



G20 Leaders Recognize the Role of Women in Driving Forward Growth

Toronto, Canada— September 7, 2016 — This past weekend, the leaders of G20 countries met in Hangzhou, China to discuss how to strengthen the global economy. Prior to this meeting, G(irls)20 held its [7th Summit in Beijing, China](#) and provided G20 Leaders with concrete recommendations to increase female labor force participation, which is a key strategy for increasing a country's GDP.

In reaction to the [G20 Leaders' Communiqué](#), G(irls)20 offers this response:

"As Chair of the G20 this year, the People's Republic of China chose to highlight the importance of inclusivity as a growth strategy, and we commend them for this.

During the G(irls)20 Summit and while at the B20 and W20 tables, G(irls)20 spoke to the importance of increasing opportunities for girls and women by: expanding their presence in STEM via education and employment; improving access to the tools for female entrepreneurs; funding and changing infrastructure to include more women in the digital economy and agriculture; and, also to advance the idea of shared parenting. Delegates also called on G20 Leaders to address health and social development issues as they are directly linked to productivity.

Transparency and systemic reporting are key to meeting, measuring and recalibrating so the [2014 G20 Leaders' commitment](#) to bring 100 million women into the labor force by 2025 is met. As such, G(irls)20 looks forward to reviewing the employment plans of G20 Member States," said Farah Mohamed, G(irls)20 Founder & CEO.

For a copy of the G(irls)20 Summit Communiqué please visit:

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