

# th Asian Women in Leadership Summit

**Nurturing Women Leaders for a Better Future** 

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### **Overview**

Women have made significant progress in terms of representation, particularly in high positions in the past few years. Women are emerging as stronger leaders and taking on the additional responsibilities that come with it as compared to their male counterparts.

According to a McKinsey report 'In spite of the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis, women's representation improved across all levels of the corporate pipeline in 2020' and '87 % of companies are highly committed to gender diversity, compared to 56% in 2012'. Women Leaders are doing more to support their teams and advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Most companies, however, do not acknowledge or reward these initiatives and risk losing the very leaders they need. Despite the statistics, proven abilities and the broad societal benefits that women's leadership brings, we have a long road ahead towards a diverse and inclusive world.

### **About AWLS**

AWLS provides an opportunity to exchange ideas on how to develop and nurture women leaders to achieve a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth. It also engages leading organisations to showcase the exemplary work and efforts in supporting women leaders. AWLS aims to help Governments and organizations fully utilise and unlock the potential of women to create a sustainable future.

### **AWLS 2023**

#### **Nurturing Women Leaders for a Better Future**

AWLS 2023 will focus on how companies, governments and society at large can nurture and harness the power of women leaders for a better shared future. We face the twin challenges of need to improve quality of life while we address the challenges of climate risk, inequality and geopolitical realignment.

As the humanity heals from the trauma of the pandemic, women leaders from all walks of life can bring new perspectives and lead the society with compassion and empathy to a better, shared future. By enhancing both, the depth and range of contribution of women to the economy and society at large, we can craft a speedy and more balanced resurgence after the pandemic. We will also discuss how younger women executives can play a more active role in creating new enterprises, including sustainable and green businesses.



# **AWLS 2023: Agenda**

Time	Session	Details
08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 09.10	Welcome Remarks	By Quest Group
09.10 - 09.30	Address by Chief Guest	Ms. Low Peck Kem CHRO & Advisor, Public Ser. Div Prime Minister's Office - Singapore
09.30 - 09.45	My Leadership Journey	Ms. Teo Soo Leng Senior Director, Print Quality, HP
09.45 - 10.45	Panel: Journeys of successful women leaders	Moderated panel conversations with successful women leaders followed by Q&A.
	Moderator - Dr. CJ Meadows - The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center, SP Jain  Whikie Liu - Director, Capital Market Strategy, Swift  Storm Dalati - COO, Property, Standard Charter Bank Oluchi Ikechi-D'Amico - Partner, Ernst & Young Parthenon Antoinette Louis - VP, Talent Acquisition, Mastercard Michele Lim - APAC Head, Circle One by UBS	<ul> <li>Navigating success, overcoming key challenges, discovering &amp; enaging with mentors</li> <li>Advice to their 'younger self' and to emerging women (and men) leaders</li> <li>Key learning from pandemic years &amp; how it has changed them and prepared for future</li> </ul>
10.45 - 11.15	Networking Break	
11.15 – 12.15	CXO Panel:Redefining Women Leadership for 2030  Moderator - Sanjeev Chatrath - Partner, Financial Services, EY  Choo Oi San - Singapore Country Leader, WTW	Conversations with senior business leaders on how they personally propose/plan to promote and nurture women leaders followed by Q&A.  • Role of women leaders in driving growth & resurgence
	Andy Postlethwaite - SVP, BASF Mahalakshmi Srinivasan - CEO APAC, Indicia Worldwide Khatija Aslam - CEO & Founder, MOXY	<ul> <li>Women as effective business leaders, championing decisions amidst divisive opinions</li> <li>Experiments and successes in supporting women talent</li> </ul>
12.15 – 12.30	Executive Briefings Series EY & AWLS Partnership	Launch
12.30 – 13.40	Lunch Break	
13.40 - 14.30	Workshop: The Power of Your Network Build & Leverage Relationships to Achieve Success Wendy Leong - Keynote Speaker   Executive Coach   Facilitator	Facilitated session on perspectives and tools for effective professional networking.  Group activity led by the facilitator to utilise the networking and icebreaker tools in smaller roundtable groups followed by learnings debrief



