



REYKJAVIK
GLOBAL
2026

Reykjavík Global is a diverse community of women leaders and allies empowering women to **attain and retain positions of power, influence, and leadership** across all sectors of society.

KEY MILESTONES 2025

KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES



The 8th edition of the Reykjavik Index for Leadership published

Partnered with various global knowledge partners to share research that supports the mission

Launched Masterclasses to share knowledge with the community

CONVERSATION CONVENINGS



Delivered the most diverse and extensive Forum yet, for 500 leaders from over 80 countries.

Forum included 32 main stage sessions, 18 side events and over 100 speakers

Hosted 8 Global Events
Hosted 4 Virtual Events

ACTION IMPACT



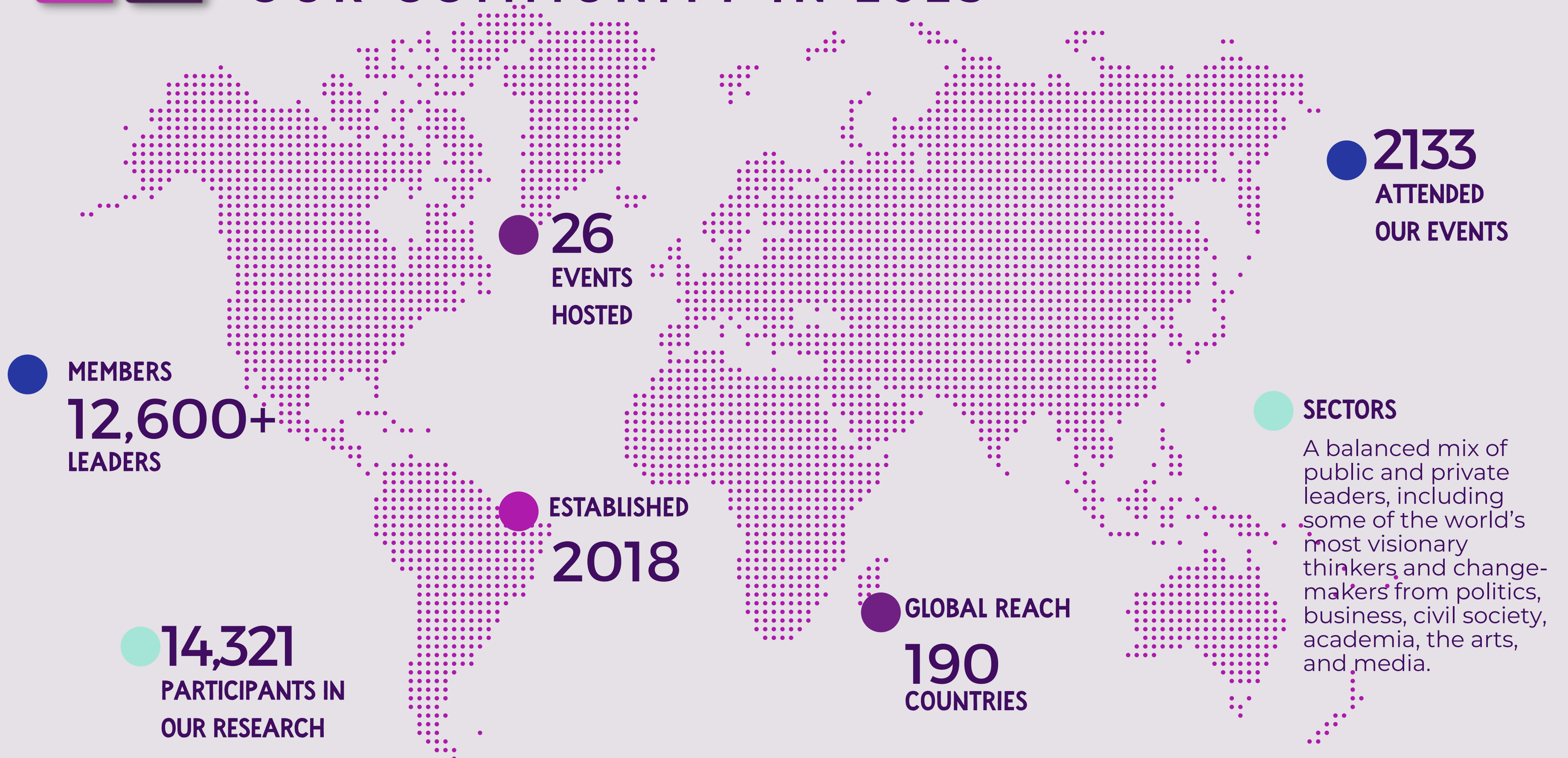
Action Item Playbook commissioned for publishing in 2026

