

BPW Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Report



Business and Professional
Women International



By
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as of 1 March 2024

CREATIVE : COORPORATION : CONNECTION

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BPW International Triennium Theme
2021-2024



BPW Asia Pacific Region Triennium
Goals and Strategies
2021-2024

“ New Actions Through Cooperation ”



Goals

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- Education
- Empowerment
- Economy
- Elderly
- Ecosystem

Strategies

3C

- Creativity
- Cooperation
- Connections



Meetings

- Virtual **Asia-Pacific Committee Meetings:**

- 11 October 2023
- 8 November 2023 (onsite)
- 28 March 2024
- 19 June 2024
- 25 September 2024
- 13 November 2024

Virtual **Asia-Pacific Presidents' Meeting 8 November**

- 22 September 2021 (online)
- 8 November 2023 (onsite)
Regulation updates, Financial Policy, Sub-regional plans
- 28 September 2024 (online)

New BPW in 2022 – 2023

New Federations :

Myanmar, Philippines

New Associate Clubs :

Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Palestine, Syria, Mongolia

BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator Activities

Attended BPW Conferences and Meetings

- BPW International **Executive Board Meeting, NYC, USA.**, 2 March 2023
- BPW International **Leaders Summit and C.F.Dinner, NYC, USA.**, 3 – 5 March 2023
- **UN CSW 67, NYC, USA.**, 6 – 17 March 2023
- **BPW Pakistan Visit (BPW Karachi and BPW Islamabad)** 19 March – 26 March 2023
- 3rd BPW International Asia Pacific **YOUNG Symposium 2023, Taiwan** 21 – 23 April 2023
- **Global Summit of Women (GSW), Dubai** 4 – 9 May 2023



BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator Activities

Attended BPW Conferences and Meetings

- BPW International **Latin American Regional Conference, Chile**
5 – 10 September 2023
- **BPW Philippines Visit** (BPW Metro **Manila**, BPW **Rizal**, BPW **Davao** and BPW **Dipolog**) 28 – 30 September 2023
- BPW International **Executive Board Meeting, Switzerland**
2 – 8 October 2023



BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator Activities

Attended BPW Conferences and Meetings

- BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference, Manama, Bahrain 5 – 9 November 2023
- BPW Australia Conference, Darwin, Australia 17 – 19 November 2023



BPW Asia - Pacific Regulations Update

Propose Asia-Pacific Regulations Updates based on the following principles:

1. Asia-Pacific Regulations **must be consistent with BPW International Constitution, Regulations and Procedure Manual.**
2. Add **guidance** to missing topic, such as **virtual meeting** at regional level.
3. Adjust the regulations reflect **practical and common past practices** and should **not self-contradict.**
4. Add **examples** to clarify matters.

Proposed at **Asia-Pacific President's Meeting** by:

- Constitution Advisory Committee Chair: Carolyn Savage

Approved as proposed at the BPW Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in **Bahrain**, at the **Presidents' Meeting** on 8 November 2023

Triennium Plans & Actions

- Organize Virtual **Presidents' Meeting**
- Third Asia-Pacific **Young BPW Symposium in Taiwan** 21 – 23 Apr 2023
- **Financial Support from Regional Fund :**
@ 200 USD for 1 Young BPW Member per 1 Sub Region
(200 x 5 = 1,000 USD) to join The 3rd Asia-Pacific Yong BPW Symposium
in Taiwan (21 – 23 April 2023)
- **Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Bahrain**, 5 – 9 Nov 2023
- Support @200 USD for 1 APRC Committee Member to join the APRC Conferences
in Bahrain 5 – 9 Apr 2023 (200 x 6 = 1,200 USD) to join APRC, Bahrain
- **Sub-regional Conferences / Meetings** (can be virtual)
- Support **Sub-Regional Projects / Awards** : Support @200 USD x 5 Sub Regions = 1,000 USD
- **Increase member countries** : **Indonesia**, **Kazakhstan**, **Myanmar**, **Palestine**, **Syria**, **Mongolia**
- **Form Federations** : **Myanmar**, **Philippines**

Activities Report

BPW Asia Pacific Region Activities

- Asia Pacific Region **Committee Meetings**, Online
- Asia Pacific Region **Newsletters**
- Asia Pacific Region **New Federations**
- Asia Pacific Region **New Affiliate Clubs**
- Asia Pacific Region **Reports**
- Asia Pacific Region **Projects Support**

BPW ASEAN Sub Region Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)

Indonesia : Malaysia : Myanmar : Philippines : Singapore : Thailand

BPW Indonesia



BPW Indonesia

Activities :

Time	Activities	Result
Nov 2023	Proposal Preparing	Proposal prepared by BPW Indonesia to get the <u>collaboration with Kowani, PIDHI MVI, PPI, PDHI, ADHPI</u>
7 Dec 23	<u>Closed Discussion with the local government</u> , integrated health service post. Participants: 40	obtain information on maternal health, problems faced and expectations. the committee <u>presented the program work plan</u> and made preparations
21 Dec 23	<u>Training for health service cadre</u> about Nutrition, Animal Protein, Communication Technique Participant : 9 cadres . 5 facilitators, 5 support	The cadres get the new information and how to communicate with the under 5 years old children mothers
22 Dec 2024-18 Jan 2024		1 cadre socialized to 9/10 og unher 5 years old child mothers 10 cadres already socialized to 92 under 5 years old <u>children</u>
19 Jan 24	Opening Ceremony Invitees : around 50 people	Remarks by PBW Indonesia, <u>Kowani</u> , PIDHI MVI, PPI, PDHI, ADHPI and other organization or institution
	Food Processing 92 mothers	<u>To educate how to proceed egg to under 5 years old child mothers</u>
	Chicken egg distribution All audience : around 160 peoples	2410 eggs distributed to all audience (cadres, mother, invitees)
jan 24	Data : October 2023-Jan 2024 analyze	Based on data on weight measurements of children aged 0-60 months for 4 months, it was found that the average weight of 75 children increased every month. Based on measurement data of body length (for children under 24 months) and height (for children over 24 months) in 75 children aged 0-60 months, the results show a significant increase in each month.
Feb 24	Report preparation	Prepared by BPW 8 Feb 24



7 december 2023 Limited discussion of policy makers and stakeholders. From this discussion, information on the current situation was obtained and an activity plan was presented to 10 Posyandu Asoka 1, Jakasampurna, which consists of 92 mothers with children under five years old



December 21, 2023 training was held for 10 Posyandu Asoka 1 cadres with material on Balanced Nutrition, the importance of Animal Protein in preventing stunting and Communication between people. After the training, 10 groups were formed, where one integrated service post cadre consists of 9/10 mothers with children under five years old.

