



WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL PHILS. INC. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WomenBizPh : Ethics, Passion, Influence

President's Report

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President, 2018-2020



Background



Ethics, Passion, Influence

Established in 1997, at the initiative of the Department of Trade and Industry, the Women's Business Council of the Philippines (WomenBizPH) is **the leading voice of women in commerce, inspiring and empowering women in the Philippines.**

WomenBizPH is the **lead private sector partner of the government**, particularly the Department of Trade and Industry and the Philippine Commission on Women, representing the Philippines in APEC and ASEAN Events.

WomenBizPH is an International partner of the Global Summit of Women (GSW), and the Lead Convenor/Chairperson of the Philippine Women's Economic Network (PhilWEN).

Our Partners

Together with our partners, we are pushing for thought leadership in gender and diversity, entrepreneurship for women and the larger role of women in the economy.



Our Vision



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Be the role model for women in business in the Philippines.

A change agent that will forge political and business clout.

A credible advocate for women's issues and needs in business inspiring and empowering Filipino women in the economy.

Our Mission



Ethics, Passion, Influence

Promote ethical business practices, particularly integrity and good governance

Instill passion and love for country and for business

Leverage our individual skills and strengths to influence government policies and the future of women in the economy

Objectives



Ethics, Passion, Influence

Policy Advocacy

Enhance women's access
to finance

Entrepreneurship
development and
education

Networking and business
matching

Membership expansion



Awareness and Promotions

As a first step, the WomenBizPH website (www.womenbizph) and the WomenBizPH Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/wbcp.ph>) were refreshed with additional features for better user experience, and kept current.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL PHILIPPINES, INC.

(WomenBizPH)

Composed of the country's top women business leaders and entrepreneurs, the Women's Business Council Philippines (WomenBizPH) is the leading voice of women in commerce, inspiring and empowering women in the Philippines. Serving as the platform to discuss issues for women in business and possible government policies and solutions, WomenbizPH is the lead private sector partner of the government, particularly the Department of Trade and Industry and the Philippine Commission on Women, and represents the Philippines in APEC and ASEAN events.

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International Representation

APEC Women and the Economy Forum

September 2018, Papua New Guinea



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Chair Chiqui Go attended as speaker and as judge for the Award

She joined public sector representatives from DTI, PCW, DICT and DFA



APEC 2018 PPD

September 10-11, 2018, New Zealand



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APEC 2018 Public
Private Dialogue on
Structural Reform and
Gender.

Attended by Monette
Hamlin as delegate, with
PCW and NEDA reps

Sharing of best
practices and gaps in
structural reform with
gender lens



ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network

October 19, 2018, Vietnam

Awen Hanoi Forum on Environment Protection for Sustainable Development of Enterprises and Communities

Attended by Monette Hamlin who presented ‘A Snapshot from the Philippines: Building an Environment without Waste’ discussing the Boracay closure and rehabilitation as an example of government intervention to ensure sustainability.



US-ASEAN Workshop

October 19, 2018, Vietnam



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Workshop on Women in the Economy: Towards Women's Economic Empowerment in the ASEAN Region, organized by US-ASEAN Connectivity through Trade and Investment/USAID

Attended by Monette Hamlin as panelist on practical measures for addressing needs of women in the digital economy and in the workforce.



Asia Pacific Women Entrepreneurs Exchange, November 18-19, 2018, Japan



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Chair Chiqui Go attended a symposium entitled “Connecting the Bridges: Women Entrepreneurs in Asia-Pacific Countries” organized by The Gender Equality Bureau, Cabinet Office of Japan.

Women entrepreneurs shared their experiences and entrepreneurial journeys in different stages of the business for benchmarking and learnings with the Japanese women entrepreneurs.



ASEAN Economic Community Senior Officials Conference on Gender Mainstreaming

Dec 11, 2018, Manila



WomenBizPH officers and members attended the parallel breakout sessions to identify initiatives that can create a favorable environment for female entrepreneurs in the ASEAN region as part of the gender mainstreaming agenda of the ACW Work Plan 2016-2020.

ASEAN Women's Business Conference, June 20-22, 2019, Thailand

WomenBizPH trustees Boots Garcia, Jeannie Javelosa, Monette Hamlin participated as speakers and moderators in the conference, and joined the AWEN Focal Point Meeting to represent the Philippines.



AWEN Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year Award

June 21, 2019, Bangkok, Thailand

Ten outstanding businesswomen from the Philippines received the ASEAN Women Entrepreneurs Network (AWEN) Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year Award from HRH Princess Bajrakitiyabha Narendiradebyavati of Thailand.



Workshop on Strategy of Human Rights in APEC, July 11-14, 2019 Taipei

Chair Chiqui Escareal-Go, trustee Atty. Lorna Kapunan and Commissioner Karen Dumpit from the Philippine Commission on Human Rights served as speakers on topics focused on business and human rights. The workshop explored a possible APEC strategy to help address human right abuses in the region.



APEC Chile: Pathways to Gender Inclusion Workshop, Sep 2-3, 2019, Chile

Monette Hamlin participated as a panelist in Dialogue with Business Leaders on “Creating new entrepreneurship and employment pathways for women in the digital economy.”



Workshop on Pathways to Gender Inclusion:
Can technology close the gender gap and
deliver economic gains for women?

September 2-3, 2019. Concepción, Chile



SouthAsian Women Development Forum

September 12-14, 2019, Kathmandu, Nepal



WomenBizPH VP Atty. Dick du Baladad attended as a speaker at the International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2019 on the topic, “Upscaling Investment for Women Entrepreneurs.”

APEC Women and the Economy Forum

October 1-15, 2019, La Serena, Chile

Chair Chiqui Go attended APEC Chile as part of Philippine delegation. Conversations on addressing barriers for integration of women in the economy, promoting equal workplace opportunities through data, reducing the digital gender divide, encouraging more women in STEM, and increasing women in leadership positions.



The Philippine delegation, with representatives from DTI, DILG, DFA, DA, DOT.

APEC B.E.S.T (Business Efficiency and Success Target Award) Oct 25, 2019, Chile

Dalareich Polot, owner of Dalareich Chocolates from Bohol (who presented remotely via Skype) was recognized as one of APEC BEST Enterprise Awardee in the Family Support Category.



The members of the jury. Chiqui Go served as one of the judges for the competition.



Dal with DTI RD Aster Caberte who received the award on her behalf in Chile.

AWEN CEOs Summit

October 30-31, 2019, Thailand

PhilWEN Chairperson and WomenBiz Treasurer Boots Garcia and BPW Chairperson and director of GREAT Women Philippines Jeannie Javelosa represented the Philippines at the Opening Ceremony of the Women Entrepreneur Network (AWEN) Women CEO Summit in Bangkok. HRH Princess of Thailand opened the Summit. Boots and Jeannie serve as focal points for the Philippines in AWEN.



ASEAN CEOs Roundtable, October 31, 2019

WomenBizPH member Ms. Annie Tan Yee participated as a panelist in the ASEAN CEOs Roundtable in Thailand.



USAID StartOpps Study Tour Training

November 19-21, 2019, Taiwan



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Rowie Juan
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USAID-IGNITE sponsored 20 ASEAN women entrepreneur mentors as part of the StartOpps Study Tour initiative in Taipei.

This inaugural exchange emphasized engagement in how Taiwan's startup ecosystem works to mentor and cultivate the next generation of women entrepreneurs, promotes sharing of best practices between ASEAN and Taiwanese mentors, and builds new networking opportunities for ASEAN female entrepreneurs.

The initiative aligns with USAID's commitment to strengthen women's empowerment and advance SME development through the expansion of private-sector partnerships ultimately unlocking economic growth, prosperity, and stability in the Indo-Pacific.



Roundtables

IKSNITA SABAH August 29, 2018

Meeting with Sabah Women Small and Medium Industries Association to discuss business collaboration and opportunities, especially in halal F&B and personal care products.

Wells Fargo Hosted Women Business

Roundtable December 14, 2018

Meeting to discuss economic landscape for MSMEs and what associations are doing to support MSME development, and to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Roundtable with Cambodian Women Entrepreneurs Association April 25, 2019

WomenBizPH met with a delegation from CWEA to discuss common issues of women entrepreneurs and share best practices on leadership, membership services, and advocacies.