Power, Together Award awarded to 3 worthy winners: Vital Voices, FEMNET, & Women Lift Health

Dare We and 50 Years of Progress campaigns highlighting the successful Icelandic blueprint translated into the Action Items

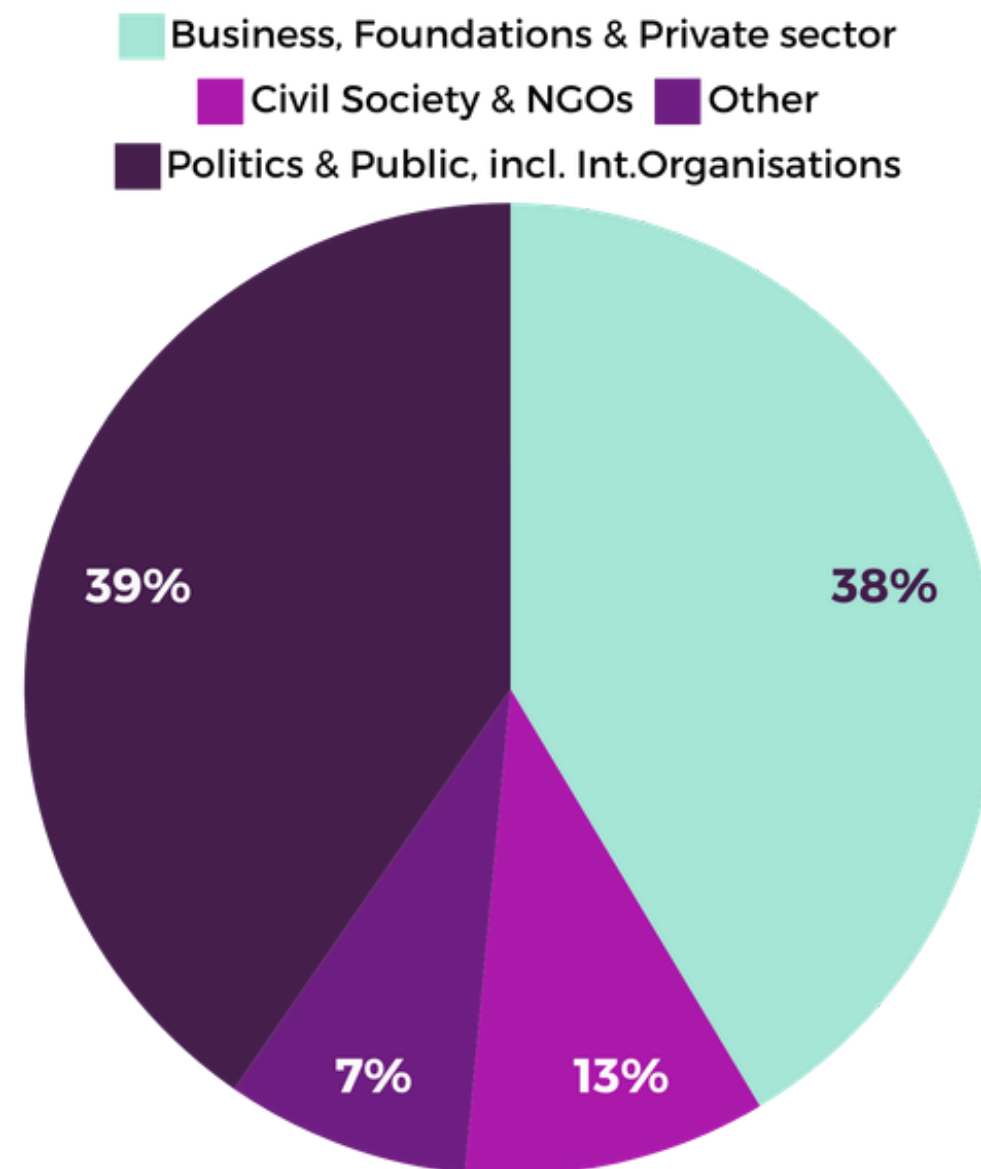