Education for Posyandu Cadres



22 December 23 to 16 Jan 24 Education for mothers by posyandu cadres. Socialization of Nutrition, animal protein to the under 5 years old children mothers 10 cadres, 92 mothers of under 5 years old children
22 Dec to 16 Jan 24 Egg consumption by under 5 years old childrens

January 19, 2024, Food (egg) processing and egg distribution was held in the presence of 92 mothers of children under five years old, cadres and invitees. Food (egg) processing was conducted by IKABOGA, a culinary expert association which is a member organization of Kowani. They share the knowledge and demonstrate to process the eggs to make the dishes for under five years old children. PIDHI MVI and PPI have compiled a collection of recipes for toddlers with egg-based menus,



We distributed the eggs from Japfa, PDHI, ADHPI and Project fund to the mother under five years old, hope that they will can practice the knowledge gained prepare egg-based dishes for under five years old and their family

NOVEMBER 2023

Activity Title	BPW Bangsar <u>Member's New Office Opening</u>
Activity Estimated Date	11 th November 2023
SDG Goal No.	
Activity Leader/ Manager	Meme Lian
Activity Description	BPW Bangsar Member's New Office Opening (Member : Meme Lian), located at Rawang. We also got to networking with other ladies from other associations invited by Meme Lian.
Activity Title	<u>BPW Asia Pacific Regional Conference</u>
Activity Estimated Date	5 – 9 November 2023
SDG Goal No.	
Activity Leader/ Manager	Dato Seri Rozaini Nawawi
Activity Description	



DECEMBER 2023

Event Title	2 nd Malaysia Women <u>Achievement Celebration</u>
Event Estimated Date	3 rd December 2023
SDG Goal No.	
Event Leader/ Manager	Rosmazmi Ahmad Raslan / Noreen Abdullah
Activity Description	<p>The Federation of Business and Professional Women organizes an <u>award ceremony to honour the winners of the Influential Women of Malaysia during the 16 Days of Activism</u>, against Gender Based Violence. This global campaign takes place annually from November 25 which is recognized as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women until December 10 which's Human Rights Day. The purpose of this ceremony is to motivate women, in our country to advocate for opportunities and rights so that we can establish a society that treats all genders equally and with respect. By acknowledging the achievements of these women our goal is to inspire others to follow their lead and contribute towards empowering women in Malaysia. Together we can create a society where gender-based violence no longer exists and every woman can flourish and achieve her potential.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Purpose: To celebrate and honor the resilience and determination of Malaysian women across diverse fields and to promote gender equality and empowerment. •Date: During the 16 Days of Activism, against Gender Based Violence (from November 25 to December 10). •Organizer: The Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW).



November 2023

ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2023

The BPW International Federation of Myanmar, a team of eight Myanmar businesswomen led by BPW Myanmar President Dr. Su Hla Han, actively participated in the ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE on Economic Empowerment of Women and Young Entrepreneurs held in the Kingdom of Bahrain from November 5th to 9th, 2023.

Dr. Su Hla Han had the honor of participating in a high-level panel discussion on "Economic Empowerment of Women through Promoting Women on Boards and Career Development" where she shared valuable insights and experiences from her tenure as President of BPW Myanmar, highlighting the organization's efforts to promote gender diversity in leadership roles and support career development opportunities for women in Myanmar. Moreover, the formation of three Affiliate Clubs; BPW Network, BPW Matrix and BPW Network, led BPW Myanmar to being elevated to federation status within just one year.



BPW International Federation of Myanmar remains dedicated to building upon the momentum gained from the conference and continuing its efforts to empower women and young entrepreneurs, furthering the mission of BPW International.



October 2023

THADINGYUT FESTIVAL

BPW Myanmar Traditional Thadingyut Festival took place on October 21, 2023, at the Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon. The event celebrated Myanmar's cultural diversity and local innovation, featuring highlights and Empowering Women was at the heart of the festival, with a dedicated space for showcasing the creativity and innovation of MSMEs local artisans and businesswomen displayed an impressive array of handmade products and culinary delights, reflecting the vibrant spirit of Myanmar's female-led enterprises. Overall, the event was a testament to the beauty of Myanmar's cultural heritage and the ingenuity of its people.



December 2023

CONNECT AND CELEBRATE

On December 23, 2023, the BPW International Federation of Myanmar hosted an Event, "Connect and Celebrate Networking Event" at the prestigious Chatrium Hotel Royal Lake Yangon. The event aimed to bring together BPW members, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Network (MYANWEN) members, partner organizations and guests from various industries for an evening of networking and celebration of the holiday season. The event witnessed an impressive turnout, with a total of over 130 attendees that achieved its objectives of fostering connections emphasizing the value of networking and collaboration within the BPW and MYANWEN community.



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In celebration of the International Day of the Girl (IDG), Youth Uprising and Barbie, in partnership with the Women Inter-Industry Network (WIN) and SPARK! Philippines, sponsored by the Philippine Federation of Local Councils of Women Inc. & BPW Philippines, hosted the 4th Annual "You Can Be Anything" event on October 27, 2023. This event brought together role models who have built successful careers in various industries to share their journeys and how they overcame challenges. The goal was to inspire and empower young girls to shape their own futures.



October 2023



Webinar on Saving & Debt-Free Life

There's No Better Time to Start Saving and have Financial Freedom than NOW.

Ms. Lie Gaspar
Licensed Financial Wealth Manager



January 2024

BPW Philippines has initiated a Webinar on Financial Literacy 101 for Women of all ages specifically about saving and having a debt-free life via Zoom where hundreds of women were able to join thru live streaming platform on Facebook as well.



November 2023

The Lakbay Kultura Project, led by BPW Philippines and the Philippine Federation of Local Councils of Women, enhances programs to institutionalize the Magna Carta of Women and utilize GAD Plans and budgets for women empowerment through:

1. Preserving local textiles, providing financial literacy education, and empowering women.
2. Mapping tourism routes and supporting women in preserving heritage, serving as official guides, culinary experts, and promoting healthy community tourism. Also, institutionalizing professional hilot and massage therapists through TESDA training to alleviate poverty.



December 2023

Christmas is spreading the love and also giving. BPW Philippines has shared the love with children in Catmon, Malabon by sponsoring and giving them toys and shared some valuable knowledge that will help them as they grow old.



February 2024

BPW Philippines in Davao de Oro has initiated a relief operations titled "Rising Stronger Together" in the affected areas of Davao de Oro region due to strong typhoon, landslides and floods in the area.

