

The Canadian Coalition to Empower Women



Statement of Support

Small Business – Government – Other



We, small business, government, and all other stakeholders from across Canada recognize that advancing equality between men and women, boys and girls is essential to:

- Build strong economies;
- Establish more stable and just societies;
- Achieve goals for development, sustainability and human rights;
- Improve quality of life for women, men, families and communities; and
- Realize our full potential.

We recognize that unleashing the benefits of women's economic empowerment requires the participation of all players across the private and public sector. We therefore welcome and support the Women's Empowerment Principles, a joint initiative of UN Women and the UN Global Compact which provides seven steps on how to empower women in the workplace, marketplace and community.

We also recognize that the Principles reflect the interests of small business, government and all other organizations and associations promoting a versatile platform to support cooperation among all stakeholders. In this context we commit to:

- Use the Principles as a guide to advance gender equality within our own organizations;
- Refer to the Principles as a general framework when engaging in dialogue with any stakeholder about their role in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment, including encouraging corporations with more than 10 employees to sign the WEPs CEO Statement of Support and take concrete actions to implement the principles.
- Consider corporate commitment to the Principles when making decisions about which businesses to partner with or procure from.
- Take the Principles into account when developing and revising public or organizational policies related to gender equality and women's empowerment.
- Collect and use gender specific information to promote gender diversity on boards and in senior management.

We commend the efforts of BPW Canada and the founding members of the Canadian Coalition to Empower Women to promote the WEPs in Canada and to provide this opportunity to engage a broader audience by signing the Canadian Coalition to Empower Women Statement of Support.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____



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Please complete the Canadian Coalition to Empower Women statement of support detailed form below and return it to our CCEW Advocate: Doris Hall at dorishall2004@yahoo.ca, 519 473-3505, (BPW Canada Women’s Empowerment Chair). Where there is a local CCEW or BPW Women’s Empowerment Advocate: you are asked to forward your completed document to both your Local contact person: _____

Enter name (email, telephone) and the National CCEW Advocate-BPW Canada Women’s Empowerment Chair noted above. This will ensure you are appropriately recognized and added to our National records.

BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT

***OTHER**

Entity Name _____
 Industry/Sector _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Postal Code _____
 Website _____
 No. of Employees _____

SIGNATORY DETAILS

First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Position/Title _____
 Email _____
 Telephone _____

CONTACT PERSON (If different than Signatory)

Full Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Position/Title _____
 Email _____
 Telephone _____

***OTHER:** Includes all other stakeholders, entities and individuals within what we define as a broad third sector. It includes civil society and not-for-profit organizations, business associations, labour organizations, Municipalities, Universities/Colleges, Schools and Hospitals, (MUSH) and any other private and public sector organizations that are distinct from government or business.

Please complete the optional - Why Women’s Empowerment is important form on the next page.

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Why Women's Empowerment? (Optional)

QUOTE (optional)

As an advocate for Women's Empowerment in Canada you are welcome to provide a quote to convey the reason you have signed the Women's Empowerment Statement of Support and why women's empowerment is a priority. Your support and signatory information will be included with our web-based and hard copy records.

EXAMPLE OF POLICY, PRACTICE OR INITIATIVE (optional)

Please provide an example, or link to, one or more of your policies, practices or initiatives relevant to gender equality and women's empowerment that you would like to share with others.

EMPOWERWOMEN.ORG

We encourage you to explore the EmpowerWomen.org platform that is facilitated by UN Women and received start-up funding for from Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Here you will have the opportunity to see examples of how women's empowerment is making a difference and share your own successes and lessons learned. It provides an online forum for community discussion, research and free webinar training on a variety of current topics.

RECOGNITION

Keeping us informed of your progress can provide the necessary information for ongoing recognition through such avenues as the BPW Canada National Leadership Award, or as appropriate the annual WEPs Leadership awards in New York.

We will be happy to discuss the details of this recognition with you, should you be interested in a nomination for these prestigious awards.

Note: We welcome all Canadian CEO's who have signed the UN Global Compact and UN Women – Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Statement of Support to the Canadian Coalition to Empower Women.