OUR COMMUNITY IN 2025

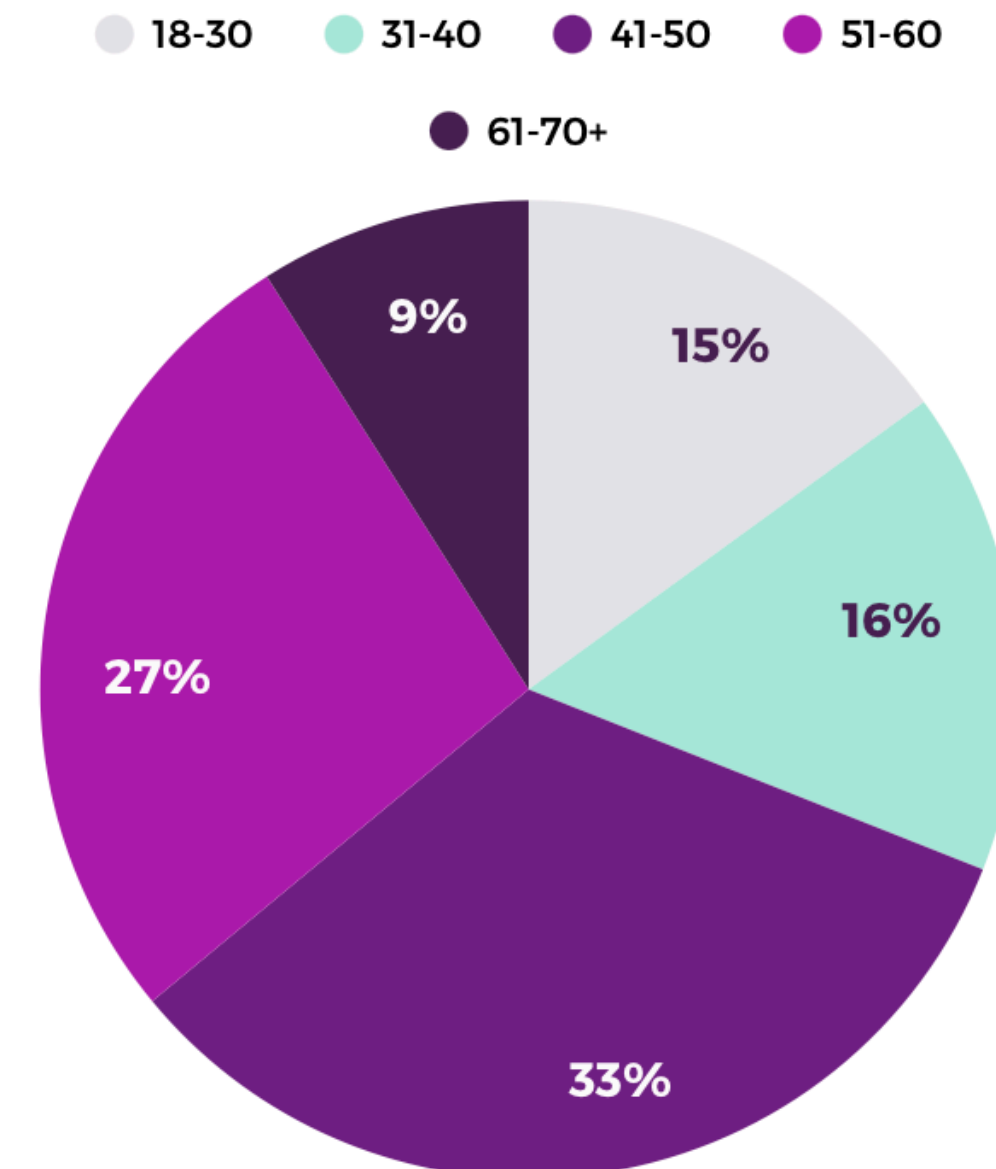


COMMUNITY BREAKDOWN

The community convenes several times a year at various global events, virtual conversations and at the annual flagship event, the Reykjavík Global Forum in Iceland.