BPW ASEAN Sub Region Coordinator: Myrna Yao (Philippines)
 Indonesia : Malaysia : Myanmar : Philippines : Singapore : Thailand

BPW Singapore



Federation of Business and Professional Women (Singapore)

2022-2024 Executive Committee

 JOANNE KAM HUEY JUAN President	 SHA SHEAU CHWEN 1st Vice President	 VALERIE LIM and Vice President	 HELEN GUO 2nd Vice President	 QUEK SER CHOON Secretary	 LYNN WONG Treasurer	 JANET RUTH SOSNA Immediate Past President
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 SADIE JANE NUNIS Exco Member	 SUJATA TIWARI Exco Member	 GRACE LULING Exco Member	 TREANA NOELINE ONG Exco Member			

Nine of our members were present at the SCWO Appreciation Tea in honour of Former President of Singapore, Madam Halimah Yacob on 28 September 2023 held at 2 Goodwood Hill, Singapore 258897. It was a memorable occasion, and we were all there to express our appreciation for her contributions.



BPW's 2023 Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) was held at Gulf Hotel, Bahrain during 5-9 November 2023. Young BPW Chairperson Shah Binita Atul and I represented Singapore at this APRC. A joint report has been presented to FBPW(S) EXCO and an APRC event slide show was also played during the Christmas Party in December 2023.



Our 2023 Candle Lighting Dinner was held on 26 February 2023 at the NUSS Graduate Club at Suntec City. We have a total of 34 participants from the three chapters: 11 each from SBPWA and BPWA(S) - Third Chapter, and 12 from SBPWA-Mandarin Chapter. Thank you, Organizing Chair 1st Vice President Sia Sheau Chwen and her organizing committee, for a wonderful Candlelighting Ceremony and dinner event.



On 20 December 2023, FBPW(S) held our Christmas Party at the NUSS Suntec City Guild House, with 35 participants from all the three chapters. Thank you Shah Binita Atul and her Organizing Committee for a fun Christmas party with games, best-dressed competition and gifts exchange.



In-Person with BPW International President 2021-2024 Dr. Catherine Bosshart and spouse Professor Louis Bosshart on 14 November 2023 at the NUSS Suntec City.



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BPW Thailand



BPW Thailand represented AWEN Thailand at All-China Women's Federation (ACWF) at the China ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs' Dialogue on "Joining Hands for Women's Economic Empowerment" from 1-4 Feb 2024 in Fuzhou, Fujian Province, China.

Thai Tailor Ubon Ratchathani Association and BPW Ubon Ratchathani jointly organized the 3rd Ubon Thai Silk Fashion Show on 8th Dec. 2023, and raised fund to support local silk designers and silk textile villagers. Funds also helped purchase medical supplies for Children Hospital.



BPW Thailand and 6 partners organized a meeting preparation for upcoming 7th Financial Literacy Training at the Thailand Stock Market Exchange in Bangkok. (News on Prachachart Thurakit Newspaper 21 Feb 2024)



BPW Thailand and BPW Bangkok with 16 members organized business matching with 28 Japanese Business Women from Osaka from Japan Chamber of Commerce at Patara Restaurant, Bangkok, on 23 Feb 2024.



BPW Thailand organized Candle Lighting Ceremony at Khonkaen Province on 17 Feb 2024 and BPW members helped support Khonkaen Thai silk villagers over 2.9 mio THB (equiv. to 80,600 USD).



BPW Phuket organized Patae fabric embroidery with beads Project to support skills development, self esteem, and meditation for Phuket Women Inmates, and helped selling the fabric to outsider for women inmates = 230,000 THB (equiv. to USD 6,400) – Oct 2023



BPW Udonthani organized Financial Literacy training to 50 people at Srisuk Community to help them start off their financial literacy within their family first on 1 Oct 2023.



BPW Japan

2023 Q4 Japan Summary

In Japan, various events take place across the country from October to December BPW Japan organised study groups, seminars and workshops on several themes (GGGI women's political participation, tourism from a gender perspective) to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. Here is an overview of these. Three members also participated in the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference in Bahrain in November. In December, a party was held to celebrate the ECOSOC qualification and a meeting was held in memory of BPW Japan Past President Masako Hiramatsu.

★GGGI Seminar 2023 (in Wakayama Prefecture) -October 21th
<Theme>What can be done to get out of GGGI 125th (lowest ever) ?



★Western Japan Block Study Group (in Kagawa Prefecture) (Hybrid) -November 11th
<Theme>Advancing women's political participation. What we can and should do ?



★Gathering in memory of Masako Hiramatsu - December 16th



★NWEC Forum (Online) -December 7th
<Theme>Gender issues behind 'hospitality'
-Tourism from a gender perspective



★ECOSOC qualification celebrations -December 17th





28th regular general meeting held in 2023

The BPW Korea Federation held its 28th regular general meeting at The K Hotel in Seoul from October 28 to 29, 2023. On this day, member Choi Ye-dam was elected as the 29th president and new executives were introduced.



BPW Korea's 28th President Handover Ceremony and 29th President Installation Ceremony. (Date: November 23, 2023)



29th Steering Committee Workshop held

. Date: January 24-25, 2024
. Location: Wonju-si, Gangwon-do

. Theme: Lecture on the future of BPW in the AI era and visit to Wonju City Literature Park, museum, etc.



2024 International Friendship Night event held

. Date: January 24-25, 2024
. Venue: Lotte Hotel Seoul, Sapphire Ballroom

❖ **Main Event**

1. Candle Lighting Ceremony

2. 29th BPW Gold Award

- Winner: Hwanseok Kim / CEO and President of Maeil Dairy Products Co., Ltd.

- Maeil Dairy Products received the highest rating in the ESG sector, the ratio of female executives is 37.5%, and there is no disadvantage in having a childbirth-friendly culture, etc..

3. 2024 Monitoring Agreement Ceremony

(* Photos are posted when the opportunity arises.)

BPW East Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Catarina Hyun Park (Korea)

Hong Kong : Japan : Korea : Mongolia :Taiwan

BPW Taiwan

- 2023/10/15 **Hydrogen Energy Seminar**. BPW cooperate with National Sun Yat-Sen University and with Kaoshung club form this seminar at National Sun Yat-Sen University. In the seminar, Prof. Mei Ying Cheng and Assit Prof. Shin Yi Wun share SDGs and how hydrogen energy could be used in our life and for a **better sustainability future**.
- 2023/10/21 **Taichung second club founding ceremony**. Founding president of Taichung second club Josephine Lin fulfill her promise to create a new club. Inviting BPW Taiwan founding president Anette Lu, East Asia subregional coordinator Catarina Park, and twining cub of Taichung. Kitakyushu club from Japan. Current president of Kitakyushu club Mitsue Noguchi, former president of Kitakyushu club Masako Hanasak, and two members. Also members from all clubs around Taiwan were join this event as well. (pic)
- 2023/11/04-11/09 **BPW Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Bahrain**. We are surprised to receive this **award** however honor to embarrass it. Thanks to Asia Pacific Regional committee provide this award to us. We will continue our mission, let the world have a better tomorrow. (pic)
- 2023/11/15 2023 **LEAP Workshop** Preparation of presentation also **ready for CSW68**.
- 2023/12/16 **The 8th Second General Assembly**. Held in True Love Garden in Taichung city. We were honor to invite CEO of AccountaBility Consulting, Wayne W. L. Chang to give a speech regard of accountability. We appreciate all the members from all over Taiwan came to this assembly in Taichung who value team work, spread SDGs and strengthen BPW to provide to the society. (pic)



