

GLOBAL WOMEN ON BOARDS

Conference Brochure
2026

GWOB

CONFERENCE 2026

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Global Women on Boards Programme is a global board leadership programme conceived via a tri-partnership synergy between:



LeadWomen
Malaysia



**Women on Boards
Network**
Kenya



Paris Global Center
France



Introduction

The Global Women on Boards (GWOB) programme is designed to equip new, aspiring and existing women directors with the required competencies, knowledge and safe network platforms to enable them to create unique value and innovation for boards.

The 6-month programme is a modular journey, taking participants through the essentials of board leadership. Throughout the programme, participants will be guided and supported by international mentors with board experience. The journey culminates with a Board Simulation, which allows the delegates to apply the knowledge and learning gained in a safe space.

In 2026, GWOB introduces the Virtual Conference: **A Gateway to Board Leadership** — a highly curated, two-day virtual experience offering high-potential women leaders an introduction to the GWOB ecosystem through boardroom conversations, practical masterclasses, and cross-continental networking.

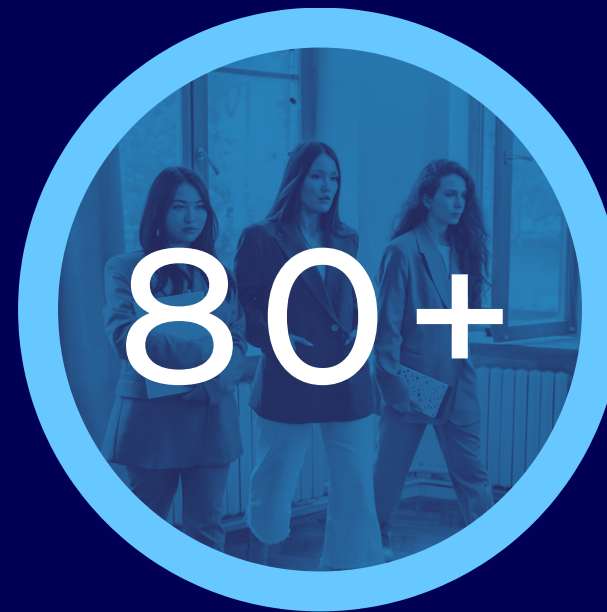
The conference serves as an introduction and pathway into the next full 6-month GWOB Programme, launching virtually in 2027 with an in-person Graduation & Board Simulation in Paris.

WOMEN LEADERS IMPACTED

This women-only programme offered a secure platform for delegates to openly share experiences and learn within a supportive and conducive environment.



Cohorts



Number of Women



Countries

Organised by:



In Collaboration with:



Who should attend

- **Current or newly appointed corporate directors** currently serving on nonprofit boards, private boards or public boards
- **Aspiring corporate directors holding senior executive roles** such as CEO, division heads etc., who's next natural move is to the Board.
- **Established women entrepreneurs** seeking to improve corporate governance in their own company boards and preparing to serve on public corporate boards.

Programme Objectives

- Raise awareness of global best practices and corporate governance, board trends and priorities
- Understand cross-cultural nuances and (gender) dynamics on boards
- Extend reach into regional/international board opportunities for women
- Expand and grow the network circles
- Access to a global board mentoring platform
- Provide continued support to enhance board readiness and effectiveness
- Build a pipeline of board ready women for global, regional and local boards

Programme Experience

GWOB 2026 Conference Structure will be based on 3 pillars

01

INSPIRE

Hear directly from experienced directors on the realities, expectations, and changing landscape of board leadership today.

02

LEARN

Participate in interactive masterclasses designed to strengthen strategic thinking, influence, and boardroom judgement through practical application.

03

CONNECT

Build meaningful relationships with GWOB alumni and fellow women leaders through regional networking initiatives beyond the conference.





Programme Details

Duration:

2 days

Modules interspersed between two days

Fees:

Main Panel Session — Complimentary

Single Masterclass — USD 100 / MYR 408

Full Combo (All Masterclasses) — USD 180 / MYR 735

**MYR amount is fixed for this programme, based on the prevailing exchange rate (July 2026).*

Fees Coverage:

- Full Conference Pass
- Individual Masterclass Passes

Closing Date:

13th November 2026, Friday

Conference Schedule

SESSIONS

DETAILS

SUMMARY

Main Panel: Board-Ready or Board-Tested?

- 19 Nov 2026 (Thursday)
- 7:00 AM CET / 9:00 AM EAT / 2:00 PM MYT
- 2 Hours
- Zoom
- **Complimentary Pass**

Women directors are often expected to prove themselves repeatedly, balance competing expectations, and navigate scrutiny that may not apply equally to others. This session examines what it really takes to thrive in today's boardrooms.

Navigating Gender, Power & Dynamics

- 19 Nov 2026 (Thursday)
- 9:00 AM CET / 11:00 AM EAT / 4:00 PM MYT
- 2 Hours
- Zoom
- **USD 100 / MYR 408**

Decode subtle psychological landscapes and unspoken power structures. Learn to neutralise bias, establish credibility, and command authority without overstepping governance boundaries.

Thinking Like an INED: Strategic Questions

- 20 Nov (Friday)
- 7:00 AM CET / 09:00 AM EAT / 2:00 PM MYT
- 2 Hours
- Zoom
- **USD 100 / MYR 408**

A live boardroom scenario / roleplay, participants will observe board discussions and provide feedback on how the board could operate more effectively, challenge assumptions, and ask questions that uncover risks, opportunities and blind spots.

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Optional Add-On: Regional Alumni Networking Sessions in Kenya & Kuala Lumpur (Nov/Dec 2026). Fee determined locally to cover F&B costs.

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ONLINE MASTERCLASS 1

19 NOV
2026

*Navigating Gender,
Power & Dynamics*



09:00 AM CET
11:00 AM EAT
04:00 PM MYT



Zoom



USD 100
MYR 408

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FCS CATHERINE MUSAKALI

*Founder and Chairperson,
The Women on Boards Network (WOBN),
Kenya*

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ONLINE MASTERCLASS 2

20 NOV
2026

*Thinking Like an INED:
Strategic Questions That
Shape Better Decisions*



07:00 AM CET
09:00 AM EAT
02:00 PM MYT



Zoom



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ANNE ABRAHAM

*Founder and Chairperson,
LeadWomen*

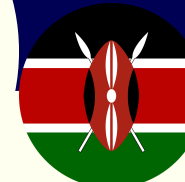
Alumni Testimonials



Great learnings from all members and tutors and having a mentor guide me throughout the programme gave me significant learnings in building my competence from a board level perspective
#Driving the Shift

Anuradha Katyal

Chief People Officer, Axiata Group
GWOB Alumna
(Malaysia)



The GWOB programme provided me the opportunity to refresh on the governance principles and concepts, reflect on what my value would and legacy would be and got to interact and network with well-established leaders in Kenya and Malaysia.

Beverley Simiyu Nuthu

Leadership Coach & Traine, B&G Consultants Ltd
GWOB Alumna
(Kenya)

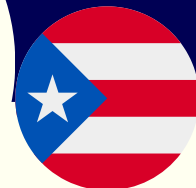


The overall programme has helped me acquire a wider perspective about the depth and knowledge to participate effectively on the various Boards I am a part of. The mentorship programme allowed me to self-reflect and enhance some of the key skills essential to be a Director on Boards such as critical-thinking and complex problem solving, strategic planning and improving interpersonal communication and coordination.

Dr Minnie Bodhanwala

CEO, Wadia Hospitals
GWOB Alumna
(India)

Alumni Testimonials



Meeting women leaders in different fields and countries as part of the GWOB 2024 class, was a privilege and blessing. GWOB gave us the tools to become prepared board members when providing our expertise and knowledge in our different areas of expertise. It reminded us of the importance of continuous learning, resilience, diverse boards, strategic reasoning and onboarding among other important topics.

We had board simulation exercises and relevant discussions as we role played board sessions. The takeaways from experienced top-notch faculty and coaches made the program an excellent opportunity for growth. I personally have helped colleagues on the smooth onboarding to help companies thrive.

I will never forget the stories of resilience and courage of the women leaders from the 2024 cohort. Let's continue our journey while opening doors for others along our path leaving a legacy of support and respect.

Ana N. López Fuentes

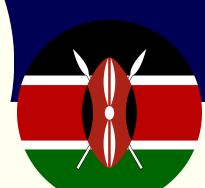
Professor and Former Dean, School of Dental Medicine at University of Puerto Rico, 2023-24 ADEA Chair of the Board, HDA Board of Trustees (Puerto Rico)



This programme has helped me understand the role of the board in terms of providing strategy and oversight. The Board Simulation has given me the space to know how a board meeting is run. Additionally, the networking that this programme offers is impactful in my board journey. I encourage future delegates to fully participate in the sessions and know that it is a journey, not a destination.

Tengku Faradiza Tengku Baharuddin

Independent Non-Executive Director, Lagenda Properties Berhad (Malaysia)



The programme empowered me with essential board governance skills, strategic insights, and invaluable mentorship to navigate boardrooms effectively and contribute meaningfully, while also connecting me with incredible women from around the world.

Anne Nyachomba

Customer Experience and Digital Transformation Professional (Kenya)



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Registration form:

