



Event: 2019 Women Deliver Conference (WD2019) –
June 3-6, 2019



Women Deliver



About: Women Deliver

- Global advocate for gender equality and the health and rights of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities.
- Collaborates with international organizations to prioritize girl's and women's sexual and reproductive health and rights during emergencies and their aftermath.
- Equips changemakers with evidence and messaging to promote action on gender equality, making a case that investing in girls and women isn't only the right thing to do – it's the smart thing to do.
- Hosts the triannual Women Deliver Conference, convening thousands of advocates, decision-makers, activists and journalists to identify solutions and drive change.

Objective:

Catalyze conversations with global stakeholders, break barriers, address challenges and identify opportunities to improve the wellbeing of girls and women. Improve policies and programs, and drive political and financial commitments, for gender equality.





Event highlights:

- The theme for WD2019 was “Power”, referring to individual power, structural power and the power of movements.
- The robust program included 14 pre-conferences, 15 plenary stage sessions, 115 concurrent sessions, 118 partner side events and 171 exhibitors.
- In addition to a social enterprise pitch competition, the event encompassed 82 power talks, a demonstration of 18 new apps that could

positively impact the lives of girls and women, and a film festival screening 176 films.

- A community-focused “Culture Night” enabled locals to interact with conference attendees and offered education about First Nations and Canadian culture.
- More than 500 youth were sponsored to attend the conference, and 100 percent of plenary and concurrent sessions included youth speakers.

Event impact:

- WD2019 in Vancouver was the largest and most impactful Women Deliver conference to date, with more than 8,000 people from 169 countries – and 200,000 more online – convening to inspire political commitments, unveil new research and share solutions.
- Canada participated in a country mobilization through Feminists Deliver, which galvanized momentum for gender equality across the country’s grassroots and feminist organizations.
- Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau announced a 10-year, \$1.4 billion (CAD) annual commitment to gender equality and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
- President Kenyatta of Kenya committed to ending female genital mutilation during his time in office.
- The UN Foundation announced new commitments from 10 companies to improve the health and empowerment of more than



250,000 women workers and community members around the world.

- For the first time, NGOs, grassroots advocates, and survivor-led organizations united to develop a plan to end female genital mutilation/cutting by 2030.
- Participants from 48 countries attended the inaugural Advocacy Academy to strengthen their skills in advocacy and build connections.
- A new Media Training Workshop explored the role of media in creating solutions-oriented narratives, and offered scholarships to 100 journalists from 60 countries to join the press pool in Vancouver.