





Who We Are & What We Do

Advancing Women's Leadership Locally and Globally

The International Women's Forum builds better leadership across careers, continents, and cultures by connecting women of significant and diverse achievements.

The International Women's Forum (IWF) is an invitation-only, membership organization comprised of more than 6,800 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents.

IWF is member- and mission-driven. Its members are trailblazers, innovators, and pioneers united to advance women's leadership locally and globally. Members include Fortune 500 executives, government leaders from the local to sovereign level, international nonprofit leaders, and luminaries from the academy, arts, and sciences.

Each year, IWF convenes two global conferences, which are unique gatherings of thought leaders brought together to examine critical issues of the day within a local context and through a women's lens. There is no other organization in the world that continually assembles such an extraordinary network of women to exchange ideas, learn, inspire, and build better leadership for a changing world.

IWF's charitable arm, the **Leadership Foundation (LF)**, supports high-potential women through two leadership development programs—the Fellows Program and the EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Mentoring Program.

IWF also runs the **Executive Development Roundtable™**, an intensive leadership training program for women at every stage of professional development.



IWF History

In 1974, civic leader and philanthropist Elinor “Elly” Guggenheimer was assigned by the mayor of New York City to travel to Philadelphia for a meeting. When she arrived in Philadelphia, she was told that the meeting was taking place in a men’s club and she wouldn’t be allowed to attend—the only women allowed in the building were maids. So, she changed into a maid’s uniform so she wouldn’t miss the meeting. After this experience, she came back and decided to start the Women’s Forum of New York with three other powerful women: Muriel Siebert, the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange; Eleanor Holmes Norton, who is now Delegate to the United States House of Representatives, representing the District of Columbia; and Muriel Fox, one of the first female public relations executives and founder of NOW. Their stated goal: “Bring together women of diverse accomplishments and provide them with a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences. By thus becoming aware of their counterparts in all fields, and of mutual interests and attitudes, they can, when desired, speak in concert on issues confronting the total community.”



First gathering of the National Women’s Forum



Elly Guggenheimer

Due to the strength and growth of the founding Forum, women around the United States voiced the need for a national network that would allow women of achievement, across all sectors, beliefs, and backgrounds, to unite under a common purpose. The National Women’s Forum, created in 1979, with Forums in Atlanta, Chicago, Colorado, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, and Washington, DC, was the realization of a growing footprint of exceptional women, united to build better leadership through the exchange of ideas, peer-to-peer support, and a concert of power and friendship.

In 1982, the Forum expanded globally with the addition of the United Kingdom; and, in ensuing years, The Bahamas, Israel, Canada, Spain, and Sweden. The National Women’s Forum officially became the International Women’s Forum (IWF) in 1987.

In 1994, IWF members created the Leadership Foundation (LF), a charitable arm of IWF that supports the training and growth of emerging women leaders. The Fellows Program is its flagship initiative.

As it looks to the future, IWF will continue to prepare, unite, and inspire women leaders on a global scale and at a local level.

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Human Rights Attorney

Willow Bay

Dean, University of Southern California
Annenberg School of Journalism, USA

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Co-Director, Harvard Kennedy School of
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and Retired Brigadier General, US Air Force

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Associate Justice of the Supreme Court,
USA

Doris Grimm

Head of International Monetary Affairs,
Deutsche Bundesbank, Germany

Linda Hudson

Board Director, BAE Systems and Southern
Company, USA



*Rania Al-Abdullah, Queen, Hashemite
Kingdom of Jordan*

*“It was staggering how open and
willing women were to give you
their time and share their
experiences with you regardless
of your status or time in the
industry.”*



*Cheong Koon Hean, Chief Executive
Officer, Housing & Development
Board*

Hanna Kivela

Head of Google Netherlands,
Finland

Carrie Lam

Chief Executive, Hong Kong
SAR



*Phumzile Mlambo Ngcuka,
Executive Director, UN Women,
South Africa*

Gale Anne Hurd

Chairman & CEO, Valhalla
Entertainment, USA

Sarah Kauss

CEO, Swell, USA



Membership Snapshot



Ellen Ochoa, Director, NASA Johnson Space Center, USA

Wai Leong Leng
Chief Financial Officer,
Temasek Holdings,
Singapore

Ilya Marotta
Executive Vice-President of
Engineering and Program
Management, Panama
Canal Authority



Maria Ramos, Group Chief Executive, Barclays Africa Group Limited, South Africa



"I really enjoyed meeting women from a variety of fields and areas of expertise."



