Welcoming to Women:
An Action Plan for Canada's Mining Employers

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About Women in Mining

• Advances the interests of women in mining
• Supports grassroots initiatives for development of women
• Provides a national voice within the global community
About the Initiative

Build **gender intelligence**

Disseminate the **business case**

Share **best and innovative practices**

Increase in women in:

- **Senior executive roles**
- **Non-traditional occupations** (trades, heavy equipment operators, miners, and engineers)

**Culture shift to build a more inclusive workforce**

**Women in Mining**

**Status of Women Canada**

**Condition féminine Canada**
Gender Advisory Committee

- Provide guidance and leadership
- Work together towards goal of 50
- Champion NAP and tools
- Collective voice on gender
Poll

How important is a 'business case' (for gaining buy-in of senior decision-makers related to the industry)?

- Absolutely critical – gender inclusion has to directly help the business results
- Important but not critical
- Not needed – gender inclusion is seen as the right thing to do
The Business Case

• Attracting and retaining valuable talent
• Supporting safety
• Better decision making and better performance
Poll

Which aspect of the ‘business case’ for gender inclusion resonates most with mining stakeholders?

- Attracting and retaining talent
- Supporting safety
- Better decision making and better performance
- None of the above grabs attention
Strategic Areas of Focus

- Signs and symbols of gender inclusion in the workplace culture
- Respectful workplaces
- An industry that is a magnet for talent
- Inclusive practices for career opportunities
- Ability to reconcile work with personal commitments
Has your organization undertaken an action related to *signs and symbols of gender inclusion*, as a way to increase the participation of women?

- Yes we are very active in that
- Yes, but it is not a strong focus
- Yes, but not consistent or sustainable attention
- No, not at all
Challenges of Change

Insights from the Mining Industry

“It’s easy to put all the PR stuff on the website but it’s pointless without active support. We need to get senior people to create goals to promote more women coming in and advancing.”
Ten Tools for Implementation

**Measuring**
- Using Baseline and Readiness Assessments
- Setting “Targets with Teeth”
- Using Monitoring and Impact Assessments

**Engaging**
- Gender Champions in Action
- Getting Started on a Communication and Engagement Plan
- Capturing and Sharing Stories for Change

**Educating**
- A Change for the Better: Gender Diversity in Mining (customizable presentation)
- Learning About Gender Inclusion

**Enhancing Inclusion**
- Implementing Women-Focused Development Strategies
- Embedding Gender Inclusion into Business Practices
Setting “Targets with Teeth”

Having a clear idea of what is to be achieved, by when, and why, is critical to making good progress on gender inclusion.

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<td>Representation of women</td>
<td>• Increase the percentage of women in geology studies from xx% to yy% in the next two years.</td>
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<td>• Increase our number of women in senior management feeder positions from xx to yy within the next five years.</td>
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<td>• Reduce voluntary turnover among mid-career women from xx% to yy% for the current fiscal year.</td>
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<td>Gender inclusive conditions and freedom from stereotypes</td>
<td>• Complete a review of all job descriptions in the maintenance and production occupations, and remove any uncovered gendered language, by the end of the 3rd quarter.</td>
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<td>• Renovate the XX mine site buildings to provide women-</td>
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A Gender Champion ... leads by example through concrete actions that are designed to create genuine change both in workplace culture and programming in their organizations.

Walking the Talk

The following self-evaluation questions can help a Gender Champion assess how s/he is doing in relation to key aspects of the role, and identify any gaps to be addressed.

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<td>How truly knowledgeable am I about the barriers faced by women within the mining industry, and in my organization?</td>
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<td>How able am I to notice the subtle systemic biases that might exist in our practices or in the day-to-day interactions I have at work?</td>
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<td>How comfortable are the people around me to ‘call me out’ on my own behaviour and biases?</td>
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<td>How often and how widely do I talk about gender inclusion within mining as a priority – during all phases of the industry’s economic cycle?</td>
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National Action Plan: Summary

Gender business case + Cultural shift awareness + Best practices and toolkit = CULTURE CHANGE
Join the Momentum!

- Share your organization’s experience (practices, challenges and successes)
- Email info@wimcanada.org to reserve your digital copy (PDF format)
- Download the NAP and Tools on wimcanada.org (2017)