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14.30 - 15.20	CHRO Panel: Gender-lens: The Future of Workforce?  Moderator - Nitin Goil - Senior Advisor - Asia Pacific, NeuroLeadership Institute  Kaustav Chakhravarthy - CHRO, Hoya Vision Care  Ryme Dembri - Ex-Head, Leadership, Talent & Culture, ASM  Soumee De - Workforce Advisory   Partner, Ernst & Young Advisory Pte Ltd  Stephen Tjoa - Group Chief People Officer, Boardroom Pte Ltd	Moderated panel session with HR and D&I Heads on building workforce of the future with a gender-lens approach, followed by Q&A.  • Upskilling and supporting women to create an inclusive leadership • Bringing back women leaders • Managing the gender pay-and-opportunity gap • Navigating expectations on D&I – quick wins or long-term reforms?
15.20 - 15.45	Networking Break	
15.45 - 16.30	Workshop: Inclusive Language to Create Inclusive Culture Veronica Llorca-Smith - DEI Advocate, Writer and Consultant Anupama Murali - KeyNote Speaker   Executive Coach   Leadership Trainer	This workshop will highlight how the language can create and sustain biases and how to overcome.  Participants will discuss the case studies shared in their tables and share their findings.
16.30 - 17.20	Sustainability Panel  D&I and Sustainability- Accelerator for change  Moderator - Rahul Daswani - Head of Partnerships, GovTech Singapore  Rita Gozali - Director, Print Operations, HP  Michele Lemmens - Head of Business Sustainability & CTO APAC, TCS  Corrado Forecellati - Director, Paia Consulting	Moderated panel session with sustainability, D&I and change / transformation leaders.  • Role of talent diversity in sustainability solutions.  • Evolving organisation roles and opportunities.  • Green skills – looking at talent differently  • Importance of sustainability and purpose for sourcing and retaining  • Changing the way, we drive performance and results
17.20 – 17.30	Closing Remarks	By Quest Group

# **Speakers**





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Vice President -Talent Acquisition, Mastercard

**ANTOINETTE LOUIS** 



Co-Founder, Anna Rainn



CEO & Founder, MOXY



Chief Human Resource Officer, Hoya Vision Care



# **Journey So Far**

11 Successful Editions 330+ Industry Leaders As Speakers 4800+ Attendees And 350+ Participating Organizations



















### **Who Should Attend?**

- Corporate Leaders
- Board Directors
- Developmental Sector Executives
- HR Professionals
- Senior Executives

- Business Owners
- Successful Entrepreneurs
- NGO professionals
- Govt. Officals & Policy Makers
- Non-executive Directors

# **Select Past Speakers**



Anju Abrol, Head – Wholesale Banking Asia Pacific, ING Asia Pacific



Andy Postlethwaite Senior Vice President, BASF SEA



Renee McGowan, President, AMEA, Mercer



Wanda Bryant Hope Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer Johnson & Johnson



Dr. Koen Wilms Vice President, Asia, 3M Company



Michael Jenkins, CEO, Expert Humans



Dr. CJ Meadows, The Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center, SP Jain



Mukta Arya, MD & CHRO, Societe Generale, Asia Pacific



Anita Wang, Senior Vice President, Global Business Services, BASF



Sophie Guerin Head of Diversity & Inclusion (APAC) DELL



Sanjeev Chatrath Partner - Financial Services, EY



Devina Mehra, Chairperson and Founder, First Global



Jackson Seng Vice President- Sustainability and Strategy Schneider Electric



Meena Anand CEO and Founder, The Careers Company



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Steven Billiet Managing Director Head of Singapore, South & Southeast Asia and Korea J.P. Morgan Asset Management



Mohammed Naciri UN Women



Richard Rekhy KPMG, India



Sharon Toh Swift



Samuel A. Fischer President Greater China and Asia, Diageo



# **Delegate Testimonials**

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

#### Thella Teo

Marketing Director, John Wiley & Sons

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

#### **Wanyi Lee**

Recruitment, Google

Speakers are excellent. Confident, Highly regarded.

#### Sanofi

Head of Business Operation, Sanofi

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

#### Aileen Dualan

Chief Scientific Officer, Novartis

The sessions are very knowledgeable on diversity and inclusion.

Very inspiring.

#### **Shelly Shi**

Finance Director, SealedAir

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

#### Zeenath Kuraisha`

CEO, APAC Sales Marketing Academy, JPMorgan

"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 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

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

#### **Hong Tang Ee**

Business Manager
JP Morgan

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

#### **Grace Lee**

Product Marketing Manager, Dell



## Some of the Past AWLS Supporters































