Community by Sector



Community by Age

KNOWLEDGE - CONVERSATION - ACTION

**We turn knowledge into impact, bring
global leaders together, and turn ideas
into actionable plans for real change.**



REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL FORUM

OUR ANNUAL FLAGSHIP EVENT

Launched in 2018 under the theme “Power, Together!”, the Reykjavík Global Forum – Women Leaders brings together influential women and their allies from across the world. They share ideas, spark solutions, and drive progress toward equality & increased women’s representation in leadership.

The Forum offers a front-row seat to proven strategies, bold innovations, and global collaboration, featuring some of the world’s most visionary thinkers and change-makers from politics, business, civil society, academia, the arts, and media.

We are proud to work alongside some of the world’s most influential voices, visionary thinkers, and impactful change-makers. Each year, the invite-only Forum welcomes 500 global leaders, from over 80 countries, offering an unparalleled platform to exchange ideas and explore practical solution and proven strategies that promote parity across sectors.

The annual Forum serves as the flagship event of the Reykjavík Global community and has been co-hosted for the past 8 years by the Government and Parliament of Iceland - a nation recognised for its global leadership in equality.

Co-Hosts:



Parliament of Iceland



Government of Iceland





REYKJAVIK GLOBAL FORUM 2025

CONVENINGS

In 2025 the Reykjavik Global Forum convened under the heading:
Power, Together for Change!

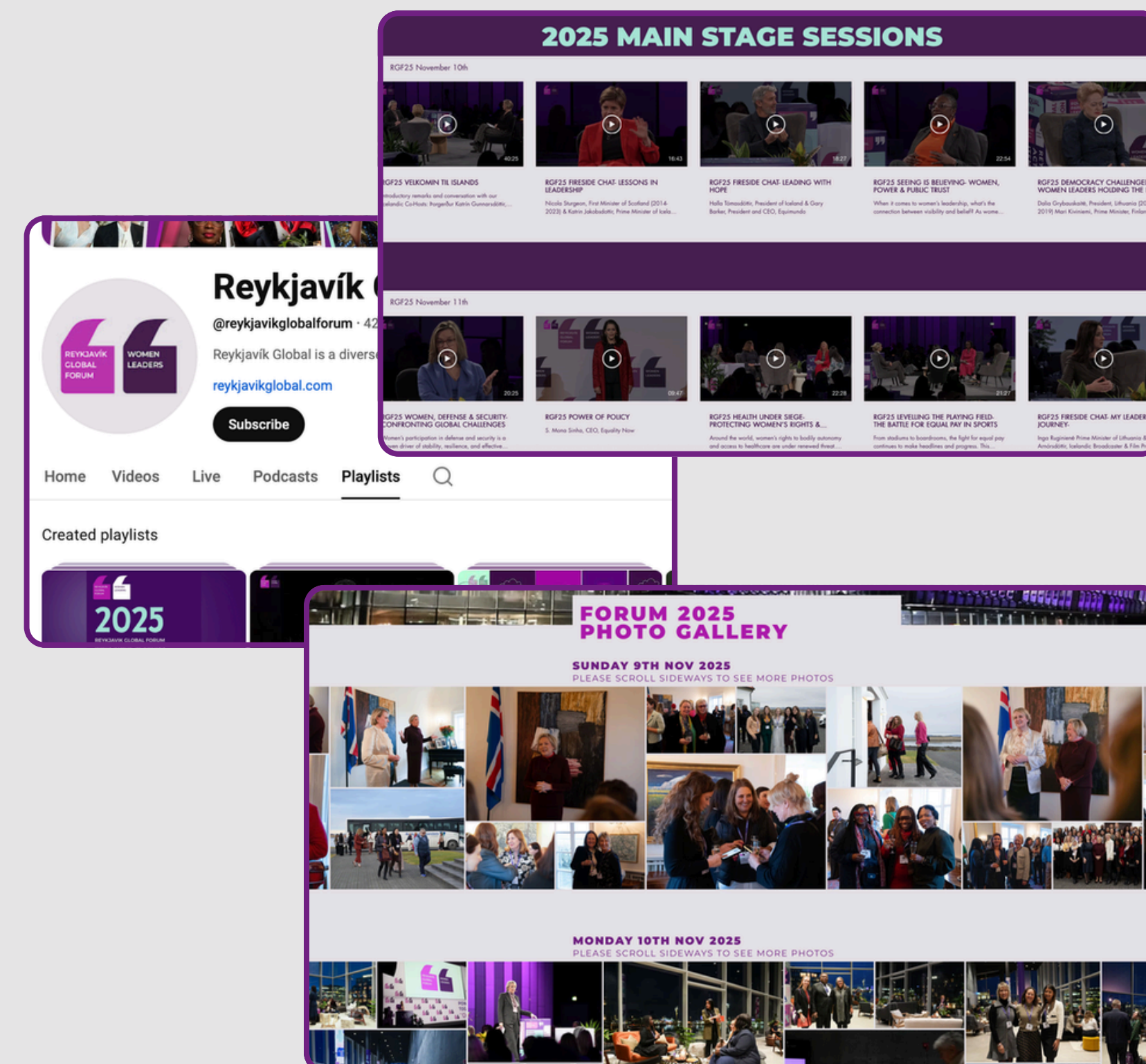
The programme was the most diverse yet and addressed key issues at the intersection of gender and various sectors, to further advance women's influence and power worldwide.

