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On 15 March, the second flagship **TARGET GENDER EQUALITY LIVE** attracted more than 3,200 leaders across over 1,700 organizations from 124 countries to discuss the actions that can be taken to advance gender equality. The event specifically discussed the range of interconnected emergencies the world continues to face — from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the climate crisis, to rising inequalities, humanitarian disasters and financial instability and how gender equality is both central to the challenge — with women and girls bearing the brunt of global crises — and an essential solution with the power to transform economies, countries, and communities to achieve sustainable development. **[Watch the sessions »](#)**

The event also kicked off the third round of **Target Gender Equality** now open to join in over 50 participating countries! **[Apply today »](#)**

TOP NEWS



The **Women's Empowerment and Business 2022 Trends and Opportunities** report examines trends from the aggregate data from the **WEPs Gender Gap Analysis Tool**. The report finds that while some progress has been made on advancing gender equality across regions and across issues, there is a need for more accelerated, impactful action across the board. **[Read the report »](#)**

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The **Business & Human Rights Navigator** is a new microsite that guides companies around the world to better understand and address human rights impacts in their operations and supply chains. Visit the **Gender Equality** issue page to explore contextual and industry-specific risk factors, due diligence considerations and illustrative case studies. (Available in English, German and Spanish.) **Visit the microsite »**

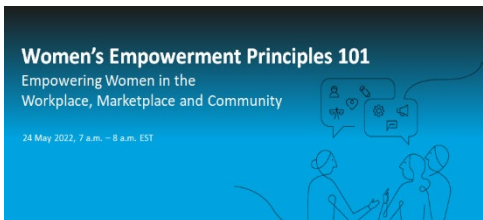


For the eighth consecutive year, the UN Global Compact participated in **Ring the Bell for Gender Equality** – a collaboration between partners including over 115 stock exchanges around the world ringing opening or closing bells to celebrate International Women’s Day and draw attention to women’s economic empowerment. **Read more »**

UPCOMING EVENTS



Interested in joining the third round of **Target Gender Equality**? Find out more about the programme and why you should join during one of our upcoming information sessions happening on 20 April at 9:00 a.m. EDT, 10:00 a.m. EDT (in Spanish/en Español) and 11:00 p.m. EDT. **Register here »**



Join us on 24 May for the next **WEPs 101 webinar** hosted by UN Women and the UN Global Compact to discuss how to sign the WEPs, the meaning of the Principles and the available tools to increase gender equality and diversity in the workplace, community, and marketplace. **Register here »**



The **2022 UNECE Regional Forum** will offer opportunities for exchange and learning on accelerating the SDGs in the context of COVID-19, including a session organized with the UN Global Compact and UN Women on advancing women's representation and leadership in male-dominated industries. **Register here >>**

Local Action



In Canada:

Global Compact Network Canada received funding from Women and Gender Equality Canada through the **Feminist Response and Recovery Fund** to execute a project designed to increase women's participation and opportunities in the labour market. [Read more »](#)



In Nigeria:

26 Local Networks participated in **Ring the Bell** this year, including Local Network Nigeria, in partnership with the Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX Group) and listed companies with a panel alongside the ringing ceremony. [Watch the event recording »](#)



In Paraguay and Guatemala:

Global Compact Networks Paraguay and Guatemala jointly held their Action Dialogue as part of the **Target Gender Equality** programme to discuss good practices and lessons learned throughout the programme and across the region. [Watch the session recording »](#)

WHAT'S YOUR TARGET?



Yildiz Holding – Target Gender Equality participant in Turkey

Target: Empowering women in business and ensuring their right to have equal opportunities

"We, as Yildiz Holding, support a corporate culture that treats everyone without prejudice and aims to provide an equal process."

[Learn more about Yildiz Holding's plans & actions »](#)

GLOBAL COALITION NEWS

- Save the date for the UN Global Compact's upcoming [Leaders Summit on 1-2 June](#)
- Read the recently launched [SSE report](#) providing guidance to exchanges on advancing gender equality
- Check out the [case studies and profiles of leaders in gender equality](#) compiled through Target Gender Equality
- Join the IOE's' webinar '[STEM: Catalysing women's access to opportunities, learning pathways, tools, skills and technologies](#)' on 3 May
- Read our article on [celebrating International Women's Day](#) everyday in Business India
- Explore the [economic case for why the role of diversity is important in future workplaces](#) in the ILO's report
- Watch the recording from [WEA's CSW66 side-event](#)
- See how the flagship programme, [HerVenture](#), by the Cherie Blaire Foundation for Women supported 50,000 women entrepreneurs to grow their business
- Is your company operating in Bangladesh, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Turkey, and in the sectors of agribusiness, financial services, manufacturing, and retail and distribution? If so, take [IFC's survey](#) on procurement diversity practices that support women-owned enterprises in [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [Turkish](#) by 11 April



GENDER EQUALITY ADVOCATES



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AND GENDER EQUALITY

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2022 GENDER EQUALITY
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Academy

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