BPW East Asia Sub Regional Coordinator: Catarina Hyun Park (Korea)

Hong Kong : Japan : Korea : Mongolia :Taiwan

BPW Taiwan

- 2023/12/29 **Cheng-Sheng Broadcasting Interview**. Thanks to Cheng Sheng Broadcasting Corp. invited **President Kuo** for the show. Not only share her own experience in life also promote BPW so that everyone in Taiwan could have a change to know us. It was great to have this opportunity.
- 2024/01/15 The Fifth Board of Executive Director and Supervisor meeting of 8th BPW Taiwan held in Gold-Joint Industry Co., Ltd Taichung.
- 2024/ 01/18 **Civic National Affairs Conference Initiated meeting It will be the first meeting** that invite president to be of Taiwan **Mr. Lai Ching De** to share his goals for the **future Taiwan**. Including **women or girl benefits**. (pic)
- 2024/02/16 Taichung second club monthly meeting (pic)
- 2024/02/18 **Chiayi Lily Club monthly meeting and Lunar Year celebration** Chiayi Lily Club held a very rich Lunar Year celebration activities, inviting **students of Shuishang Junior High School** to perform **drum troupe** and **dragon and lion dance**, as well as Longxing martial arts gymnastics from the beginning to the advanced martial arts performance.
- 2024/02/19 Pingtong club monthly meeting (pic)
- Up coming events: 2024/02/23 Taichung 1st club monthly meeting
- 2024/02/25-26 Cadre training





BPW Asia-Pacific Sub Region – Oceania (23/02/24)

- **BPW AUSTRALIA**
- **BPW NEW ZEALAND**
- **BPW PAGO PAGO (AMERICA SAMOA)**
NO REPORT - AWAITING GUIDANCE
FROM VP MEMBERSHIP / APRC
- **BPW PORT MORESBY (PAPUA NEW
GUINEA)**

BPW Oceania sub Regional Coordinator: Carolyn Savage (NZ)
America Samoa : Australia : New Zealand : Papua New Guinea

BPW Australia



YOUR INVITATION
BPW SOUTH WEST
TUES 5 MARCH 2024 6.30 PM

DINNER & DEVELOPMENT-LEADING WITH LOVE
WITH GUEST SPEAKER KAREN FOSTER



We are all leaders of something – whether that's our workplace, our homes, our family, our sporting club, our business or something else. Most importantly, we are all leaders of self. At this month's dinner Karen Foster will explore how we can all tap into our essential feminine power to lead ourselves and others with kindness, empathy and with love. She will share some practical ideas you can implement in your life right away.

This presentation promises to be big on inspiration, motivation and fun. Karen's aim is to leave you feeling inspired and ready to take action to up-level your life and have a positive impact ... starting today!

Karen Foster is dedicated to supporting and inspiring women to lead lives that excite and ignite them. A former journalist and public relations specialist, Karen is the current Deputy Mayor and immediate past Mayor of Moyne Shire. She is also an active Board Chair and Director. A trained coach and mentor, Karen works with individuals and organisations to inspire leaders and teams right here in southwest Victoria.

This night we will be supporting Susan Thomas and Grace Warmuth who will be walking the Larapinta Trail with UN Women Australia on the Trek for Rights 2024 in support of initiatives that empower women and promote gender equality.

At this event, we'll commemorate International Women's Day, celebrating the remarkable achievements of women across social, economic, cultural, and political spheres.



TUES 5 MARCH 2024
6.30 PM
Sidro Restaurant Courtyard
Oak and Anchor Hotel
9 Bank Street Port Fairy

Members \$55 Guests \$60
Includes Chef's selection of creative canapes and a glass of bubbles.

BOOK HERE

GO TO: events.Humanitix.com
RSVP: Thursday 29 Feb 2024



International Women's Day

Join us for a day of inspiring conversations among community leaders and the next generation on how women around the world are inspiring inclusion

#IWD2024 #InspireInclusion



IWD FORUM

(International & VIP Speakers)
Date: 6th March
Time: 10 AM – 12:30 PM
Venue: ACU Strathfield (25A Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135)

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Western Australia
Sunday 10 March 2024
9~11am

BPW INTERNATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY
& CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Guest Speaker:
A/Prof. Paola Magni

2024 FINALIST – AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA
About our Guest Speaker:

Paola Magni, a.k.a. Australia's 'bug whisperer', is the global face of the specialist forensic science that uses insects and other small creatures to help solve murders, suspicious deaths and cold cases.

Not only is her expertise relied on by law enforcement agencies and crime scene investigators around the world, but Italian-born Paola is also unravelling the mysteries behind bugs in a way we can all understand.

One of her top priorities, however, is nurturing the next generation of scientists, encouraging young women to follow their dreams of smashing the stereotypes and forging new frontiers. Wife, mother to two daughters under the age of three, career scientist podcaster, guest lecturer and media commentator, Paola has never been afraid to prove that women can – and should – have it all.



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UN WOMEN



Extract: **BPW Australia's President – Gillian Lewis**, Message for February 2024

- Our theme for this Madrasin edition is ***“Looking Forward, Looking Back”***
- Under our International theme of “new actions through cooperation” I believe that **BPW Australia** needs a strong **sub-theme** to show our response: ***“Innovative Women Changing the World”***.
- So **Looking Forward** every club is eager to **build their membership**, I encourage you to work together, **with other women's groups** who share your **passion for women's equality**..... I find that when women join together to collaborate their voices are stronger and are more likely to really be heard.
- Your Board has been assessing how best to progress to a new website and member support base – which will take some months. We are reviewing our administration and how **website changes** can make us **more efficient**.

BPW Australia Board

You have a fabulous and diverse Board team who undertook a **Diversity and Credibility workshop**, which demonstrated the breadth of experience, the depth of knowledge and the extent of skills members bring to the BPWA Board.

Our Vice President and Membership Director Trish Springsteen continues in her role and has taken the lead on our President and Leadership monthly meetings.

Our Policy Director Ronnie Gurung has hit the ground running. She was interviewed in February by the BBC world news on BPW Australia's work with the Pay Equity Alliance. Our Finance Director Helen Toon continues to ensure our financial stability in these difficult times of rising costs.



NEW ZEALAND

Online Networking Session

**BPW
AOTEAROA**

GUEST SPEAKER:
DR SUZY MORRISSEY
DIRECTOR, POLICY & RESEARCH, RETIREMENT COMMISSION

WED 6 MARCH, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
VIA ZOOM, REGISTER:
WWW.BPWNZ.ORG.NZ/NEWS-EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
INVEST IN WOMEN:
ACCELERATE PROGRESS

- 6th March: BPW Aotearoa – **International Women’s Day – Invest in Women:** Accelerate Progress (online)
- 28th April 2024: Annual General Meeting (AGM):
 - ✓ virtual/online
 - ✓ no election of Executive members (they are elected for two years at face-to-face)
 - ✓ resolutions have been submitted, will be debated and voted online
 - ✓ nomination / voting for the delegates and alternative delegates for Congress 2024
- TBC-October: **Leadership Forum** (two-day event, face to face) more details to come
 - ✓ Alternates, when AGM online, Leadership Forum face-to-face

Extract: **BPW New Zealand President – Janet Gibb,**
Asia Pacific – Country Report February 2024

BPW NEW ZEALANDhave changed the format for our AGM. Every year there is an **AGM** however one year it is **virtual** – online via a zoom link and the **alternative year** is an AGM / Conference **face to face**.

The Issues taskforce is working on follow-up letters to **lobby government** on previous resolutions. BPW NZ supported the second NZ UPR NGO combined statement for the briefing for the Wellington based diplomats on 7th March. This will briefly repeat five of the topics covered in the first statement (**constitutional** and **legislative framework, indigenous people's rights, economic and social rights, human rights** and **climate change**, and NZ's voluntary pledge) and refer to two new topics: **the women, peace and security national action plan**; and concerns about proposed changes to the Arms Act.

BPW NZ is part of the UN Women's WEPs committee. President Janet attended a presentation to interested parties on the Seven Principles of Empowerment.

A panel of speakers discussed the principles at work in their workplaces. Key speaker was also Saunoamaali'i Dr Karanina Sumeo – Acting Human Rights Commissioner, Acting Race Relations Commissioner and **Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner**

The Membership Taskforce is working on a **Social Media plan and policy** and forwarding to clubs to assist them in their membership drives. BPW Aotearoa continue to promote online meetings with interesting guest speakers.





BPW Port Moresby

- ❑ 8th March: International Women's Day
- ❑ 7th September: BPW Independence Ball
 - ✓ Proceeds go to support BPW Port Moresby's Scholarship Programmes (over 3,000 women and girls have benefited from their Scholarship programmes).

BPW Oceania sub Regional Coordinator: Carolyn Savage (NZ)
America Samoa : Australia : New Zealand : Papua New Guinea

BPW Papua New Guinea

- BPW Port Moresby is actively working towards **becoming a Federation** of BPW International. The first part was to do a review of their current constitution (thank you Executive Secretary **Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla**).

Reflections of 2023 by Liz Iewago: Team Leader for the BPW PNG LNG Scholarships Project as the Scholarships Superintendent.

- **partnership** project under **ExxonMobil** PNG Ltd and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Papua New Guinea.
- we (the team) successfully mobilised **70** Tertiary **students** from PNG LNG Project Impact areas in Hela to take up studies at various Higher Education and TVET Colleges **throughout the country**,
- tracking and monitoring **30 continuing** Tertiary **students**, and maintaining strong stakeholder partnerships.
- Where your average Papua New Guinean may dread to go, we have ventured into **remote parts of tribal conflict areas** in Hela to advocate education through this **Scholarship project**.
- highlight of **my professional career** (2023),witnessing the **graduation** of **40** Hela TVET **students** through our project.
- Being the keynote speaker at a TVET College in Tari was by far an emotional experience as I knew that I was a part of a Dream much bigger than me.



*Expand your network,
become a BPW Member today!*

**BPW 2024 MEMBERSHIP
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Application now open and end 30th March, 2024

CLUBS OF INDIA –BPW MUMBAI AND KOLKATA

- 1. Promotion of Local Art:** The organization actively supports and showcases local art through exhibitions. These exhibitions serve as platforms for artists to display their work, thereby celebrating India's rich cultural heritage and fostering appreciation for the arts.
- 2. Advocacy for Social Causes:** Beyond the arts, the clubs are deeply committed to advocating for various social causes, including **gender equality, education, healthcare,** and more. By raising awareness and mobilizing support, they work towards creating a more equitable and just society.
- 3. Enriching the Cultural Landscape:** BPW Mumbai, in particular, plays a pivotal role in enriching the cultural landscape of the region. Through its support for local art and cultural initiatives, the organization contributes to preserving and promoting India's diverse cultural heritage.
- 4. Positive Impact on Society:** By promoting art and addressing social issues, BPW Mumbai makes a positive impact on society. Through its activities and advocacy efforts, the organization strives to improve the lives of individuals and communities in Mumbai and beyond.

mid·day

Ghanshyam Gupta is a luminary in optical art spanning more than three decades. Renowned for his larger-than-life works, Gupta captivates audiences worldwide with his mastery of optical illusions, pushing the boundaries of human perception.

Gupta's abstract masterpieces, characterized by their vibrant canvases, beckon viewers into a mesmerizing realm where colors pirouette and shapes engage in an intricate dance. Unlike the visual intensity found in the works of his contemporaries, Gupta's art exudes a serene and poised elegance that makes a lasting impression.



Exhibition: The Optical Odyssey, By BPW Mumbai President Jalpa Vithalani

- New affiliate Club - BPW Almaty, Kazakhstan
- BPW Kazakhstan has been newly established as a part of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW International), this new chapter holds the potential to make a significant impact

We are very happy to welcome the new club BPW ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN and the President Natalya Mukhamejanova in BPW International. We look forward to working together and hope that the access to all the international programs and benefits of BPW International will be inspirational to your members to realize innovative projects around the world.

Dr. Giuseppina Seidita, BPW International VP Membership 2021-2024



1. **Digital Literacy Programs:** By bridging the digital divide, these programs equip women with essential **digital skills**, empowering them in the increasingly **technology-driven world**.
2. **Political Literacy Programs:** These initiatives likely aim to educate and empower women to participate in political processes, potentially **encouraging them to run for office or engage in advocacy efforts**.
3. **Education Support:** Offering **scholarships** and educational support to **underprivileged girls and women encourages higher education** and enhances employability, thereby **breaking barriers to socio-economic advancement**.
4. **Health Camps:** By **reaching rural and marginalized areas**, these camps provide vital **medical services, health education, and check-ups**, addressing healthcare disparities and **promoting well-being among women**.
5. **Recycling Projects and Endeavors:** These initiatives not only contribute to economic **Environmental** empowerment but also promote **sustainability**, aligning with broader environmental and **social goals**.
6. **Microfinance Programs:** By providing **financial independence** and **fostering entrepreneurship, microfinance initiatives** empower women to create their **economic opportunities** and **support their families**.



Education on ICT by BPW Nepal



Welcoming Ms. Chime Wangdi, Secretary General of Tarayana Foundation and Board Member of Bees Network, to BPW Nepal.



Celebrating the 16 days of Activism Against Gender- Based Violence Campaign

7. **Agricultural Development:** These efforts bolster **food security** and improve the livelihoods of women farmers, addressing both **economic and nutritional needs**.

8. **Awareness Sessions:** Sessions on women's rights, gender equality, and **domestic violence** raise awareness and promote a more equitable and safe society for women.

9. **Anniversary Celebrations:** Marking milestones like the **50th anniversary** demonstrates the organization's longstanding commitment to women's empowerment and highlights its achievements over the years.

10. **Promotion of Local Products:** Supporting local artisans and businesses not only **contributes to economic growth** but also fosters pride and sustainability within communities.

11. **Training of Trainers (ToT) in Collaboration with BEES Organization:** Collaborating with BEES Organization to conduct **Training of Trainers (ToT)** programs further enhances the capacity-building efforts.



Celebrating the 93rd International BPW Day by BPW Nepal



Participation of members in consultation workshop for upcoming SME policy 2080 B.S to support women entrepreneurs in Nepal

1. **Educational Institution Establishment:** BPW Pakistan has established educational schools aimed at providing quality education, particularly to those with **limited access**. These institutions serve as catalysts for **skill development, knowledge enhancement**, and **fostering self-confidence among children**.
2. **Women Empowerment Programs:** BPW Pakistan has designed a range of programs to **uplift and empower women nationwide**. These initiatives cover **economic, social, and political dimensions** of women's lives, aiming to **create opportunities for women's advancement**.
3. **Gender Equality Promotion:** BPW Pakistan is at the forefront of promoting gender equality by **empowering women** through education, economic opportunities, and **leadership development programs**. By addressing systemic barriers, BPW Pakistan seeks to create an **environment conducive to gender parity**.

Providing alternate Energy
to BPW Housing project
Provide affordable solar
energy to houses and street
in BPW Gharo Village.



Green & Clean Environment
Create awareness regarding
plantation and disposal of
waste.

4. **Vocational Training and Economic Empowerment:** Through vocational training and economic empowerment initiatives, BPW Pakistan contributes to creating decent work opportunities for women, enabling them to participate more **actively in the workforce and achieve financial independence.**

5. **Advocacy for Women's Rights:** BPW Pakistan advocates for **women's rights at local, national, and international levels,** working to dismantle discriminatory practices and policies that hinder women's progress.



BPW Housing Project
Poverty alleviation, provide 500 homes to homeless widows, and poor women, step toward ending poverty.



Working Women's Hostels

To provide affordable and secured accommodation for girls coming for work from outside city, away from their families.

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ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE
 Economic Empowerment of Women and Young Entrepreneurs
 New Actions Through Co operation
 Education: Empowerment: Economy: Elderly: Ecosystem
 5 – 9 November 2023

Sunday 5 November 2023 - PRE CONFERENCE EVENTS	
From the early morning hours to the evening	-Arrival of delegations to the hotels (Gulf hotel /Ramada hotel) (Representatives will be at the airport and the hotel)
15:30 - 19:00	Registration of Delegates
19:00	Busses leave (meet at the hotel lobby)
19.30	<u>Reception Dinner</u> at the Bahrain International Federation of Business & Professional Women Centre (ANDALUS GARDEN) Entrepreneurs Centre (Optional: National Dress)

Monday 6 November 2023 - CONFERENCE DAY 1	
9:00- 9:30	Reception & registration of all delegates at the venue
9:45-10:15	<u>Opening and Welcome</u> speeches by: 1. Shaikha Hend Bint Salman Alkhalifa: President BPW Bahrain 2. Dr Narudee Kiengsiri: BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator 3. Dr Catherine Bosshart: BPW International President
10:20-10:50	<u>Keynote Speech</u> Economic Empowerment of Women through Supporting Entrepreneurship Moderator: Mrs Afnan AlZayani Keynote speaker • H.E. Maha Almufiez CEO Of Tamkeen



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Monday 6 November 2023 - CONFERENCE DAY 1

10:55 - 11:25	<p>Coffee and networking</p>
<p>11:30 12:30</p>	<p>High Level Panel 1 Topic: <u>“Global Prospects and Initiatives for Economic Empowerment of Women and Promoting Entrepreneurship towards realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”</u> Moderator: <u>Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri</u>, BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator, BPW Thailand Speakers 1. <u>Dr. Amany Asfour</u>, Chair of Partnerships Taskforce and BPW International Immediate Past President 2. <u>Carolyn Savage</u>, Director, Savage Asia-Pacific Consultants Ltd, BPW New Zealand 3. <u>Carmen Zogheib</u>, President BPW Lebanon</p>
12:35-13:35	<p>High Level Panel 2 Topic: <u>Economic Empowerment of Women through promoting Women on Boards and Career Development</u> Moderator: Ahmed Janahi Speakers: 1. Mr Abdulkarim Bucheery Chairperson of Bahrain Bosra 2. Ms Dana Bukhamas (BAPCO) Bahrain 3. Mr. Basim Mohamed Alsaie Bahrain Chamber Member 4. <u>Chularat (Toyting) Israngkool Na Ayutthaya</u>, BPW Thailand BPW International 1st Vice President, United Nations 2021-2024</p>



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Monday 6 November 2023 - CONFERENCE DAY 1

13:35-14:05

Coffee and networking
(room readjusted for panel sessions)

14:10 - 15:10

High Level Panel 3 Topic: Successful Stories

3.1 Women Entrepreneurs achieving Gender Equality
through leadership and partnerships.

Moderator: Merrilee May
President BPW Pago (American Samoa)

Speakers:

1. Shaima Abdelaziz | Egypt
CEO GoChat247
2. Dr. Su Hla Han
President of BPW Myanmar
3. Rozaini Binti Nawawi
President of BPW Malaysia
4. Susil Nelson-Kongoi
CEO PNG Institute of Banking & Business Management (IBBM)
5. Maittha Al Kathiri | Abu Dhabi
Director in the Commercial Department at Abu Dhabi Airports

3.2 Women Entrepreneurs achieve Gender Equality by Ending Poverty and Providing Social Protection

Moderator: Carolyn Savage | New Zealand
BPW International Constitution Advisory
Committee (CAC) Chair

Speakers:

1. Dr. Shafeeqa Al Ameri | UAE
BPW Dubai President 1
2. Anu Viks | Estonia
BPW Europe Regional Coordinator
3. Myrna Yao | Philippines
BPW Asia Pacific - ASEAN Sub Regional Coordinator
4. Salwa Saleh Alshaibani | UAE
CEO Of Alshaibani Hi-Tech & Condor



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3.3 Digital Age Young Career Women success through Innovation and Technology Change

Moderator: Chiahua Li | Taiwan

BPW Asia Pacific Young BPW Representative

Speakers:

1. Jun Sawada | Japan
BPW Japan, Business and Technology
2. Christine Heinze | Germany
BPW Germany, Professional in Banking and Finance
3. Chavalan Atthasuwan | Thailand
BPW Bangkok Young BPW Representative
4. Avipsa Prasai | Nepal
Young BPW Nepal

15:15 -15:30

Group Photo

15:30 -16:30

Lunch

16:30-18:30

BPW Business Session I

Venue: Grand Ballroom

Chair: Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator

- Opening Remarks by Dr. Catherine Bosshart,
BPW International President
- Opening Remark by Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri, BPW International
Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator
- Reports from BPW International Executives
- Reports from Asia Pacific Regional Committee Members
- Presentation of Voting Process by Carolyn Savage,
BPW Asia Pacific Constitution Advisor
- Candidate Speeches to the Conference, 3 minutes each



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18:30	Time to go get ready for Reception
19:30	<u>Reception</u> : Grand Hall, Gulf Hotel
19:50	MC - announcement
20:00	<p><u>Presidents Parade</u> - participating in the conference (in traditional dresses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. BPW International Flag by President <u>Dr Catherine</u> Bosshart ii. UN Flag by APRC <u>Narudee</u> Kiengsiri and 1st Vice President <u>Chularat</u> (Toyting) Israngkool Na Ayutthaya iii. Bahrain Flag by <u>Shaikha Hend</u> Alkhalifa iv. Presidents' Parade
20:30	<p><u>Official opening</u> of the BPW International Asia Pacific Regional Conference 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Sheikha Hend</u> bint Salman Al Khalifa, President of the Bahrain International Federation of Business and Professional Women 2. H.E. Abdulla Fakhroo Minister of Industry & Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain 3. <u>H.H. Sheikha Dr. Hissah</u> AL Sabah, President of Council of Arab Business Women BPW Asia Pacific Sub Regional Coordinator West Asia 4. <u>Dr Narudee</u> Kiengsiri, BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator 5. <u>Dr Catherine</u> Bosshart, BPW International President
21:00	<p><u>Official Dinner</u> Hosted by Ministry of Industry and commerce</p>



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Tuesday 7 November 2023

7:00 – 8:30	<u>Breakfast of BPW International President and Young BPW attendees.</u> At the Ramada Hotel
10:00 - 14:00	Tour for the those who are not attending any meetings
9:15 – 11:15	BPW International Congress Overview Chair: Dr Catherine Bosshart, BPW International President An overview of congress, pre and post International Board meetings, the General Assembly and what is required when e.g. the countdown.
11:15-11:45	Coffee and networking
11:45-14:00	BPW Business Session II: Venue: Grand Ballroom Chair: Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator <u>Country Reports by Presidents of BPW Affiliate Federations and Affiliate Clubs in Asia-Pacific, 3 minutes each</u>
14:00-15:00	Lunch & networking
15:00-17:00	Amendments for BPW International Constitution and Regulations by International President Dr Catherine Bosshart and CAC Chair Carolyn Savage
	Dinner..... free evening

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10:00-14:00	Tour for those not attending any meetings
9:00 – 9:25	<u>Sign in to attend BPW International Asia-Pacific Presidents' Meeting</u> Infront of the presidents meeting room 3 tables Table 1 – Register, name list, delegates/ alternate Table 2 - Finance (confirm dues are all paid in full) Table 3 – Credential, voting delegates
9:30-10:30	BPW Asia-Pacific Presidents' Meeting (voting delegates and by invitation only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders • Election of Minutes Secretary, Scrutineers, Timekeepers, Parliamentarian • Roll Call • Collect • Minutes of Previous Presidents' Meeting (22 September 2021)



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10:30-10:45	Coffee and networking
10:50-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions from the Region Regulations final review/changes if accepted <p>Voting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amended BPW Asia Pacific Regulations <u>Regional Coordinator Candidate</u> (Selected to be Nominated for Election at the Congress 2024) <p>Other General Business: BPW Business Matters Asia-Pacific Committee</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<p><u>Leaders' Summit – Session 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Actions through Cooperation BPW International President <u>Dr. Catherine Bosshart</u> Asia Pacific Regional Goals & Strategies <u>Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri</u>, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator Projects: Opportunities & Benefits Immediate Past International President and Chair of Partnerships Taskforce <u>Dr Amany Asfour</u> <u>The Art of Communication</u> Dr Narudee Kiengsiri, Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee & networking
15:30 – 16:30	<p><u>Leaders' Summit – Session 2</u></p> <p>Table discussions/workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPW International President Dr. Catherine Bosshart
16:45 - 17:15	<p><u>Closing Remarks / Proposal for the next APR Conference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcement of <u>Successful Candidate Selected</u> for the next Regional Coordinator BPW International President, Dr. Catherine Bosshart BPW Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator, Dr. Narudee Kiengsiri BPW Bahrain Federation President, Sheikha Hend Bint Salman Alkhalifa
18:30	Buses leave (meet at the hotel lobby)



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19:00 GALA DINNER at ART-AMWAJ
(Party dress or Traditional dress optional)

- Thank you/acknowledgements
- Award presentations
- Performances from BPW Asia Pacific Region member countries
- Farewells

Thursday 9 November 2023

19:00 Departure of Delegates



1. **The Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) and Business and Professional Women Palestine (BPW)** collaborate to launch the 1st Palestinian Women Summit in honor of International Women's Day, focusing on **empowering Palestinian women across sectors**:
2. **Influential Palestinian Women Summit**: Hosted by BPW Palestine, the summit brings together **influential Palestinian women from various sectors** in an information and visibility session. This event aims to highlight the achievements and challenges faced by Palestinian women.
3. **Partnership with European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)**: The summit features discussions on the services and advice provided by EBRD through its **small/medium women in business program**. This collaboration aims to support Palestinian women entrepreneurs in their business endeavors.
4. **Recognition for Noora Abdeen**: Noora Abdeen, a member of BPW Palestine, receives a special **appreciation** award for her film "**Noora**," which exemplifies **courage, creativity, and independence**. Her work serves as an inspiration to other women and contributes to building a more cohesive and **equal society**.