The main programming focus included identifying opportunities to ensure women's power via five intersectional areas:

- **Democracy & Rights**
- **Justice & Security**
- **Health & Caregiving**
- **Men & Boys**
- **Culture & Sports**
- **AI & Sustainability**

The Community centred its discussion around the global adoption of the Reykjavik Action Items: Ending Gender-based Violence, Equal Pay, Equal Parental Leave and Equal Representation.

Some of the speakers are featured are included on the following page.



The full programme, photographs, main stage session videos available on: reykjavikglobal.com

FEATURING



S. Mona Sinha
CEO, EQUALITY NOW

FEATURING

FEATURING



Marja Ruutanen
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DEMOCRACY & HUMAN DIGNITY, COUNCIL OF EUROPE

FEATURING

FEATURING



Catherine De Bolle
Executive Director
Europol

FEATURING

FEATURING



Dr. Isata Mahoi
MINISTER OF GENDER & CHILDREN'S AFFAIRS, SIERRA LEONE

FEATURING

FEATURING



Nicola Sturgeon
FIRST MINISTER OF SCOTLAND
(2014-2023)

FEATURING

FEATURING



Mari Kiviniemi
PRIME MINISTER OF FINLAND
(2010-2011)

FEATURING

FEATURING



Dalia Grybauskaitė
PRESIDENT OF LITHUANIA
(2009-2019)

FEATURING

FEATURING



Katrín Jakobsdóttir
PRIME MINISTER OF ICELAND
(2017-2024)

FEATURING

FEATURING



Þórunn Sveinbjarnardóttir
SPEAKER OF ALTHINGI,
PARLIAMENT OF ICELAND

FEATURING

FEATURING



Alyse Nelson
PRESIDENT & CEO,
VITAL VOICES

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FEATURING



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ARTIST

FEATURING

FEATURING



Dr. Anino Emuwa
FOUNDER, 100 WOMEN @ DAVOS

FEATURING

FEATURING



Jackie Jones
CHIEF OF STAFF & DIRECTOR,
GENDER EQUALITY DIVISION,
GATES FOUNDATION

FEATURING

FEATURING



Ebony Young
DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT,
QUEENS BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

FEATURING

FEATURING



Dr Alfree Breland-Noble
FOUNDER, THE AAKOMA PROJECT

FEATURING

FEATURING



Melanne Verveer
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR
WOMEN, PEACE, & SECURITY

FEATURING

FEATURING



Blessing Oyeleye Adesiyun
FOUNDER & CEO, CARING AFRICA

FEATURING

FEATURING



José Campi-Portaluppi
DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY
EQUIMUNDO

FEATURING

FEATURING



Richard Reeves
PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR BOYS & MEN

FEATURING

FEATURING



Nabila Aguele
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
MALALA FUND NIGERIA

FEATURING

FEATURING



Dr. Kateryna Levchenko
COMMISSIONER ON GENDER EQUALITY
UKRAINE

FEATURING

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Nidhi Shukla
PRESIDENT GIRL RISING

FEATURING

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Þorgerður Katrín Gunnarsdóttir
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ICELAND

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SECRETARY GENERAL
INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION

FEATURING

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Maria Sjödin
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OUTRIGHT INTERNATIONAL

FEATURING

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Michelle Hinchey
SENATOR, NEW YORK

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Michelle Harrison
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VERIAN GROUP

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VICE-PRESIDENT COSTA RICA (2018-2022)
PRESIDENT, CENTER OF SPORTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

FEATURING

FEATURING



Gary Barker
PRESIDENT & CEO
EQUIMUNDO, CENTER FOR
MASCULINITIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

FEATURING

FEATURING



Samantha Saperstein
FORMER CMO 3P MORGAN CHASE

FEATURING

FEATURING



Philana Mugenyi
FOUNDER & CO-CHAIR
50/50 WOMEN ON BOARDS AFRICA

FEATURING

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Georgia Levenson Keohane
CEO
SOROS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

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Anna Klein
PRESIDENT & FOUNDER,
ARK COLLECTIVE

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FOUNDER, #SHEPERSISTED

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Laura Liswood
SECRETARY GENERAL,
COUNCIL OF WOMEN WORLD LEADERS

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Nejla Lijas
CEO,
GLOBAL HEALTH VISIONS

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Collins Busuru
CEO CONSERVATION KENYA

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FILMMAKER, ALTERNATE IMAGE PRODUCTIONS

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FEATURING



Mariana Betsa
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER UKRAINE

FEATURING

FEATURING



JAKE STIKA
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NEXT GEN MEN

FEATURING

EXAMPLE
OF
SPEAKERS
2025



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

"We were impressed by the depth of commitment and leadership in the room. Sincere thanks for such an inspiring and well-curated gathering."

"Delivering an exceptional Forum, one that fostered meaningful dialogue and powerful momentum."

The Reykjavík Global Forum continues to be a vital platform for driving collective action, and I am inspired by the clarity and urgency of the Reykjavík Action Items."

"This was an extraordinary conference. The program dealt with real issues facing women world wide. We were able to have honest conversations and to discuss solutions to the problems. The invited women attendees were also extraordinary. They were all top of their fields and fascinating to talk to. Perhaps because we were all from varied backgrounds the conversational exchanges were enlightening."

96%
of attendees were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the Forum in 2025

"Each year, the Forum sets a new benchmark, and this year's gathering was truly transformational. The depth of conversations, the calibre of leaders present, and the intentionality behind every session created an atmosphere of learning, connection, and action."

"The entire event unfolded through such intentional storytelling, with each session building on the next and layering perspective, data, lived experience, and collective memory. The unveiling of the new Index was especially powerful, and the film screening at the end of Day 1 left the room feeling hopeful, grounded, and reminded of what's possible. You curated a space where women could connect, reflect, and recognise themselves in the stories around them. It felt both necessary and rare. It was a privilege to be there."

"I must say, it stands out as one of the best conferences I have attended"



GLOBAL EVENTS

The Reykjavik Global Community convenes throughout the year both at regional and global events such as Davos, UNGA, CSW & Cannes Lion. These range from round table discussions & breakfast meetings to larger receptions & panels discussions.

The community is notified through the RGF quarterly newsletter and further details can always be found on the website reykjavikglobal.com

OUR ACTION PACKED CALENDAR

We continuously focus on Women Leadership and the Reykjavik Action Items as we convene around the world. We look forward to seeing you in...

