

The first-ever Women's Forum Canada to influence the G7 with new economic and societal mindsets

TORONTO, April 19, 2018 – The **Women's Forum for the Economy & Society**, the world's leading platform featuring women's views and voices on social and economic issues, is pleased to announce the **first-ever Women's Forum Canada**, taking place from May 10-11 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto. The Forum will convene over 600 global leaders and an inspiring cohort of speakers around the theme of *'Bridging the Gap: A call to the G7 for Inclusive Progress.'*

One month prior to the 2018 G7 Summit, Women's Forum Canada will bring together policymakers, business executives and industry stakeholders to challenge the G7 to deliver inclusive economic growth. With insights, ideas, best practices and success stories from outstanding women and men, Women's Forum Canada aims to tackle not only gender issues, but issues for all humanity: climate change, economic empowerment, the future of jobs, financial inclusion and security. It will welcome delegations from the G7 countries and a Special Delegation from Mexico.

Chiara Corazza, Managing Director of Women's Forum for Economy & Society sums up the significance of the meeting: *"What happens when we bring together global leaders — both men and women? We create solutions, and we engage for impact!"* By challenging the G7 and creating the conditions for decisive action in this uniquely influential group of economies and societies, Women's Forum Canada will bring to fruition its vision to build bridges between regions and cultures in an increasingly divided world.

Workshops will cover topics such as urban planning as a tool for inclusive climate action, the #MeToo movement, socially responsible investing, and technology as it relates to the inclusive future of work. Speakers include **HRH Lalla Hasnaa**, Princess of Morocco, **Arancha Gonzalez**, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre, **John Rossant**, Founder and Chairman, New Cities Foundation, **Kristalina Georgieva**, CEO, The World Bank, **Jodi Kovitz**, Founder of Move The Dial and **Dayle Haddon**, founder of WomenOne and a recently nominated member of the Gender Equality Advisory Council for Canada's G7 Presidency. Dayle will also be one of four speakers hosting a cocktail reception at the Royal Ontario Museum on Thursday, May 10 from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. For more information on speakers and session times, please click [here](#) for full details.

On May 9 at the Fairmont Royal York, Imperial Room, Equal Voice will be hosting a welcome cocktail hour from 6:00PM – 8:00PM, which will be available to all registered participants. Registration for the two-day summit is now open, and tickets are available [here](#).

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About the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society

Since 2005 the Women's Forum for the Economy & Society has been the world's leading platform featuring women's views and voices on major social and economic issues with more than 30 international events in 15 destinations. The Women's Forum, a Publicis Groupe company headquartered in Paris, is dedicated to showcasing the talent and creativity of women while fostering international cooperation throughout the year with a range of Women's Forum Initiatives. The Women's Forum also promotes the advancement of women through regional and international networks. For 13 years now with the support of our partner organisations and the delegates to our Meetings, the Women's Forum has been driven by the vision that empowered women are at the very core of a better society. Because when we make life better for women, we make life better for everyone.