Allyson Maynard Gibson, Attorney General and Minister for Legal Affairs of The Bahamas; Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada

Carolyn Miles
President & CEO, Save
the Children, USA

Camille Mirshokrai
Global Director of
Leadership
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Accenture, USA

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Global Chief Talent Advisor, Edelman, USA

Louise Phelan
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Limited, South Africa

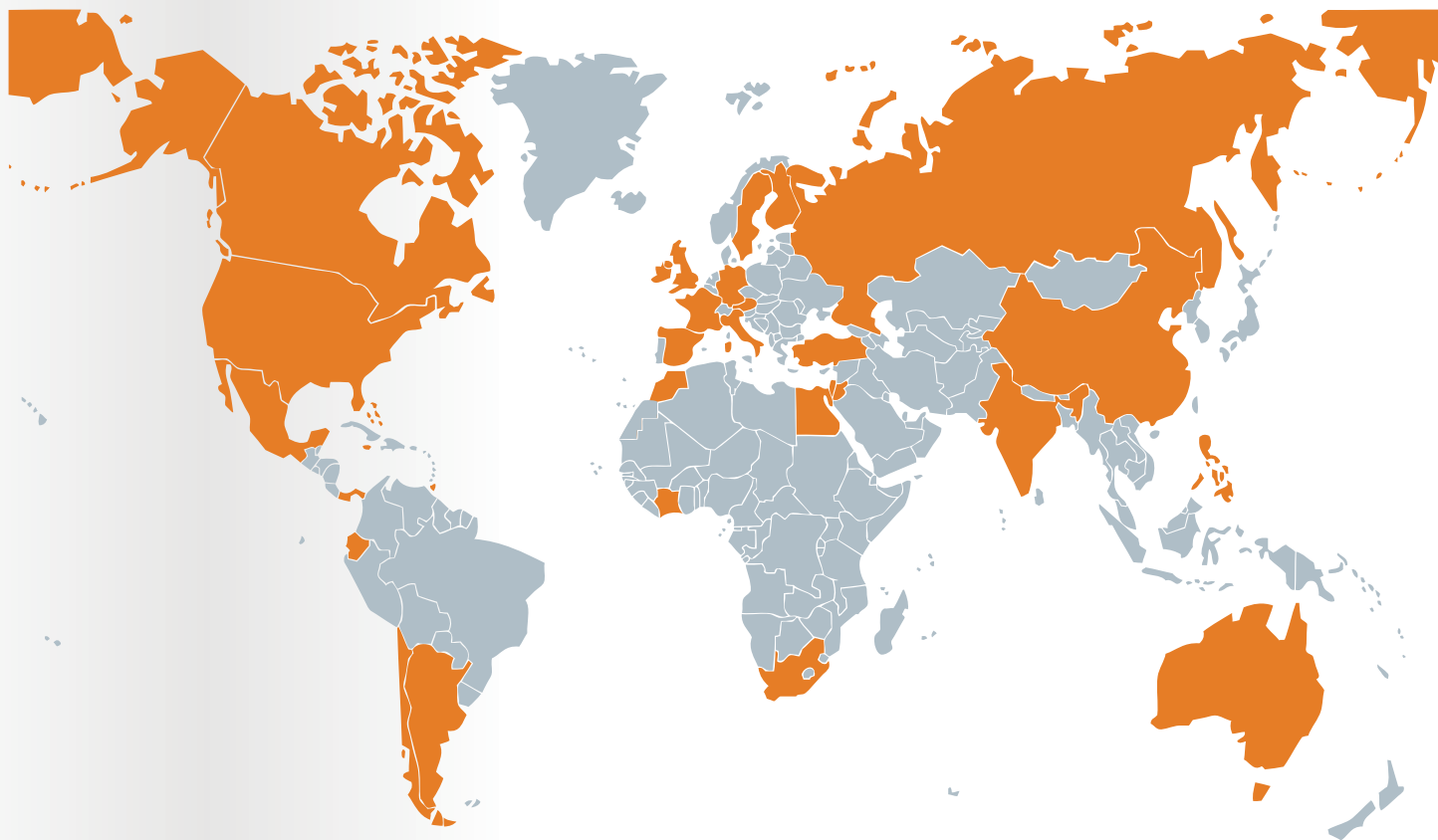
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Chief Diversity Officer, European Space
Agency, France

Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz
Board Chair and President, Charles Schwab
Foundation, USA

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Executive Vice Presidents–Safety, Operations,
Engineering, and External Affairs Tullow Oil,
United Kingdom

Elizabeth Steiner
Judge, European Court of Human Rights,
Austria

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 Jamaica • Jordan • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Lebanon • Mexico • Morocco •
 Panama • Philippines • Russia • Singapore • South Africa • Spain • Sweden •
 Trinidad and Tobago • Turkey • United Kingdom • United States



IWF convenes global conferences twice a year for our membership and distinguished guests with sessions on a variety of topics such as:

- **Populations on the Move**
- **Dangerous Intersection: Technology/ Privacy/ Security/ Surveillance**
- **Shaping Our World: Sustainable Societies**
- **Earthquakes and Aftershocks: The Surge of Populism and Nationalism**
- **Global Health: Priorities and Possibilities**
- **Global Storms: Extreme Weather**
- **Powering the World: Energy Economics**
- **Investing in the Future**
- **Global Citizens Engaged: Combatting Human Trafficking**
- **Cyber: On the Front Line**
- **Water: Rethink, Recycle, Renew**
- **Space: Above and Beyond**
- **Artificial Intelligence: Approaching Immortality?**
- **Women in Tech: Leading the Future Women**
- **Filmmakers: Changing the World**



Obiageli Ezekwesili, Co-Convener of the #BringBackOurGirls Movement

Recent conference themes included:

The Global Citizen: Interconnected, Inquisitive, Engaged
Houston, TX

A More Sustainable World: Movements & Markets
Stockholm, Sweden

Crossroads of Change
Chicago, IL

Seek, Solve, Soar
Tel Aviv, Israel

Transforming Tomorrow Today
Boston, MA

Legacy & Inheritance: Journey to the Future
Johannesburg, South Africa



Former Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Jan Eliasson



International Hall of Fame

IWF has celebrated, through the years, the inductions of the world's leading female pioneers

Madeleine Albright
US Secretary of State

Isabel Allende
Chilean Author

Christiane Amanpour
Journalist

Maya Angelou
American Poet & Author

Louise Arbour
Chief Prosecutor,
International Criminal
Tribunals in the Hague

Corazon Aquino
President of the Republic
of the Philippines

Shirley Temple Black
Child Star & US Diplomat

Lindy Boggs
U.S. Ambassador to the
Vatican

Roberta Bondar
First Canadian Woman
Astronaut

Gro Harlem Brundtland
Prime Minister of Norway

Dr. Linda Buck
Nobel Laureate

Rt. Hon Kim Campbell
Former Prime Minister of
Canada

Demet Sabancı
Çetindoğan
Turkish Entrepreneur,
Media and Retail Mogul

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President of Nicaragua

Eugenia Charles
Prime Minister of
Dominica

Madam Chen Zhili
President, All-China
Women's Federation

Julia Child
Chef, Author & TV Star

Maureen Harding Clark
Judge, International
Criminal Court, Ireland

Hillary Rodham Clinton
Former First Lady, US
Senator, Secretary of State

**Olga María del Carmen
Sánchez Cordero**
Minister, Supreme Court
of Justice, Mexico

Nandita Das
Indian Actress and
Filmmaker

Dame Sandra Dawson
First Woman Master,
Oxbridge College

Anita DeFrantz
Catalyst of the
International Olympic
Movement

Donna de Varona
Olympic Champion,
Advocate for Women in
Sports

Sylvia Earle
American Oceanographer,
Explorer, & Author

Nawal El Moutawakel
First Moroccan and First
African Muslim Woman to
win Olympic Gold

Gloria Estefan
Cuban-American
Performer / Humanitarian

Anna Fendi
Italian Fashion Empire
Builder



*Hillary Rodham Clinton, 2017
International Hall of Fame
honoree with Donna Shalala,
Olga Sanchez Cordero, and
Donna de Varona*

Ella Fitzgerald
American Jazz Artist

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President, The Betty Ford
Center

