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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."



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.

Celebrating 45 Years of Promoting Women's Leadership





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

Who We Are & What We Do

The International Women's Forum (IWF) is an invitation-only, membership organization comprised of more than 7,000 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 globally and locally. 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.

In addition to the annual conferences, IWF's Leadership Foundation (LF) supports high-potential women through leadership development programs – the Fellows Program and the EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN) Mentoring Program.

IWF also provides intensive leadership training programs for women at ever stage of professional development through its Intensive Program.

For more information on IWF and LF visit www.iwforum.org and follow @IWFGlobal on Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook.





Worldwide Forums



Australia • Austria • Argentina • Bahamas • Barbados • Bermuda

Canada • Chile • China (Hong Kong) • Ecuador • Finland

France • Germany • Ghana • 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 Fast Facts

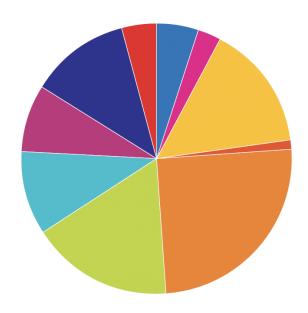
IWF Member By Region

Africa & Middle East – 9% Asia – 7% Australia – 2%

Europe – 19% North America & Caribbean – 59% South America – 4%

IWF Member By Sector

Health & Medicine	8 %
Banking & Finance	15 %
Technology & Science	4 %
Academia	4 %
Arts & Culture	4 %
Philanthropy & NGOs	12 %
Clergy	1 %
Corporate	25 %
Entrepreneurs & Consultants	17 %
Government & Military	10 %





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Membership Snapshot

Gloria Allred

Human Rights Attorney, USA

Willow Bay

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

Rosalind Brewer

Chief Operating Officer, Starbucks, USA

Karen B. Carey

Senior Vice President Human Resources, Atlantis, The Bahamas

Hillary Clinton

Former Secretary of State, USA

Connie Collingsworth

Chief Business Operations Officer, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Linda Dessau

Governor of Victoria, Australia

Fernanda Familiar

Journalist & Radio Host, Mexico

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, USA

Doris Grimm

Head of International Monetary Affairs, Deutsche Bundesbank, Germany

Noel Harwerth

Chairman, UK Export Finance (UKEF), United Kingdom

Gale Anne Hurd

Chairman & CEO, Valhalla Entertainment, 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

Rosalind Kainyah, MBE

Managing Director, Kina Advisory Ltd, Ghana

Sarah Kauss

CEO, Swell, USA





Ellen Ochoa, former 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

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

Kate Mason Chief Transformation Officer, Coca-Cola Amati, Australia

Zanele Mbeki

Founder and Chairman of the WDB Trust Former First Lady of South Africa



Camille Mirshokrai

Global Director of Leadership Development, Accenture, USA

Ellen Moore

Regional Executive Officer, Canadian Chubb Companies

Michelle Nunn

CEO, CARE USA

Anne O'Leary

CEO, Vodafone, Ireland

Gabriela Ramos

OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa, G20, Mexico

Kholoud Al Saggaf

Executive Vice Prisedent, Arab Bank Plc., Jordan

Ersilia Vaudo Scarpetta

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Sandy Stash

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

Elizabeth Steiner

Judge, European Court of Human Rights, Austria

Alexandra Wilkis Wilson

Co-Founder and CEO, Glamsquad; Advisor, Gilt Groups, USA



Upcoming International Conferences



TORONTO, CANADA • November 13-15, 2019 IWF World Leadership Conference & Hall of Fame



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



DETROIT, USA • October 7-9, 2020 IWFWorld Leadership Conference & Hall of Fame



SANTIAGO, CHILE • May 18-20, 2021 IWF Cornerstone Conference



SEATTLE, USA • September 29-October 1, 2021 IWF World Leadership Conference & Hall of Fame



Programming

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

- The New Normal: Trade in Flux
 - Blockchain: Beyond Bitcoin
 - The New Political Warfare
 - 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



International Women's Forum and Leadership Foundation Hall of Fame

Since 1985, the International Hall of Fame Awards Gala has been the most important annual event for the organization, honoring the women leaders tackling urgent issues facing the world. The awardees are

transformative figures whose contributions to society are outsized on a global scale. The list of previous honorees speaks to the significance of the award.