BPW Palestine held the 2023 General Assembly meeting and elections for the board of directors.

5. **General Assembly Meeting and Elections:** BPW Palestine holds its 2023 General Assembly meeting and **elections for the board** of directors, demonstrating its commitment to transparent governance and leadership development within the organization.

6. **Launch of Palestinian Women Summit:** BPW Palestine officially launches the 1st **Palestinian Women Summit in collaboration with the Ministry of Women's Affairs**, marking a significant milestone in **promoting women's empowerment and leadership in Palestine**.

7. **Vision of BPW Palestine:** Dr. Dalal Iriqat, the founding president of BPW Palestine, shares the organization's vision to brand Palestine through women leaders. This vision entails **establishing a network of leading women experts** from the business and professional communities to **advocate for women's rights** and represent Palestine locally, regionally, and internationally.

8. **Objectives of BPW Palestine:** The organization's objectives include advocating for women and Palestine, **creating a network** for leading Palestinian business and professional women, branding Palestine through leading women, **providing global networking and visibility opportunities**, developing policies for equal rights, and representing Palestine on various platforms.



BPW Palestine members held discussion to learn about the services and advice of the small/medium women in business program offered by EBRD Advice for Small Businesses - Levant

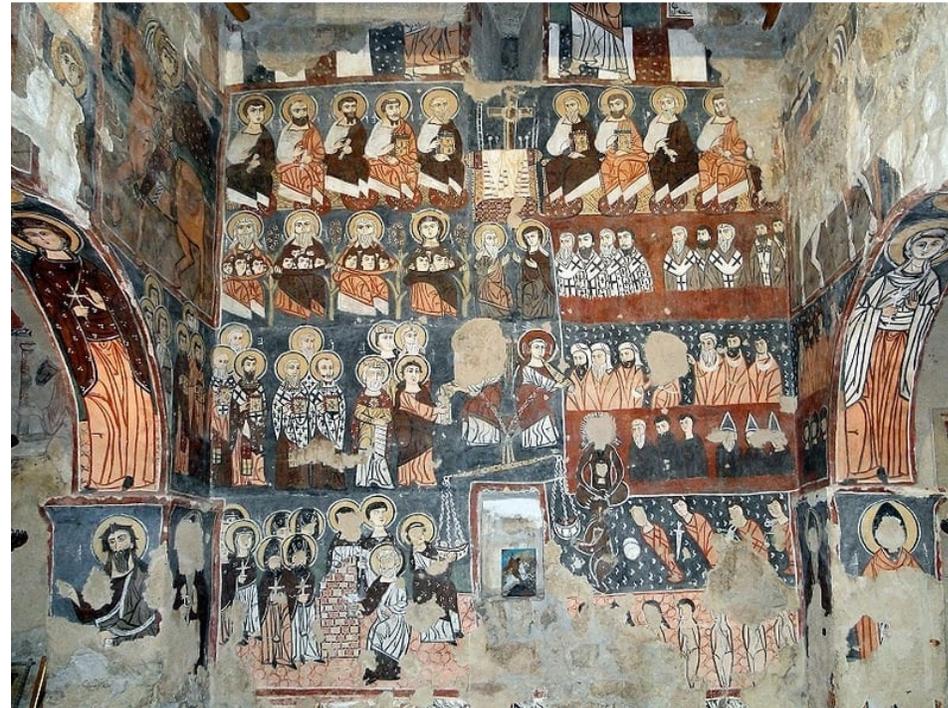
New Affiliate Club - BPW Jasmin, Syria

Message for BPW Jasmin in Syria

We are very happy to welcome the BPW Club Jasmin, Syria, in BPW International.

We wish you great success in your endeavor to achieve the BPW objectives of developing the professional, business and leadership potential of women on all levels through our advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world.

Dr. Giuseppina Seidita, BPW International VP Membership
Meet here Alya Turjman, President BPW Jasmin, Syria, and see the Certificate of Affiliation from BPW International from January 2022.



Oct 2023- Feb 2024 REPORT

- The Third BPW International Asia Pacific **YOUNG Symposium** 2023 Taiwan Review and Report.
- To visit Taiwan central and local governments: the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, the **Ministry of Economic Affairs**, the **Taoyuan City Government**, **Taoyuan City Council**, **Department of Youth Affairs** Taoyuan. To give the report books and thanks for the economic support of these institutions.
- To **Collect Young BPW new current situation status** (membership numbers in their areas.....ect.) in order to properly assess the number of total young BPW in Asia-Pacific Region.
- Young BPW Representatives' **Virtual Meetings** date: 20th April
- Young BPW Women Leaders: Advancing Together leadership Online program



Together, Stronger

Young BPW Women's **Leadership Online Program** Preparation and Overview

Young BPW Women Leaders: Advancing Together leadership Online program is designed to build that talent pipeline by helping rising women leaders be successful within working together.

On the journey towards Together, Stronger, it would be great if there are **partners to join hands** with! Starting from **self-enlightenment**, This online program will help you learn to establish **psychological safety**, and learn from group discussions to create a better future and **expand your leadership horizons**.



BPW ASIA PACIFIC REGION Calendar

BPW APR Calendar		2023			
Months	Dates	Time	Events	Who	Where
March	2		BPW International Executives Board Meeting	BPW International Executives Board Members	New York City USA.
	3 – 5		BPW Leader Summit & C.F. Dinner		
	6 – 17		UN CSW 67 (Commission on Status of Women)		
	22		BPW Asia Pacific Committee Meeting	APR Committee Members	Online
Apr	21 – 23		3rd BPW Asia Pacific Young Symposium	All are welcomed	Taiwan
May	4 – 6		Global Summit of Women (GSW)		Dubai
Aug	9		BPW Asia Pacific Committee Meeting	APR Committee Members	Online
Sep					
Oct	1 – 10		BPW International Executives Board Meeting	BPW International Executives Board Members	Switzerland
	18		BPW Asia Pacific Committee Meeting	APR Committee Members	Online
Nov	5 – 9		BPW Asia Pacific Regional Conference	All are welcomed	Bahrain
	8		BPW Asia Pacific Pressidents Meeting	Invited only	
	16 – 18		BPW Australia Conference		Australia
Dec					

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BPW APR Calendar		2024			
Months	Dates	Time	Events	Who	Where
March	11 - 22		UN CSW 68 , NYC, USA - Executive Board Meeting, NYC - Leaders' submit, NYC		
May	9 - 11		Global Submit of Women, Madrid, Spain		
Oct	1 - 10		BPW Executive Board Meeting, Switzerland		
Nov	17 - 20		BPW International Congress , St. Kitts and Nevis		