WD2019 List of Events featuring EWEC Ecosystem Partners

The Women Deliver 2019 (WD2019) Conference is themed - through the lens of “Power. Progress. Change.”. All featured plenary discussions, workshops, events, are centered around the health, rights and development of women and girls, including in humanitarian settings, in order to ensure a more gender equal world.

Engaging online?
1. Check out our Advocacy toolkit.
2. Check out Women Deliver’s Social Media Toolkit here in Arabic, English, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

The full WD2019 programme can be found here.

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Global Midwifery Symposium

Date: Sunday, 2 June  Time: 9:00 – 17:00
Location: Vancouver Convention Center, Room 110
Background: Keeping with a long tradition of maternal health advocacy at Women Deliver Conferences, we are pleased to include a Global Midwifery Symposium for the fourth time. Co-hosted by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), the World Health Organization in collaboration with other United Nations, civil society, and private sector partners, the symposium will be cross-cutting and innovative. The symposium will host a range of experts, specialists, and policymakers who will discuss the enabling environment and supportive professional collaboration that is needed for the effective functioning and delivery of a women-centered, midwife-led model of care – one that follows normal physiologic labor and childbirth with no unnecessary or excessive interventions.
Event hosts: International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), The World Health Organization, Jhpiego, and the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM)

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Making Connections, Demanding Rights

Date: Sunday, 2 June  Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Location: Room: 212, Level 2
Background: The power to choose; power to decide; and power to seek services can successfully lead to women and girls realizing their rights to sexual and reproductive health services. Barriers to women’s access to health and rights are not primarily medical in nature – they are social, cultural, economic, and political. Speakers will discuss how and why a gender equality and women’s empowerment approach is critical to improve health and development outcomes for women and girls. Speakers will include UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka and will be followed by a reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres.
Event hosts: UN Women and the EWEC Secretariat

Click Here to RSVP.
Power of WE: When Youths Take Charge

**Date:** Monday, 3 June  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center Room 220  

**Background:** This session is part of Johnson & Johnson's "The Power of We" series aiming to explore the unlimited power of collaboration in driving change and solving global challenges. The series will bring together unlikely groups of individuals - women and men, young and old, public and private sectors to drive provocative discussions around the most pressing issues affecting women and girls and build solutions for change. This particular session will center on the many mental health issues affecting women around the world, as told through their own stories and lived experiences.

At the event, Ms. Anne-Birgitte Albrectsen, a member of EWEC’s High-level Steering Group and the CEO of Plan International, will be moderating a fireside chat with Young Leaders on the frontlines.

**Event Hosts:** Rise Up and Johnson & Johnson with support from Born on Time, the EWEC Secretariat, PEPFAR, DREAMS, and Women Deliver

Open to all delegates.

Humanitarian Pre-conference: Building a Feminist Approach to Aumanitarian Aid.

**Date:** Monday, 3 June  
**Time:** 7:30 - 14:30  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center. Room 110  

**Background:** Under the theme of “Power. Progress. Change.” the Women Deliver 2019 Conference is putting a new spotlight on, among other focus areas, girls’ and women’s organizations implementing their own solutions in humanitarian responses. On the margins of the main event, a one-day Women Deliver Humanitarian Pre-Conference will engage approximately 60 persons to build an agenda towards investment in feminist humanitarian programming that is led by local stakeholders.

The day will be divided into two sessions – The Power of Inclusion, and The Power of Funding – both intended to address power imbalances within the humanitarian system that keep local and national women-focused CSOs from engaging as equal players. Solutions for overcoming these power barriers will be explored during panel conversations, interactive group discussions, Power Talks (TED-style presentations), and audience polling exercises, culminating in advocacy asks to help drive proposes solutions forward.

**Event Hosts:** Women Deliver and the World Food Programme.

By invitation only.

State of the World's Midwifery 2020 Partner Meeting

**Date:** Monday, 3 June  
**Time:** 13:00 – 15:00  
**Location:** Meeting room 109, 1st level  

**Background:** This event at Women Deliver provides an opportunity to bring together all partners and stakeholders who are already involved in the ‘State of the World’s Midwifery 2020’ (SoWMy 2020)
process as well as stakeholders that are interested to get involved and are looking for ways to support SoWMy 2020.

Event host: UNFPA

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**Hard Talk!: SRHR Prevention and HIV Prevention for Most Left behind Adolescent Girls.**

**Date:** Monday, 3 June  
**Time:** 13:00 – 15:00

**Location:** Fairmont Waterfront Hotel

**Background:** Lunch symposium focused on the sexual and reproductive health rights of most left behind adolescent girls. Come learn from young women experts representing communities especially affected and at risk of HIV—and how they challenge the status quo to demand equity and accountability on the roadmap to the SDGs and ending AIDS by 2030.

**Event host:** UNFPA and UNAIDS on behalf of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition

Click [here](#) to RSVP!

