



# WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW

*Women, Business and the Law 2022* is the eighth in a series of annual reports measuring the laws and regulations that affect women's economic opportunity in 190 economies. *Women, Business and the Law* makes the case for **reform toward gender equality** and highlights the way toward a more equitable and prosperous world. This year, the report also includes important pilot research on the legal frameworks surrounding the availability, affordability, and quality of childcare, and preliminary results of pilot efforts to examine the implementation of the laws measured by the *Women, Business and the Law* indicators.

This **dissemination toolkit** offers resources for donors, citizens, policymakers, international and local experts, partners, and civil society organizations seeking to embed *Women, Business and the Law* findings into their work. Reforms that unleash economic opportunities for women not only empower women but also strengthen communities and economies.



**1500+** LEGAL REFORMS



**190** ECONOMIES



**52** YEARS OF DATA



**8** INDICATORS



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**WOMEN HAVE JUST 3/4 OF  
THE LEGAL RIGHTS AFFORDED  
TO MEN ON AVERAGE ACROSS  
190 ECONOMIES**

**#WomenBizLaw  
#Get2Equal**

**Read more on legal barriers to  
women's economic participation  
and needed legal reforms**



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**2.4 BILLION WOMEN** OF WORKING AGE STILL  
**DO NOT HAVE EQUAL ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**

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## WBL INDEX SCORE (0-100)

1971 ► 2022

OECD high income	55.1	95.2
Europe & Central Asia	57.2	84.1
Latin America & Caribbean	47.9	80.4
East Asia & Pacific	47.5	71.9
Sub-Saharan Africa	38.0	71.5
South Asia	43.0	63.7
Middle East & North Africa	29.7	53.0



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ECONOMIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA AND  
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA REGIONS **IMPROVED THEIR LAWS**  
**TOWARD GENDER EQUALITY THE MOST IN 2021**

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*Women, Business, and the Law* report

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by indicator, areas for improvement,  
and recent reforms

[Data](#) from 1971 to 2022 for 190  
economies

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## ★ HELP US TO RAISE AWARENESS

Disseminating our findings is instrumental to raising  
awareness about the importance of legal reform to  
address gender disparities and influence policy change.  
Help us spread the word!

Questions about our research?  
Interested in partnering with the WBL team?

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