Event Title	Date	Location
REYKJAVIK GLOBAL FORUM	15-17 November 2026	Reykjavik, Iceland
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY	21-24 September 2026	New York, USA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN	10-14 March 2026	New York, USA
REYKJAVIK GLOBAL FORUM	10-11 November 2025	Reykjavik, Iceland

Other event themes visible in the collage include: POWER, TOGETHER FOR COMMUNITY!, REYKJAVIK CONVERSATIONS, ACTION, TOGETHER., and POWER, TOGETHER FOR CHANGE!.



VIRTUAL EVENTS

Our virtual events give the entire Reykjavík Global Community a chance to participate: to share best practices for addressing timely issues impacting women's leadership. These range from workshops deep-diving into specific topics with a target audience to large scale webinars, panels discussions and more

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REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

INTRODUCING
VIRTUAL EVENTS
BY REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL

LEADERSHIP IN CHALLENGING TIMES:
Best Practices and Collaborative Strategies for Women Leaders

featuring:
Katrín Jakobsdóttir,
Prime Minister of Iceland 2017-2024

Adela Raz,
Director of Afghanistan Policy Lab at Princeton

Abosede George-Ogan,
Founder & Executive Director,
Women in Leadership Advancement Network

moderated by:
Adrianne C. Smith, Founder, Inkwell Beach

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30TH '25
09-10 AM, ET

Introduction by: **Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir**,
Co-Founder & Chair Reykjavík Global

35 min panel discussion + 20 min facilitated questions

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: **theDifference.**

REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

INTRODUCING
VIRTUAL EVENTS
BY REYKJAVÍK GLOBAL

DEMOCRACY, RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS:
How Public-Private Partnerships and Women Leaders Can Advance Our Shared Goals in Challenging Times.

This conversation will build on the themes of the annual Reykjavík Global Forum, allowing members to build in-depth, year-round connections around interactive discussions on the most important international issues.

Registration & Information
reykjavikglobal.com/calendar

OUR VISION FOR 2026

2026

*A world where women lead equally,
influence meaningfully, and shape the
future across every sector of society.*

In 2026 our community will continue our work through our initiatives, activations and convenings globally with the support of our partners.

- Launch **Generation to Generation** Leadership Exchange initiative
- Deliver the most **solution-oriented convenings**: including the annual Forum 16-17 Nov 2026 as well as 14 global and virtual events
- Work with partners on **6 programme tracks** throughout the year ensuring maximum impact
- **Connecting Continents**: Grow our community of women leaders in the all continents, through regional focus and events, both in-person and virtual
- Expand our research through the Index and global partnerships & collaborations
- Launch **Action Item Playbook** for Progress

WHAT WE WILL DELIVER

KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVES



The 9th edition of the Reykjavik Index for Leadership, expanded to include new countries, deep dives and areas related to the Action Items

Partner up on further research benefiting the overall mission and the work of the Community

CONVERSATION CONVENINGS



Host minimum 6 Global Events during CSW, UNGA and regional events

Host quarterly virtual events to reach all parts of community

The 9th annual Forum to be the most solution-oriented to date

ACTION IMPACT



Launch Generation to Generation Leadership Exchange Programme

Publish Action Item Playbook

Expand Masterclass series

Launch Connecting Continents, ensuring community participation from all continents



INITIATIVES: OVERVIEW 2026





PROGRAMME TRACKS 2026

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP THEMES

PROGRAMME TRACKS



RESEARCH & HEALTH

A commitment to evidence-based understanding and improved well-being. This theme highlights the vital role of research in shaping effective health policies, advancing medical innovation, and strengthening systems that support women and communities worldwide.



SUSTAINABLE STABILITY

This theme highlights how enduring progress depends on the full participation and leadership of women, creating the foundations for resilient and inclusive societies. It underscores that when women shape decisions on climate, governance, peace & security, they help secure not only long-term stability but also a more peaceful and balanced future.



ECONOMIC GROWTH

In today's world, economies face new and complex challenges that directly affect economic growth, including employment levels, productivity and GDP. Addressing these challenges requires making full use of available human capital so that economies benefit from higher productivity, more sustainable growth, and stronger long-term economic outcomes.



POLICY & LAW

Focused on the frameworks that shape rights, governance, and long-term societal stability. This theme acknowledges the crucial role of policy and legislation in enabling change, protection freedoms, and creating environments where women's leadership can thrive.