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**Business Unusual: Maternal, Newborn and Adolescent Health with Equity, Quality and Continuum of Care**

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00

**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, Room 109

**Background:** The session will highlight the importance of coordination and how resources can be leveraged for quality along the MNAH continuum. District level implementation from various countries will be featured and new approaches presented to improve quality of facility based care for both mothers and newborns. We will also discuss with key partners how to enhance country level technical and financial support towards achieving maternal, newborn and adolescent health goals.

**Event host:** UNICEF

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**Money Talks: What Works in Budget Accountability?**

**Date:** Tuesday, 4 June  
**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00

**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, Room 215-216

**Background:** Is money really following political commitments on gender equality? What are the most promising budget accountability efforts and the biggest stumbling blocks? How are governments promoting transparency and accountability? How can advocates and others work to ensure implementation of gender equality commitments? In this session, join in the interactive discussion, share your experiences, and learn from others.

**Event hosts:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Equal Measures 2030, White Ribbon

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Indigenous Women and Children: Safeguarding our Health and Cultural Integrity (Concurrent Session)

Date: Tuesday, 4 June   Time: 10:30 - 12:00  
Location: Vancouver Convention Center Room 114 - 115  
Background: The dignity of Indigenous women and girls and their important roles in the community are often overlooked. Yet, Indigenous women and children are central to the cultural integrity of their communities worldwide. Through innovative and creative approaches, Indigenous women and girls have the power to make substantive contributions to the panorama of challenges they face. The broad panel topic allows presenters to articulate the ways and means for women to ensure the health of their communities and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as they relate to Indigenous rights to lands, territories and resources; gender equality; climate change; and justice.

Event Hosts: Inuit Circumpolar Council, Native Women's Association of Canada, UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples

Open to all delegates.

Every Country Can Eliminate Cervical Cancer

Date: Tuesday, 4 June   Time: 20:00 - 22:00  
Location: Vancouver Convention Center, Room 205 - 207  
Background: Every two minutes a woman dies of cervical cancer - a preventable and treatable disease. Governments support accelerating elimination. Help us mobilize a women’s movement, put this on the development agenda and drive national action towards 2030 targets that save lives and put all countries on a pathway of impact. Learn about prevention, early detection and management of cervical cancer; brainstorm on building integrated, women-centered services; share experiences on reaching all girls and women. Speakers will include WHO Director General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, UNFPA Executive Director, Natalia Kanem and others.

Event Hosts: WHO, UNICEF, the EWEC Secretariat, UNFPA, HRP, IAEA, CHAI, GAVI, Global Fund, UNODC, UICC, UNITAID and UNIATF on NCDs

Click Here to RSVP.
Check out this roadmap for other relevant side events on ending cervical cancer at WD2019!

The Power Party: This is how #GirlsGetEqual’

Date: Tuesday, 4 June   Time: 20:00 – 22:00  
Location: Vancouver Convention Center, Room 211  
Background: Plan International's Flagship Event. The Power Party will celebrate the unparalleled power of girls and young women as leaders, activists and change-makers. Join some of the world’s most inspiring activists and influencers on gender equality for a fun and powerful evening of spoken word, music and conversation. Power Party guests will be introduced to Plan International and the Geena Davis Institute’s ground-breaking global research on girls’ aspirations and barriers to leadership. Join us to find out how #GirlsGetEqual. We won't stop until every girl is equally seen, heard and valued.
Event is host by AB Albrechtsen, EWEC HLSG member.

**Event host:** Plan International

Click [here](#) to RSVP and purchase a ticket (All attendees must purchase a ticket).

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**Parliamentarians’ Forum**

**Date:** Tuesday - Thursday, 4 - 6 June  
**Time:** 90 mins daily  
**Location:** Star Sapphire Ballroom, Hotel Fairmont Pacific Rim, third floor  

**Background:**  
**June 4 focus:** Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and ICPD 25;  
**June 5 focus:** Gender;  
**June 6 focus:** Creation of a Global Parliamentary Alliance on Health, Rights & Development

An IPU Representative (TBC) will be speaking on June 5, on behalf of the President of the IPU and member of the High-level Steering Group for EWEC.

Invite only!

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**Investing in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Generate Support, Drive Implementation**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 10:30 - 12:00  
**Location:** Convention Center, Room 205-207  

**Background:** Without investments in sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), gender equality will not be achieved, and women and girls will not be able to achieve their full potential. But what does it take to secure and sustain financing for SRHR in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) era? This session will explore lessons from countries that have ensured integration of sexual and reproductive health care in their Universal Health Coverage schemes and what it takes to secure domestic government investment in SRHR.

**Event Hosts:** GFF, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

Click [here](#) to RSVP!

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**Investing in Impact! Sustainable Financing for Women, Adolescents and Girls**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 10:30 - 12:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 217-219  

**Background:** Much progress has been made over the past decades to ensure that more women, adolescents and girls survive and thrive, but millions of them continue to be left behind. New approaches, as well as significant additional financing, are necessary to reach those most at risk. Drawing on the experience of a range of partners including implementing country representatives, civil society, youth, health financing experts and leaders in the fight for gender equality, this fast-paced, interactive session will explore the successes and challenges of sustainable financing methods to tackle gender inequalities that contribute to poor health outcomes for women and girls. The session will draw on examples and
lessons from countries and will feature perspectives from young people on the urgency of promoting gender equality and the health needs of women, adolescents and girls.