Roundtable on Promoting and Ensuring Women's Economic Empowerment through SME Entrepreneurship

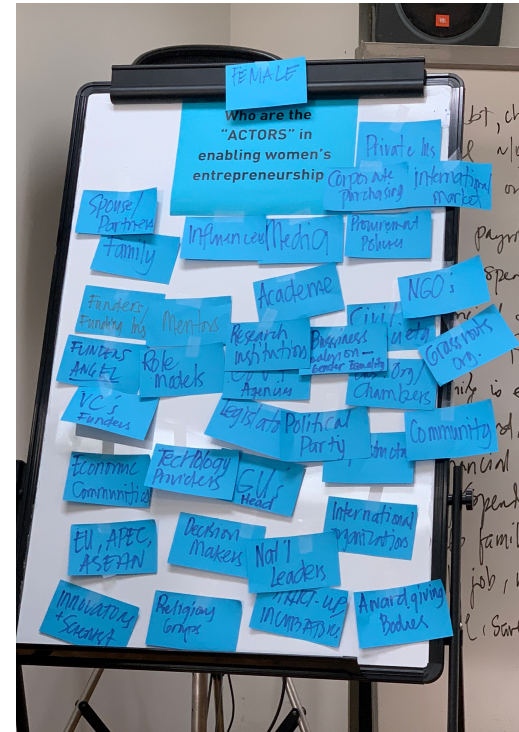
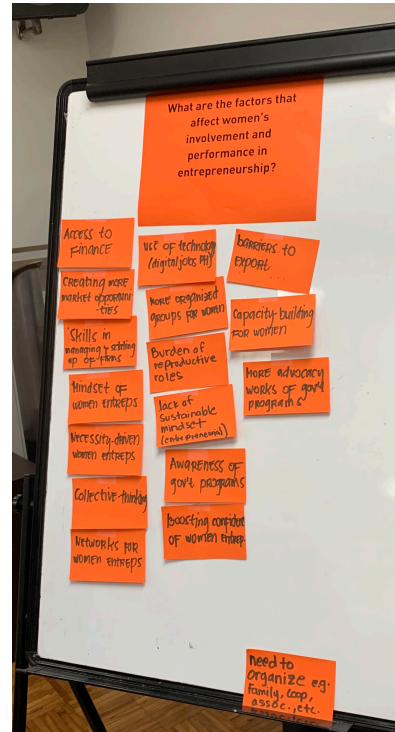
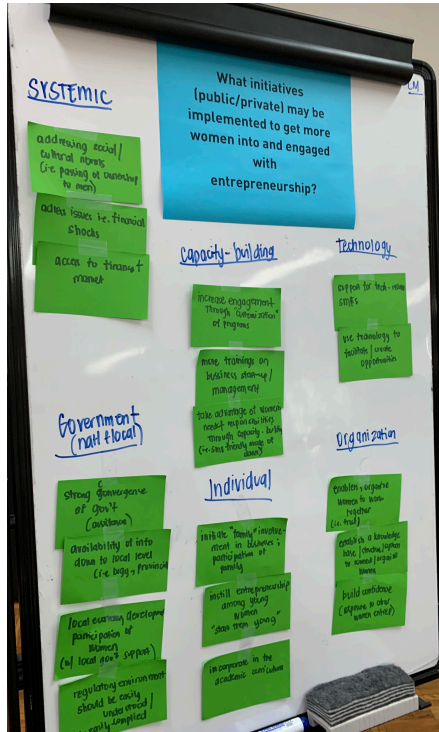
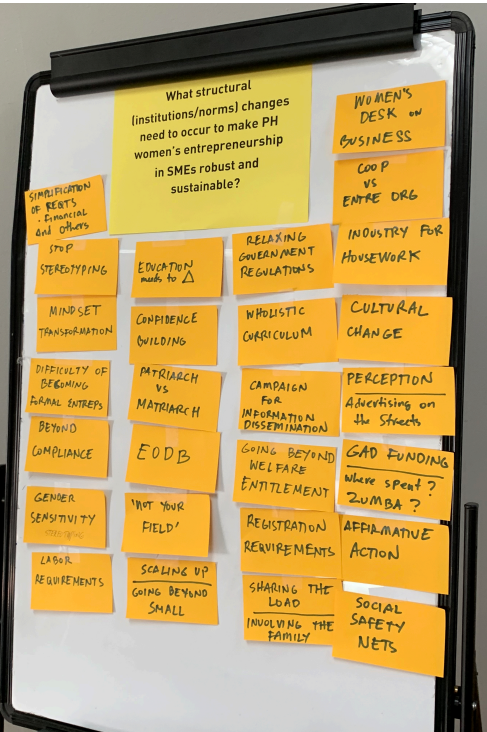
January 21, 2020, AIM



WomenBizPH members attended a roundtable hosted by AIM Ramon V. del Rosario, Center for Corporate Responsibility and the UN Women in partnership with We Empower Asia.