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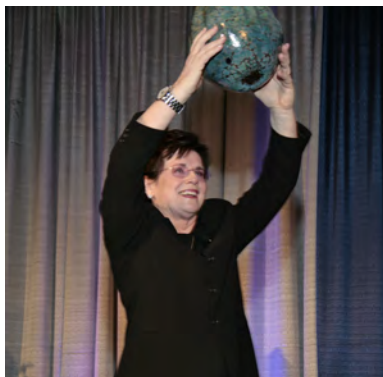
Isabel Allende, Chilean Author

Jeanne Holm
Major General, US Air Force

Gale Anne Hurd
Hollywood Film Producer
& Screenwriter

Judith Jamison
American Choreographer

**Paula Adina Johnson,
MD, MPH**
Pioneering Doctor and
Champion for Women's
Health



*Billie Jean King,
Tennis Legend &
Social Pioneer*



*The Hon. Kim
Campbell,
Former Prime
Minister of Canada*

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US Olympic Gold
Medalist

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Kassebaum**
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Memorial Architect

Tzipi Livni
Israeli Foreign Minister

Bette Bao Lord
Author / Stateswoman

Dr. Susan Love
Breast Cancer Advocate

Clare Boothe Luce
Author / Stateswoman

Wangari Maathai
Environmental Activist &
Nobel Peace Laureate,
Kenya

Graca Machel
First Lady of
Mozambique & South
Africa

Susana Malcorra
Foreign Minister of
Argentina

Wilma Mankiller
Chief of the Cherokee
Nation

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Prime Minister of
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Khatol Mohammadzai
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Afghanistan

Anne Murray, CC, ONS
Canadian Performing
Artist

**Phumzile
Mlambo-Ngcuka**
United Nations
Under-Secretary-General

Sandra Day O'Connor
U.S. Supreme Court
Justice

Ana Palacio
Foreign Affairs Minister
of Spain

Rosa Parks
Mother of the American
Civil Rights Movement

Julie Payette
Canadian
Astronaut/Engineer

Nancy Pelosi
First Woman Speaker of
the US House of
Representatives

Silvia Pinal
Legendary Mexican
Actress and Politician

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Opera Diva

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Mary Robinson
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U.S. Olympic Gold
Medalist

Donna Shalala
US Secretary of Health &
Human Services and
Academic Leader

Muriel Siebert
First Female Member
The New York Stock
Exchange

Mary Simon
National Inuit Leader of
Canada

Hanna Suchocka
Prime Minister of Poland

Patricia Summitt
Sports Legend

Maria Tallchief
US Prima Ballerina

Valentina Tereshkova
First Woman in Space

Margaret Thatcher
Prime Minister of Great
Britain

Simone Veil
French Political Leader

Barbara Walters
Journalist

The Fellows Program, provides customized leadership training that is behavioral, academic and technical. The approach is holistic and focused on the participant's personal and professional development, career path, and trajectory. It also embraces the value of an outside perspective.



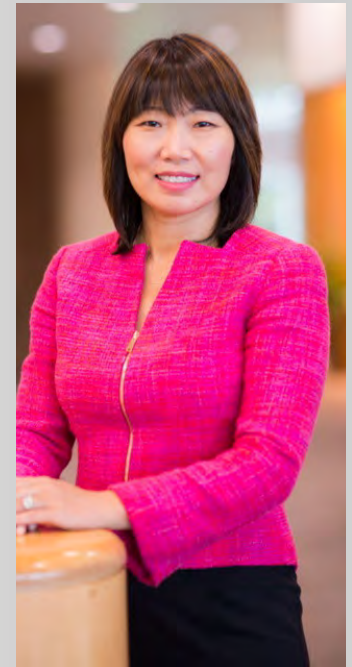
The program convenes approximately 35 Fellows from around the world for a total of 20 days, comprised of three separate sessions. It is executed in partnership with Harvard Business School and INSEAD. The Fellows Program offers creative, multidisciplinary training aimed at developing leadership and strategic management capabilities.

In addition to acquiring leadership training, Fellows are matched with an IWF member who serves as a mentor and coach during the program year. Participants garner personal insights and advice from women at the top of their fields through this experience and from participation in IWF's annual World Leadership Conference, which on average brings together 850+ female executives from more than 40 nations.

In order to leverage the impact of the Fellows Program beyond the 35 Fellows who participate each year, Fellows are charged with implementing a "Legacy Project" that furthers our mission of training, mentoring, and connecting women leaders. Previous Legacy Projects include: a program to provide reading materials to rural secondary schools in Nigeria, a career conference series aimed at female university students in Mexico, and a breakfast roundtable for women in the US military in Washington, DC.