**Event Hosts:** GFF, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria

Click [here](#) to RSVP!

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**Powerful Advocacy and Campaign Tactics to Drive Change for Gender Equality**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 10:30 - 12:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 211

**Background:** This interactive workshop session will foster and promote the exchange of ideas, experience, and learning between new and seasoned advocates on how to create successful advocacy and campaign strategies. Participants will learn about building dialogue with decision-makers in grassroots advocacy, communicating your message using traditional and new media, mobilizing the public, and leveraging current events to drive advocacy.

**Event Hosts:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Advocacy Accelerator, Change.org

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**Social Accountability: Upending or Reinforcing Power Dynamics?**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 10:30 - 12:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 213

**Background:** Is social accountability, also known as empowering citizens and making governments more accountable, truly inclusive? What risks are faced by those advocating for change and how can they be mitigated? Modeled after a “citizen hearing,” join leaders and representatives from communities, civil society, government, and the United Nations to tackle tough questions about social accountability power dynamics, and to create solutions to advance the voices of the people – all the people!

**Event Hosts:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Equal Measures 2030, White Ribbon Alliance

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**Youth Workshop on AI & Digital Health for Universal Health Coverage**

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 12:30 - 13:30  
**Location:** Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront

**Background:** Fondation Botnar, PATH, Women Deliver and Partnership on Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (PMNCH) have formed an initial coalition that seeks to leverage artificial intelligence, digital and frontier technologies to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2030: “Fueling a movement towards action & leaving no one behind”. This workshop will explore how youth (under 30 years) feel technology can and will change the face of UHC and the focus areas to prioritize to make progress.

**Event Hosts:** PMNCH, Fondation Botnar, Women Deliver, PATH

Click [here](#) to RSVP! [Workshop is open to all delegates under the age of 30!]

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Young People, The Leaders of TODAY: Driving Change through Empowerment and Advocacy

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 13:30 - 14:30  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 215-216  
**Background:** This dialogue with youth advocates will explore how young people are advocating for gender equality, and using both traditional and non-traditional methods for capacity building and greater engagement in the decision-making processes that impact their lives and their communities. In this session, panelists will share experiences based on the PMNCH/Women Deliver Advocating for Change for Adolescents toolkit currently rolled out in five countries. The Youth in Action Advocacy Training Tool, an innovative online training tool, will also be launched.  
**Event Hosts:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Advocacy Accelerator, Change.org

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Partners in Gender Equality: Getting Formal Partnerships Right

**Date:** Wednesday, 5 June  
**Time:** 15:00 - 16:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 212  
**Background:** Partnerships naturally bring both benefits and hard work, related to consensus-building, responsibility sharing, funding streams, and more. This session will address common challenges – and how to overcome them – when partnering for gender equality and the health, rights and wellbeing of girls and women. Participants will walk away with a better understanding of when to formalize a partnership or coalition, and when to fly solo.  
**Event Hosts:** Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Advocacy Accelerator, Change.org

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Powering Change: United for Women’s Children’s and Adolescent’s Health

**Date:** Thursday, 6 June  
**Time:** 6:15 - 8:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 217-219  
**Background:** This breakfast event, hosted by GAVI and PMNCH, explores new ideas for innovative and scalable approaches that empower the lives of women, girls and adolescents. As we strengthen health systems for improved health outcomes, a closer focus is needed on gender across all sectors. This event demonstrates the importance of bundling health care and services together as a platform to empower women and girls to thrive, and become agents of change in their communities and countries.  
**Event Hosts:** Gavi, PMNCH

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Born into Crisis: a Global Roadmap for Surviving the Day of Birth in Humanitarian Settings

**Date:** Thursday, 6 June  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00  
**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 221-222  
**Background:** A panel discussion on how to accelerate progress for newborn health in humanitarian and fragile settings. The day of birth is the riskiest for women and their babies, with nearly half of maternal and newborn deaths and stillbirths taking place during this period. Many of these deaths are preventable,
including in humanitarian settings, where nearly half of these deaths occur. A multi-sectoral five-year roadmap will be launched at the event. Confirmed panelists include: Princess Sarah Zeid, Carolyn Miles (President & CEO, Save the Children US), Lauren Landis (Director of Nutrition, WFP), and Juliane Bouquiaux (midwife, ICRC). Light breakfast will be available

**Event Hosts:** WHO, UNICEF, UNHCR, Save the Children, and HRH Princess Sarah Zeid

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**Power of Community: UHC Advocates and Stakeholders**

**Date:** Thursday, 6 June  
**Time:** 10:30 - 12:00

**Location:** Vancouver Convention Center, room 110

**Background:** Power of Community sessions are semi-structured dialogues for various communities of practice, defined by geographical local of work, technical focus of work, and other identifying characteristics. Self-select a community and dive right in! Together, we can strengthen ties and advance collective action

**Event Hosts:** WHO Gender, Equity and Human Rights, and Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH)