

The Women Deliver 2023 Conference Factsheet

About Women Deliver



Women Deliver is a leading global advocate that champions gender equality and the health and rights of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities.



Our advocacy drives investment—political and financial—in the lives of girls and women. We harness evidence and unite diverse voices to spark commitment to gender equality.



Anchored in sexual and reproductive health, we advocate for the rights of girls and women across every aspect of their lives.



Natalie Tingo on stage at the Youth Pre-Conference during the Women Deliver 2016 Conference in Copenhagen

What is the Women Deliver Conference?

As one of the largest multi-sectoral convenings to advance gender equality, Women Deliver Conferences are co-created by grassroots advocates, multilateral governments, private sector, philanthropies, and youth, including from and representing communities facing systemic discrimination.

With sexual and reproductive health and rights at our core, we will center intersectional feminist principles, to address compounding issues impacting girls and women – from climate change, to gender-based violence, to unpaid care work – and collectively identify and action evidence-based solutions.

We will enhance our collective power by championing the leadership of grassroots advocates, connecting advocates with decision-makers, and sharing key advocacy strategies. We will come together to break barriers, address challenges, and identify opportunities to advance gender equality and improve the wellbeing of girls and women, in all their intersecting identities.

What is the focus of the Women Deliver Conference?

➤ In August 2020, Women Deliver led an international survey, referred to as a Global Community Consultation (GCC), to gain insight into the most pressing issues for girls and women globally. Nearly 4,500 advocates spanning 166 countries, generations, and sectors shared their thoughts and feedback to help us design the Women Deliver 2023 Conference (WD2023).

➤ WD2023 will promote a robust civic space for feminist action, organizing, and mobilization and will be more inclusive, diverse, accessible, and consultative than ever before by introducing the following **five objectives**.

1

Catalyze collective action to advance gender equality

Break barriers, address challenges, and create opportunities. Create and align on shared goals to make concrete gains.

2

Hold leaders accountable

Hold leaders accountable to actionable commitments and support civil society organizations in tracking and sharing progress.

3

Empower the feminist movement

Connect the movement and drive solutions, and foster lasting and diverse partnerships.

4

Reframe who leads

Center grassroots organizations, youth, communities facing systemic discrimination, advocates, and changemakers working on the ground.

5

Create space

Develop an accessible and inclusive space while welcoming all allies.

spaces solidarity solutions

Our WD2023 theme is **Spaces, Solidarity, and Solutions: Enabling inclusive and co-created spaces that foster solidarity for sustainable solutions on gender equality. We have deliberately chosen this theme with action in mind:**

Spaces, because it's only when we create inclusive spaces that we can truly get to the heart of our challenges and the actions we need to take to overcome them;

Solidarity, because it's only when we work together as a united front and take collective action that we will effect real change in the world;

And, **Solutions**, because our challenges are complex, vast, and multi-dimensional, we need to think critically and thoughtfully about how we approach them – and not assume that action means progress.

Young Leader Olaoluwa Abagun on stage during the Women Deliver 2016 Conference in Copenhagen

Who will be attending WD2023?

Women Deliver Conferences bring together advocates from regional and national organizations, including but not limited to grassroots, Indigenous, youth-led, LGBTQIA+-led, and women's rights organizations; world leaders and influencers; private sector leaders; academics; activists; and journalists from all around the world.



Where will WD2023 Conference be held?

WD2023 will be held in the landmark Kigali Convention Center (KCC), the first convention center in Rwanda and the largest in the region.

For the very first time, WD2023 will be held on the African continent. This affirms the ongoing efforts in-continent around gender equality, to have equal access to power, dignity, justice, rights, health, and opportunities that will enable women to network, develop skills, share knowledge, access funding opportunities, and participate in conversations that contribute to the global agenda setting on gender equality.