Professional Profiles of Recent Fellows:

- Vice President, People, Strategies & Performance, Meridian Credit Union, Canada
- Chief Merchandising & Marketing Officer, Walmart, Chile
- Director, Corporate Communications, Cisco Systems Inc., India
- Senior Counsel, Indigenous Relations, Canadian Red Cross, Canada



"The Harvard training was amazing. I continue to be humbled and inspired by the wealth of talents, candor, thoughtfulness and insights. The whole experience was absolutely a gift. I am sure we all will benefit from this experience for the rest of our careers and lives."

Xia Liu, Senior Vice President of Finance & Treasurer
Southern Company



Elite women athletes bring a critical foundation of leadership to any endeavor that can't be taught in the classroom. To harness this potential, the Leadership Foundation, in partnership with Ernst & Young (EY), developed the **EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Mentoring Program**.



The WABN Mentoring Program is designed to provide the necessary support and guidance elite athletes require as they transition from sport to new career paths or advance further into their post-sport professions.

Each year, we pair elite women athletes with IWF leaders and mentors for a high-touch mentoring and training experience.

The 2018 Mentee Class includes 25 participants, representing 17 sports and eight nations. These young women are exemplary—they are world record-holders, Olympians, medal winners, doctors, business women, and so much more. Each of them has ambition and passion and is looking for guidance in becoming a stronger leader.





The **Executive Development Roundtable (EDR)** is an innovative and intensive two-day leadership boot camp. Through the EDR Program, IWF provides access to skills training and executive development by diverse senior women leaders in business, government, academia, the sciences and, society. The program is designed to train, support, and inspire women – from emerging leaders to senior executives.

IWF brings 30 years of expertise in designing and producing global conferences and development initiatives and access to the world's top women executives. The design and curricula are built in collaboration between IWF and its partnering organizations. The programs are customized and delivered for corporations, foundations, and governments around the world.

Although EDR seminars are limited in size, the programs can be expanded beyond the training room through live-streaming or taping sessions, where possible, for future use.

SESSION TOPICS

- The Tipping Point: How to Bring the “Big Idea” to Scale
- Where You Fit in the Supply Chain
- How to Be a Boss
- Setting Your Mind for Success
- Why Are You? Living & Leading Your Purpose
- Storytelling
- Spotlight on an Icon: What It Takes
- Failure Is Important



RECENT EDR SPEAKERS

Dana Born, Co-Director, Center for Public Leadership, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Retired Brigadier General, US Air Force
 Beth Brooke-Marciniak, Global Vice Chair – Public Policy, EY
 Carolyn Carter, Former CEO of Grey Group EMEA
 Lara Giddings, MP and Former Premier of Tasmania, Australia
 Musimbi Kanyoro, CEO, Global Fund for Women
 Kay Koplovitz, Founder of USA Network and the Syfy Channel
 Dr. Roberta Bondar, Scientist and Astronaut
 The Hon. Olga Sánchez Cordero, Former Minister, Supreme Court of México
 Sandy Stash, Executive Vice President, Safety, Operations, Engineering, & External Affairs, Tullow Oil
 Gayle Tauber, Founder of Kashi Foods
 Kah Walla, Cameroonian Politician, Entrepreneur and Social Activist



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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA • May 2-4, 2018
IWF Cornerstone Conference



BARCELONA, SPAIN • April 10-12, 2019
IWF Cornerstone Conference



LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM • May 13-15, 2020
IWF Cornerstone Conference



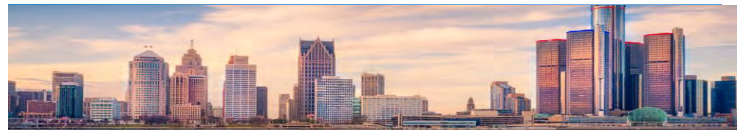
VIENNA, AUSTRIA • Spring 2021
IWF Cornerstone Conference



MIAMI, FLORIDA • October 24-26, 2018
IWF World Leadership Conference



TORONTO, CANADA • November 13-15, 2019
IWF World Leadership Conference



DETROIT, MICHIGAN • October 7-9, 2020
IWF World Leadership Conference



SEATTLE, WASHINGTON • September 29-October 1, 2021
IWF World Leadership Conference



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