Leading by Example: Women's Leadership in Inclusive Finance



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The challenge

742m

illion

Women are the single largest underserved group of customers in financial services

\$1.7 trillion

Financing gap for women entrepreneurs

- Lack of sex-disaggregated data and analysis
- Lack of tools and knowledge to understand and respond to women's financial needs, preferences and aspirations
- Limited knowledge, skill and incentives to build a gender-inclusive

Gender Neutral Approach = Gender Blind





Value of supporting gender diversity and inclusion for financial institutions



- Greater financial stability
- Meeting women's differentiated needs, preferences, and aspirations
- Promoting innovation
- Improving portfolio quality and reducing risk









Where to Start

Women in Finance: A Case for Closing Gaps Unlocking the Potential of the Women's Market: The Gender Diversity & Inclusion Imperative

Tools for FSPs: Conducting an Institutional Gender Gap Assessment and Training and Retaining Female Staff

Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) Gender Gap Analysis Tool Banking on Women: Gender Intelligence for Banks - Moving the Needle on Gender Equality Attracting and Retaining Talent through Inclusive Family-Friendly Policies

Trainings

Gender Equality Changemakers Programme USAID's Delivering Gender Equality: A Best Practices Framework for Male-Dominated Industries



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🗱 Vision

Inspired by the Corinne Molitor's life and professional achievements, Sunflower Seeds asbl goal is to empower women to exercise their leadership while contributing to a more sustainable world, respectful of human beings and the environment.

Mission

Sunflower Seeds asbl helps budding female leaders to exercise their "change-making powers" for a more inclusive and sustainable world.

Actions

Financial support Mentoring Networking Training



EUROPEAN MICROFINANCE WEEK connecting the inclusive finance world



Who is it for?

Women

- >18 years of age
- Entrepreneur, leader of change
- Desire to create a more sustainable and inclusive world

•What type of initiative?

- For profit & non-profit entrepreneurial initiative
- Personal development initiative

Luxembourg focus, or clear connection with Luxembourg



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