



WOMEN, BUSINESS AND THE LAW

Women, Business and the Law 2023 is the ninth 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 includes findings from historical data that highlight opportunities for reform and can inspire efforts to seek equality. Governments, the private sector, and civil society can use this framework to identify and remove barriers to women’s economic empowerment and boost labor force participation and entrepreneurship.

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.



1600+ LEGAL REFORMS



190 ECONOMIES



53 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
#AccelerateEquality**

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





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

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WBL INDEX SCORE (0-100) 1971 ► 2023

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|----------------------------|------|------|
| OECD high income | 55.2 | 95.3 |
| Europe & Central Asia | 58.0 | 84.4 |
| Latin America & Caribbean | 47.9 | 80.9 |
| East Asia & Pacific | 47.5 | 72.6 |
| Sub-Saharan Africa | 38.1 | 72.6 |
| South Asia | 43.0 | 63.7 |
| Middle East & North Africa | 29.6 | 53.2 |
| WBL GLOBAL INDEX | 45.8 | 77.1 |



EXPLORE
REFORMS DATABASE



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SINCE 2021, SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ACCOUNTED FOR
MORE THAN HALF OF ALL REFORMS TOWARD **LEGAL
GENDER EQUALITY** WORLDWIDE.

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Executive Summary of the 2023 *Women, Business, and the Law* report

Reports that analyze laws and regulations affecting women's economic opportunity

Economy snapshots containing data by indicator, areas for improvement, and recent reforms

Data from 1971 to 2022 for 190 economies

Briefs discussing drivers of legal reform, policies on childcare services, and policies protecting women with disabilities

New areas of **research**

★ 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!

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