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January 21, 2020, AIM



Learning Sessions

Women Mentoring Women Talks

W2W Talk on Depression and Mental Illness

September 27, 2018



Women Mentoring Women Talk: **Crawling Out of the Black Hole of Depression and Mental Illnesses**

September 27, 2018 ■ 11:00am-2:00pm ■ Dusit Thani Hotel Manila

Are you or a loved one suffering from depression? Traditionally, talking about depression and mental illness is taboo but with more people reaching out for help, it is high time we address the issue squarely. What triggers depression? What are the symptoms? How can we help out?

The Philippines is considered as one of the happiest countries in the world, but it also has the highest number of depressed people in Southeast Asia, with an average of seven suicides a day.

On **September 27 from 11am-2pm at The Dusit Thani Hotel Manila**, Women's Business Council Philippines brings together renowned Filipino psychiatrist Dr. Corazon Angela Cuadro, editor and writer Pam Pastor, and designer-wellness advocate Jean Goulbourn to shed light on this sensitive issue. **Join the conversation, and find out how you can help yourself or a loved one overcome this.**

To register, contact Russel Joy Rivera of WomenBizPH Secretariat at +63 906 667 5213, 632 666 0726 or email her at admin@womenbiz.ph. A minimal fee of **P2,500 per person** will be charged to cover lunch and expenses.



W2W Talks on Kick Some Glass

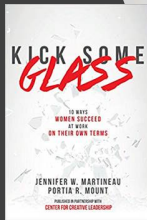
November 18, 2018

Kick Some Glass

November 19, 2018 ■ 8AM – 11AM ■ Dusit Thani Hotel

Looking for practical and powerful ways to help women succeed at work?

Join the Women's Business Council of the Philippines' Learning Session featuring Center for Creative Leadership VP Ms. Jennifer Martineau. Sharing research-based lessons captured in her book *Kick Some Glass: 10 Ways Women Succeed at Work on Their Own Terms*, Ms. Martineau will highlight some strategies for advancement which women can apply personally or as a mentor, sponsor, or women's initiative leader.



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W2W Talk on Holographic Wills, Pre-Nups and the New Family Code Mar 12, 2020



Atty. Lorna Patajo-Kapunan
Asia Business Law Journal
Top 100 Philippine Lawyers Lawyers



Holographic Wills, Pre-Nuptial Agreements and The New Family Code

March 12, 2020 ■ 2PM – 5PM ■ Marala Room, Dusit Thani Hotel

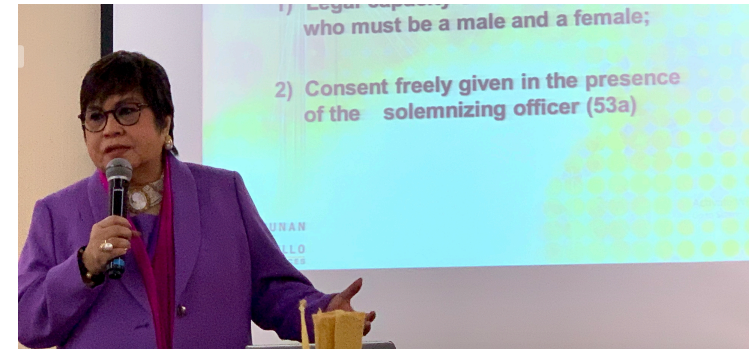
Congratulations! As a woman in business, whether a corporate executive or an entrepreneur, you've worked hard to build your business and fortune, but have you given enough attention to learn your rights under the New Family Code and protect yourself and those you love?

Learn which discriminatory provisions against women and children have been amended or removed in the Old Civil Code. Enlighten yourself on your parental rights, marital rights, property rights, inheritance, your children's rights. Understand the importance of guarding your hard-earned assets through prenuptial agreements to clarify your financial rights, protect children from prior marriages, get shielded from debt, and avoid arguments in case of divorce or separation. Guard your legacy with last wills and testaments.

Join the Women's Business Council of the Philippines' Learning Session on March 12, 2020 featuring top lawyer **Atty. Lorna Patajo-Kapunan**, as she gives a talk, entertains questions and conducts a short workshop on preparing holographic wills and prenuptial agreements.

To register:
email admin@womenbiz.ph or call
0997 917 4244 / 8843 1162

WomenBizPH Members: Free
Non-Members: Early bird P2,500
(up to March 10); Onsite P3,000



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August 30, 2019 | Dusit Thani, Manila

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TIME'S UP!

WOMEN'S BUSINESS AND LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018
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ACT UP!

Building Camaraderie

WomenBizPH Christmas Party

December 12, 2019, Makati Garden Club



Women 2020 Summit

Attended by
WomenBizPH
officers and
members just
before the lockdown



Thanks to the Outgoing Board 2018-2020!



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