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## Press Release

## WPL hands over the outcomes of its Summit to the G20 Leaders in Osaka

June 24, Tokyo, Japan - **Women Political Leaders (WPL) will hand over to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe the outcomes of the WPL Summit 2019, during the G20 Leaders Summit in Osaka on 29 June 2019. The invitation to WPL is an acknowledgment of the determination of women political leaders gathering for the first worldwide Summit of female politicians on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Tokyo on 25-27 June.**

The outcomes will be handed in at the presence of H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in her capacity as United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA) and Ms. Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President of the United States as the special guests, as well as Leaders of G20 and invited countries, and representatives of relevant international organisations and groups.
"The WPL Summit 2019, entitled "Taking actions to advance society through SDGs" - the first WPL Summit ever held in East Asia - is an opportunity to show the impact that female politicians can create for the world to reduce inequality while tackling environmental, health, educational and economic issues to ensure the creation of a society where women and men can live their full potential." said Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President & Founder of WPL.
In 2014, world leaders decided on a common plan, with big ambitions. There is growing recognition that achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will require a dramatic improvement from current levels in policy and action around the world and will require stronger global cooperation. At WPL Summit 2019, SDGs are applied as the common roadmap to identify actions, while focussing on the role of women as political leaders in this drive, in Asia and around the world. WPL Summit 2019 is co-hosted by the House of Representatives of Japan with the oversight of an Executive Committee relying on the experience of leading Japanese women politicians.

### Post-Summit Press Conference

**Shinako Tsuchiya**, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, Chair of the Committee / Leader of the Delegation for the WPL Summit 2019 in Japan, Chairperson of the Special Committee on Consumer Affairs at the House of Representatives
**Yoko Kamikawa**, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan, WPL Ambassador, Minister of Justice (2014-2015, 2017-2018)
**Helen Clark**, WPL Board, Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008), Administrator of UNDP (2009-2017)
**Silvana Koch-Mehrin**, President of WPL

Venue: International Conference Hall, 1F

### Leadership campaign: Press Point at the presence of Mr. José Manuel Barroso

**Thursday, 27 June 2019 - 14:30-14:45**

In view of WPL's participation at the **G20 Summit** on 29 June in Osaka, WPL asked G20 Leaders why the world needs more women in politics. Their answers are part of an **exhibition** in the Main Hall of the House of Representatives, during the WPL Summit 2019.
The exhibition will be inaugurated at the presence of Ms. Silvana Koch-Mehrin, President of WPL, and Mr. José Manuel Barroso, patron of the Leadership Campaign, in the **Large Conference Hall** of the House of Representatives.
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**A limited number of journalists** will be allowed to **follow the proceedings** and will have **access to the House of Representatives of Japan** for the whole duration of the WPL Summit 2019. Places are limited and those interested are invited to register at the link below.
The proceedings of the WPL Summit 2019 can be followed live at https://www.cbsnews.com/wplsummit2019/

### Venue of the Summit

WPL Summit 2019 will take place at the House of Representatives, Japan (HR) in Tokyo - First Members' Office Building. All participants are requested to enter the First Members' Office Building from the Tameike-sanno entrance.

Register here

For more information, one-to-one interviews with the confirmed speakers, visual material or interviews, please send an email to **press@wpleaders.org**
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**Notes to the editors**

About the speakers to the WPL Summit 2019
About the programme of the WPL Summit 2019
About Japan & Women's Political Empowerment

**About Womenomics**
Womenomics is a theory that advocates the empowerment of women, arguing that enabling women to have access to equal participation in an economy and society will result in economic benefits and social progress. The need for Japan to implement womenomics was first advocated by Kathy Matsui in 1999, and since 2013 Prime Minister Abe's government has pledged to promote womenomics as policy.

**About WPL**
Women Political Leaders (WPL) is the global network of female politicians. The mission of WPL is to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership positions. WPL members are women in political office – Presidents, Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliaments, Mayors. Membership is free and members are honoured by their participation. WPL strives in all its activities to demonstrate the impact of more women in political leadership, for the global better.
See below a map of the countries which are sending delegations to the WPL Summit 2019.
**About the G20 Leadership campaign**
Parity between women and men in politics mirrors our societies. Greater balance in political representation is essential to inclusiveness. For this to happen, men are as much part of that important change, as women. In 2015, WPL launched the Leadership Campaign, to highlight the commitment of male Presidents and Prime Ministers to increase the number of women in politics. Over 80 contributions have been received from Heads of State and Government, Presidents and Prime Ministers from around the world who have contributed with far-reaching and challenging statements. They gave their personal testimony by completing the sentence "We need more women as political leaders because..."
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