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10th Asian Women in Leadership Summit

Building Back a Better Future

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Overview

UN Women has adopted “Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world” as a theme for 2021. The theme celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Singapore has adopted 2021 as a year of “celebrating women”.



Female leaders have been praised for their roles in response to COVID-19, but remain under-represented in decision-making.

Women have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic; working from home and closure of schools gave them one another role: teacher and educator. This pandemic affected service industries that led to higher job losses among women. The resulting marked increase in inequity – in income and wealth – creates further challenges, especially for women.

As we rebuild a better future, can women leaders play a bigger role?

As the humanity heals from the trauma of the pandemic and prepares to the next global crisis- the climate crisis, Women Leaders can bring new perspectives and lead the society with compassion and empathy to a better, shared future.

We will also discuss if younger women executive can play a more active role in creating new enterprises including sustainable and green businesses and how more venture capital can be channelized to the promising young women entrepreneurs.

Who Should Attend?

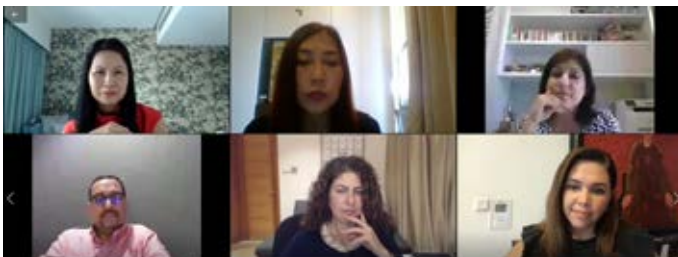
- Corporate Leaders
- Board Directors
- Developmental Sector Executives
- HR Professionals
- Senior Executives
- Business Owners
- Successful Entrepreneurs
- NGO professionals
- Govt. Officials & Policy Makers
- Non-executive Directors

Key Takeaways

- Learn how Working from Home (WFH) environment impacted the women leaders
- Get inspired by successful women leaders share their learnings and insights gained during the pandemic
- Understand how the pandemic has affected the cause of gender parity
- Learn how successful CEOs have persisted in their pursuit of promoting diversity & inclusion
- Listen to successful and aspiring women entrepreneurs. What is holding them back?
- Network with successful likeminded professionals across countries and regions
- Appreciate how we can all “ build back better”. What can I do?

AWLS Journey So Far

- 9 Successful Editions
- 300+ Industry Leaders As Speakers
- 3000+ Attendees And 300+ Participating Organizations



AWLS 2020 virtual summit was attended by 800+ attendees from over 20 countries across a range of industries

Speakers



Sven Hansen
The Resilience Institute
Founder



Jamie Neo
HP Inc.
Director - Ink Supply
Operatorions



Ruth Seah
Schneider Electric
Vice President - Strategy &
Business Development,
Global Field Services



Valdirene Bastos Licht
Ingredion
President Asia Pacific and
Global Business Head of
Pharma and Personal Care



Julie Raneda
Schellenberg Wittmer
Partner



Srikripa Srinivasan
Dell
Vice President, Dell Global
Analytics



Jacqueline Chua
HP Inc.
Director of New Product
Introductions (NPI)



Vinika Rao
Insead
Executive Director



Mohammed Naciri
UN Women
Regional Director - APAC



Michael Jenkins
Expert Humans
CEO



Renee McGowan
Mercer
President - Asia, Middle East
and Africa



Sanjeev Chatrath
Global Executive, Business
Leader



Shrijeet Mishra
Aditya Birla Group
Chief Innovation Officer and
Head Group Services



Deepali Khanna
Rockefeller Foundation
Managing Director - Asia
Region



Farhan Syed
KPMG
Partner, Head of Advisory



Vaishali Rastogi
Boston Consulting Group
MD and Senior Partner

Speakers



Yolyn Ang
Google
Managing Director
- Business Development,



Simona Catanescu
SWIFT
Director of Securities Strategy



Gustavo Palerosi Carneiro
BASF
SVP - Agricultural Solutions
Asia Pacific, Chairman of
BASF's "Women in BASF"



April Hu
Founder, Swando,
Zigen HK & Director
NINEby9



Shruti Swaroop
Embrace Consulting
Founder



Rana Karadesh
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Regional Industry Director
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Programs



Wanda Lee
Cocoon Capital
Director - Investments



Khulangoo Amarsanaa
Geru Application
Founder



Maharshi Vaishnav
Educate Girls
COO



Michael (J) Rosenthal
Investment & Economic
Enterprises
Business Community
Chairman

What AWLS Past Attendees Say!

Inspiring and grounded. Well done. I will attend the next one.

Thella Teo

Marketing Director,
John Wiley & Sons

It was both refreshing and validating to be among like minded men and women who champion and advocate gender diversity in leadership.

Aileen Dulan

Chief Scientific
Officer, Novartis

Many thanks for the opportunity and for a well-planned event. It was a great panel and with some very interesting discussions within that hour. Cheers.

Sylvia Chim

Communications
Manager,
Diageo

Very realistic, truthful and interesting insight shared. All speakers are amazing and inspiring. Thanks!

Wanyi Lee

Recruitment,
Google

The sessions are very knowledgeable on diversity and inclusion. Very inspiring.

