WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES

WEPs NEWSLETTER

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End Gender-Based Violence Ensure Employee Health & Well-Being

This month we kick-off UN Women's campaign to end violence against women and girls - taking place every November - <u>UNiTE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls</u>. It is not only a moral imperative, it is also key to sustainable business, and to realizing a world with gender equality and women's economic empowerment.

While this newsletter focuses on preventing gender-based violence (GBV) in line with the annual campaign, action is needed every day all-year round. WEPs guides this endeavor under the following principles.

<u>Principle 2: Treat all women and men fairly at work – respect and support human rights and nondiscrimination</u>

Promoting gender equality is crucial for fostering equal and inclusive work environments. GBV presents significant personal and economic costs, hindering career advancement and the well-being of women and men workers, and impacts the business in many ways.

Principle 3: Ensure the health, safety and well-being of all women & men workers

Employers should actively create safe, supportive work environments that value the health and well-being of all workers. Eliminating GBV also requires workplace domestic violence and anti-harassment policies, awareness campaigns, and other support mechanisms.

RESOURCES RELATED TO WEPs 2 & 3

Learn more about GBV's impact on employee health & well-being, including *physical* health and *mental* health.

WEPs Resources

Fighting Everyday Sexism and Domestic Violence in the Workplace

<u>Tackling Sexual Harassment in the World of Work</u>

Other Resources

How Can Business Tackle Gender Based Violence in the World of Work:

<u>A Toolkit for Action</u> | Business Fights Poverty

<u>Guidelines on mental health at work</u> | World Health Organization

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Asia-Pacific WEPs Forum 2023

Watch the video of the two-day Asia Pacific WEPs Forum that took place in Manila, Philippines from 7 to 8 November. The Forum gathered 150 participants from WEPs signatories across 12 countries, including business owners, leaders and practitioners.

UN Women in Pakistan

Meet a company in Pakistan that is fighting against GBV and creating a safe and healthy work environment for women in the textile sector.

UN Women in Bolivia

Learn about how a company in Bolivia is advancing its WEPs implementation through a collaboration with UN Women.

UN Women in Nigeria

Watch "A Call to Action" for private sector companies to sign onto the WEPs and advance gender equality and women's empowerment in



UPCOMING EVENTS



UN Women WEPs Cycle Session 5-Monitoring, Transparency, and Accountability (In Spanish)

Do you speak Spanish? Join this webinar to learn more about the WEP 7 hosted in Spanish on 23 Nov.



WEPs Induction (In Spanish)

Did you miss the WEPs induction Webinar in October? Don't worry! Join this WEPs induction session on 29 Nov.



Investing to Prevent Violence:
How are companies investing in safe and healthy work spaces? (In Spanish)

Are you in Chile? Join this in-person workshop, hosted in Spanish, on 28 Nov.



WEPs Deep-Dive Series #3:
Think Twice: Understanding Unconscious
Bias (In English)

Join this year's last deep-dive series to understand where bias comes from and what we can do about it on 5 Dec.

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Donations will help expand the WEPs' reach and tools, enabling enhanced guidance and training on how to implement the WEPs to more businesses worldwide, no matter their size or

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