

The world needs women's leadership

A call for action

Our manifesto for the 2018 G7 Summit

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At a time when we are seeking to overcome disruption and division, create inclusive societies, and drive sustainable growth, women's full participation in our governments, workplaces and communities has the greatest potential to achieve solutions.

At Women's Forum Canada, hosted May 10 and 11 in Toronto on the theme "Bridging the gap: A call to the G7 for inclusive progress," the [Women's Forum for the Economy & Society](#) asked women leaders what policies G7 nations should adopt to contribute to greater equality and empowerment for women. We call on G7 nations to focus their efforts on these policy areas, drawing from the insights of female leaders from around the world to inform their priorities, initiatives, and agendas for empowering women.

Women's Forum Canada delegates dared to raise their voice.

Will the G7 dare to listen?

#askwomen

#daretolisten

#bridginghumanity

We call on the governments of the G7 nations to:

1. Lead by example in the public sector

The G7 governments must demonstrate their own commitment to gender equality and set the right example, thus increasing their credibility to call on the private sector to follow.

2. Implement and enforce laws and levers for women's safety and security

To achieve equality, women must feel safe in their homes, workplaces, communities and public spaces — and cannot be disadvantaged by violence inflicted upon them.

3. Create the conditions for gender equality in the workforce and employment pipeline

Governments alone cannot achieve key goals for gender equality — although they can help create the right conditions for doing so, working together with the private sector.

4. Ensure equal access to education and technological training to foster inclusive innovation and equal outcomes for women

Today girls and women do not have equal access to advanced technological training, particularly in communities of diverse incomes. Education and vocational systems must be reformed to provide such training to achieve equal outcomes for women.

5. Empower women to contribute to solutions to climate change

Climate change impacts men and women differently, therefore climate-focused action needs to be gender-responsive. This requires women's active involvement at all levels of policymaking.

6. Adopt shared principles in the implementation of policies

The G7 governments must adopt common principles, such as harmonisation of best practice and transparent reporting, to ensure that recommendations are implemented smoothly and are sustained.

7. Draw on women's leadership

Governments must actively ensure that women's voices, perspectives, expertise and leadership are included equally in decision-making.

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