Shelly Shi

Finance Director,
SealedAir

Diverse pool of speakers provided a great variety of experiences and useful insights.

Hong Tang Ee

Business Manager
JP Morgan

Speakers are excellent. Confident, Highly regarded.

Sanofi

Head of Business
Operation, Sanofi

Excellent organized event! Love every minute of it! Good panel of speakers and Moderators.

Zeenath Kuraisha

CEO, APAC Sales
Marketing Academy,
JPMorgan

Insightful and engaging. Love the speakers on panel, learned a lot and probed many question to think about.

Christina Thung

Assistant COO,
Lunch Actually

Thank you for organizing this event. Amazing work and insights! Thank you and best regards to all Speakers and Panelists"

Siena Marie Galve

Senior Manager,
Seaoil Philippines

"Great work and congrats to the entire AWLS team and all the speakers and panelists - loved it"

Misti Landtroop

New Zealand
MD, Palo Alto Networks

"Thank you very much, organizers, sponsors and presenters. This has been an amazing summit!"

Grace Lee

Product Marketing
Manager, Dell

Agenda

12:50-13:00 **Registration and Networking**

13:00-13:25 **Keynote: Resilience- How do we bounce forward?**

Speaker: **Dr. Sven Hansen, The Resilience Institute, Founder**

13:25-13:35 **Keynote: Leading with Ambition & Agility**

Speaker: **Jamie Neo, Director - Ink Supplies Operations, HP Inc.**

13:35-14:20 **Panel Session: Successful Women Leaders**

- What have we learnt during the pandemic that can make a lasting impact?
- Have women executives experienced the pandemic differently than men?
- How has 2020 changed the quest for gender equity?
- Inspiring the next generation of Women Leaders

Speakers: **Valdirene Bastos Licht, President Asia Pacific and Global Business Head of Pharma and Personal Care**

Ruth Seah, Vice President - Strategy & BD, Schneider Electric

Julie Raneda, Partner, Schellenberg Wittmer

Srikripa Srinivasan, Vice President, Dell Global Analytics

Jacqueline Chua, Director of New Product Introductions (NPI), HP Inc

Moderator: **Brian Henderson, Founder, Whole Business Wellness Limited**

14:20-14:35 **Keynote Address:**

The impact of Covid-19 on gender balance and how that will impact building back for a better future

Speaker: **Vinika Rao, Executive Director, INSEAD**

14:35-15:30 **CEO Panel: Breaking Barriers - What role can women leaders play?**

- Leading by example and spearheading the changes in the organisation
- Bringing in an Inclusive leadership and its effect on decision making
- Ensuring that WFH/WNH culture does not leave women behind

Speakers: **Mohammed Naciri, Regional Director – APAC, UN Women**

Renee McGowan, President, Asia, Middle East and Africa

Shrijeet Mishra, Chief Innovation Officer, Aditya Birla Group

Farhan Syed, Partner and Head of Advisory, KPMG

Sanjeev Chatrath, Global Executive & Business Leader

Deepali Khanna, Managing Director- Asia Region, Rockefeller Foundation

Moderator: **Michael Jenkins, CEO, Expert Humans**

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15:30 – 15:40 **Keynote: Boosting women in technology**

Speaker: Vaishali Rastogi, MD and Senior Partner, Boston Consulting Group

15:40 - 16:25 **Panel - How has the pandemic changed our D&I thinking? What will be done differently?**

- The road to gender parity and the need for organizations to accelerate D&I efforts
- How can men and women bring about a visible change in the virtual workplace?
- Getting talented women back into the workforce by using an inclusive approach to hiring

Speakers: Yolyn Ang, Managing Director- Business Development, APAC, Google

Gustavo Palerosi Carneiro, SVP - Agricultural Solutions and Chairman of BASF's "Women in BASF" initiative, APAC, BASF

Simona Catanescu, Director of Securities Strategy, SWIFT

Rana Karadesh, Regional Industry Director Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Services Asia Pacific, IFC

April Hu, Founder, Swando, Zigen HK & Director NINEby9

Moderator: Shruti Swaroop, Founder, Embrace Consulting

16:25-16:40 **The Journey of a Woman Tech Entrepreneur in Mongolia: Challenges and Lessons Learned**

Speaker: Khulango Amarsanaa, Founder & CEO Geru Application

16:40-17:25 **Panel - What do the aspiring women entrepreneurs need? What are the most effective models for jump starting?**

- Better networking and equal fundraising opportunities from investors
- Building strong support systems with diverse teams
- Jump starting low investment micro ventures

Speakers: Nandita Baruah, Country Representative - India, Sofia Shakil, Director, Economic Programs, Asia Foundation

Ruby Rijal Lohani, Founder, and Sailesh Lohani, Managing Director, www.socheko.com & Melange Store

Grace Park, Cofounder and President, DocDoc

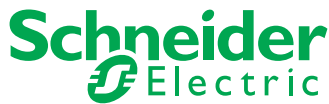
Wanda Lee, Director - Investments, Cocoon Capital

Moderator: CJ Meadows, Director - The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center, SP Jain

17:25-17:30 **Educate Girls - Call to action and conclusion**

Speaker: Maharishi Vaishnav, COO, Educate Girls

Some Of The Companies That Have Supported AWLS in Past



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