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

Violeta de Chamorro 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

Anna Fendi

/ Humanitarian

Italian Fashion Empire Builder

Ella Fitzgerald

American Jazz Artist

Betty Ford

President, The Betty Ford Center

Betty Friedan

Author / Feminist Leader

Ruth Bader Ginsburg U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Katharine Graham

Chairman of the Board, The Washington Post

Madam Gu Xiulian

Former Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China

Alma Guillermoprieto

Author and Journalist

Helen Haves

First Woman of the American Theater

Dorothy Height

President, National Council of Negro Women

with Donna Shalala, Olga Sanchez Cordero, and Donna de Varona



Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, 2018 International Hall of Fame Honoree

Audrey Hepburn International Film Star

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

Lynn Johnston, CM, OM Canadian Illustrator

Jackie Joyner-Kersee US Olympic Gold Medalist

Nancy Landon Kassebaum US Senator

Billie Jean King Tennis Legend & Social

Pioneer

Coretta Scott King American Civil Rights Activist

Heidi Klum German fashion and Lifestyle Mogul

Dr. Mathilde Krim AIDS Researcher / Scientist

Annie Leibovitz American Photographer

Dr. Ellen Li Women's Rights Activist, Hong Kong

Maya Ying Lin Vietnam & Civil Rights 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

Rt. Hon Beverley McLachlin Chief Justice of Canada

The Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, ON, MP Prime Minister of Jamaica

Khatol Mohammadzai General, Air Force of Afghanistan

Anne Murray, CC, ONS Canadian Performing Artist

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuk 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

Leontyne Price Opera Diva

Condoleezza Rice US Secretary of State

Sally Ride US Astronaut / Scientist

Mary Robinson
President of Ireland

Wilma Rudolph 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

Ellen Johnson Sirleaf President of Liberia

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

Alice Walton Philanthropist

Barbara Walters
Journalist



IWF Leadership Foundation EY Women Athletes Business Network (WABN)

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 a women, and so much more. Each of them has ambition and passion and is looking for guidance in becoming a stronger leader.









IWF Leadership Foundation Fellows Program

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









2018 Thought Leadership Event

In June 2018, IWF hosted its inaugural thought leadership event. This was the first time IWF convened an event that was open to the public featuring IWF members from around the globe.

During the dynamic session, A Quarter Century of Change, women who put big cracks in the glass ceiling shared their unique perspective and discussed the current status of women in the workplace. The conversation with the audience that followed was robust and thought-provoking.



SESSION PARTICIPANTS

- Cari Dominguez, President, IWF Washington, D.C. & Former Chair, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- Barbara Hackman Franklin, IWF Washington, D.C., President and CEO, Barbara Franklin Enterprises, & former U.S. Secretary of Commerce.
- Lisa Osborne Ross, Washington, D.C. President, Edelman & Former Deputy Director, U.S. Glass Ceiling Commission.
- Marty Wikstrom, IWF United Kingdom & Founder, Atelier Fund.
- Betsy Fischer Martin, IWF Washington DC, & President, Fischer Martin Media







Intensive Program



The IWF Intensive is an innovative leadership development program designed specifically for women. The Intensive program provides access to skills training and executive development from diverse senior women leaders in every sector. The program is designed to train, support, and inspire women at a critical point -the promotion and transition to vice president.

IWF brings 30 years of expertise in designing and producing global development initiatives and access to the world's top women executives. The program is delivered to corporations, non-profits, foundations, and governments around the world.

The IWF Intensive can typically accommodate up to 200 participants, and the program can be expanded beyond the training room through live-streaming or recording sessions for future use.

The program can be co-sponsored by multiple companies in order to share the cost associated with the programming.

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 INTENSIVE 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 & 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, Kashi Foods

Kah Walla, Cameroonian Politician, Entrepreneur & Social Activist



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