

Upcoming Webinars on Implementing the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs)

Dates:

Tuesday, 22 October 2019; Time: 14:00-15:00 (GMT+4 Mauritius time)
Tuesday, 26 November 2019; Time: 10:00-11:00 (GMT+4 Mauritius time)

Background

In support of the IORA Action Plan for 2017-21, the Australian Government has engaged with UN Women to implement a three-year project on *Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment in the Indian Ocean Rim* with the collaboration of the IORA Secretariat. In addition to producing new research, the project provides capacity-building activities, including a series of webinars on the [Women's Empowerment Principles \(WEPs\)](#), to foster enabling environments for women's economic empowerment both in the public and the private sectors. The first introductory webinar was held in March 2019.

Upcoming Webinars

The second webinar will be held in October and will focus on Women's Empowerment Principle 1: Establishing high-level corporate leadership for gender equality. This Principle highlights the critical role of leadership and the need for top-level support and policies, as well as company-wide goals for gender equality. Corporate leaders from different IORA countries will be invited to discuss their motivations for signing on to the WEPs; what they have done to implement the WEPs; and what have been the results and challenges to date.

The third webinar will be held in November and will focus on elements of Women's Empowerment Principle 5: Enterprise development, supply chain and marketing practices. Representatives from both the private and the public sector will be invited to discuss their efforts to implement gender-responsive procurement practices in order to expand business relationships with women-owned enterprises, including small businesses and women entrepreneurs.

Agenda for Webinars

1. Moderator's welcome and brief introduction to the Women's Empowerment Principle in focus

2. Interventions by guest WEPs signatories
3. Q&A and discussion
4. Closure

Who can participate?

These webinars are ideally suited for IORA government counterparts and Working Group members, current and potential WEPs signatories from the region, representatives of Chambers of Commerce, women's business associations, NGOs, entrepreneurs and any other interested individuals from IORA Member States or Dialogue Partners.

Webinar Details

October Webinar on WEP 1

Date and Time: Tuesday, 22 October 2019 from 14:00-15:00 (Mauritius time GMT+4)

Registration:

Participants are kindly requested to register at the following link **by latest 20 October 2019:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1288918300479498764>

Participants will then receive further instructions on how to join the webinar.

November Webinar on WEP 5

Date and Time: Tuesday, 26 November 2019 from 10:00-11:00 (Mauritius time GMT+4)

Participants are kindly requested to register at the following link **by latest 24 November 2019:**
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6336834457934521357>

IT requirements

Computer equipped with microphone and webcam. High speed internet is encouraged.

More information

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