. Arpita Mondal
Assistant Professor
Dept. of Civil Engineering
& IDP in Climate Studies
IIT Bombay



Sumedha Limaye
General Manager
Server Networking
Products Intel India



Kamla Bhasin
Advisor
Sangat Network



Kamani Jinadasa
Founding Executive Director and
Senior Gender Specialist and
GBV specialist for the
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Anoka Abeyratne
Co-founder
Growin' Money



Farah Kabir
Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh



Vasanthi Srinivasan,
Professor in the Organizational
Behavior and Human
Resource Management Area



Nishtha Satyam
Deputy Country Representative
UN Women, India, Bhutan,
Maldives and Sri Lanka

Format of execution

Panel discussions

Fireside Chats

Keynote Address

Workshops

Focus areas of the event

- Strengthening women's access to digital technology
- Making the virtual world safer
- Leadership for women in climate resilience

Who should attend?



Nonprofits



Business Leaders



Educationists



Policy-makers



Government
leaders



Philanthropists



Design thinkers



Activists

Registration details

Please click here https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0gmBKsU6RE-mYzhZsNyF1GA for the registration page.

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