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### BENEFITS

- Unpack the business case for gender equality and understand the benefits of diversity and inclusion
- Gain the knowledge you need to increase gender equality related legislation and diversity requirements
- Understand your current gender equality performance through the facilitated use of the Women’s Empowerment Principles Gender Gap Analysis Tool
- Confidently set ambitious and realistic targets for gender balance, women’s leadership and equal pay for work of equal value
- Engage in accelerated learning opportunities specific to your country context
- Showcase women in your company who are driving business success, sustainability and contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Demonstrate commitment and action for gender equality to your employees, investors and other stakeholders
- Build a network of peers, UN partners and experts to support your gender equality strategy and work collectively to tackle persistent barriers to gender equality
- Network with colleagues across all regions in an exclusive Target Gender Equality LinkedIn Group

### ELIGIBILITY

In order to take part in Target Gender Equality, companies are required to be members of the UN Global Compact or willing to join and meet the following criteria:

- Committed to learning about corporate target setting and taking actions to advance gender equality at the workplace
- Willing to appoint two representatives to participate in programme activities and events and an executive-level “ambassador” to follow programme developments, provide support and participate in high-level events
- Currently engaged with a Global Compact Local Network or willing to join if required by the Network

Target Gender Equality primarily focuses on private-sector participants. If you are a nonbusiness organization interested in Target Gender Equality, you can contact your Global Compact Local Network to explore potential opportunities to get involved in the initiative.

### EXPERIENCE

The programme will take place virtually with select in-person engagements depending on the country. The programme is complemented by interactive e-learning tools and optional virtual regional and global engagement opportunities. Programme features include:

- Onboarding webinar to meet your peers
- Performance analysis and aggregate results discussions based on the WEPs Gender Gap Analysis Tool Policy Development workshop
- Three capacity building workshops Global Expert sessions
  - An Action Planning Guide to support participants to apply learnings within each company's context
  - Exclusive access to practical toolkits, good practice collections and learning opportunities through the UN Global Compact Academy
  - High-level global events including a ‘Countdown to International Women’s Day’ every February
- Advocacy opportunities to jointly raise the bar for gender equality
DID YOU KNOW?

96% of past Target Gender Equality participants would recommend the programme to their peers.

One year after programme completion,

99% of participants report that they have benefited from Target Gender Equality.

COUNTRIES

For the list of Global Compact Local Networks offering the in-country track of the programme in 2024, please visit the [Target Gender Equality Accelerator](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/target-gender-equality) website.

Global track: Facilitated in English, the global track will offer the same curriculum content as the in-country track delivered through a series of live and on-demand sessions. This global track will be available in countries where an in-country programme is not available. Space is limited. For questions, please contact targetgenderequality@unglobalcompact.org

Francophone Africa Track: The Francophone Africa track will bring together companies from Francophone Africa and deliver the programme in French. Please apply for this option if you’re located in a country from Francophone Africa that is not listed above.

TIMELINE

- Company registration: **13 March 2024 – 31 May 2024**
- Registration deadline may vary by country. Please reach out to your Local Network to inquire about registering after 31 May
- Programme begins: **June 2024**
  (Please check exact dates with your Global Compact Local Network)
- Programme ends: **March 2025**

READY TO JOIN?

Contact the Global Compact Local Network in your country to learn more and register on our website: [unglobalcompact.org/target-gender-equality](http://www.unglobalcompact.org/target-gender-equality)