INCLUSIVE INNOVATION

A call to design and deploy new solutions that reflect diverse voices and create shared benefits. This theme celebrates innovation and AI that is accessible, ethical, gender balanced and responsive to real-world needs, ensuring that progress serves society as a whole.



SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Discussing how responsibility, respect, and accountability are learned and practiced, the focus will be on men and boys as partners in creating fair and inclusive societies. The theme will reflect on positive leadership, role models, and everyday actions that drive change. Together, we emphasize that equality is a shared duty, not a solitary effort.



MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR & CO-FOUNDER

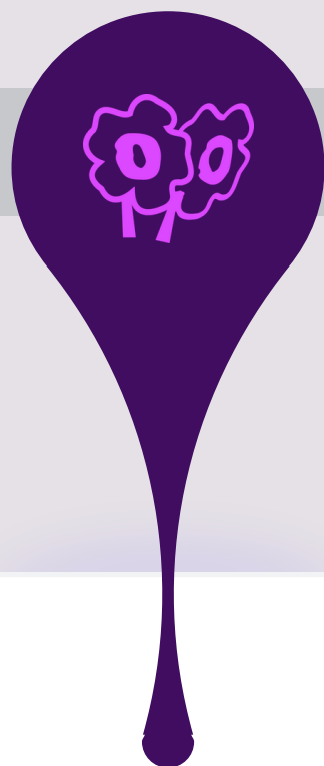
"Last year, we witnessed the remarkable power that emerges when compassion inspires action. Across every corner of our community, we saw leaders, partners, and friends come together with unwavering determination — not only to navigate challenges, but to transform them into opportunities for progress.

What unfolded was more than resilience; it was innovation, solidarity, and a shared belief that meaningful change is always within reach. Our achievements this year reflect the extraordinary potential of a community that chooses hope, acts with purpose, and understands that lasting impact is created when we lift one another up.

As we look ahead, we do so with renewed confidence in what is possible when we stand united — committed to more equal leadership, to each other, and to shaping a future where every voice can lead."

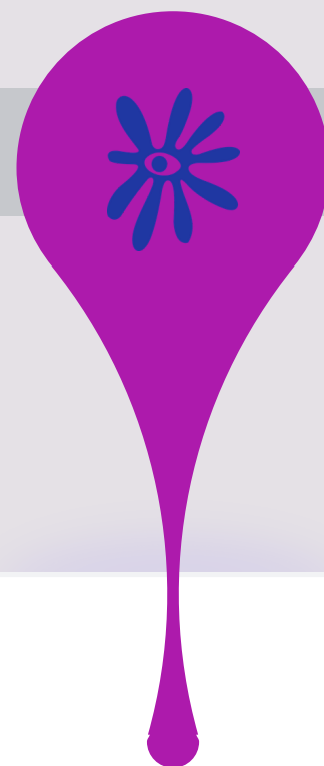
Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir
Co-Founder & Chair, Reykjavík Global

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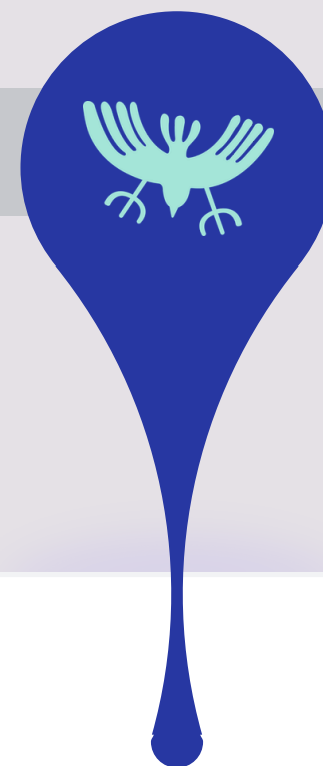
ORGANISATION PARTNERSHIP

We design custom, multi-touch activations with our global partners through events, initiatives, and co-curated programs.



CO-HOST AN EVENT WITH US

Partner with us to host an event on the Global Calendar, in our Virtual Events series, or a side event at the annual Forum.



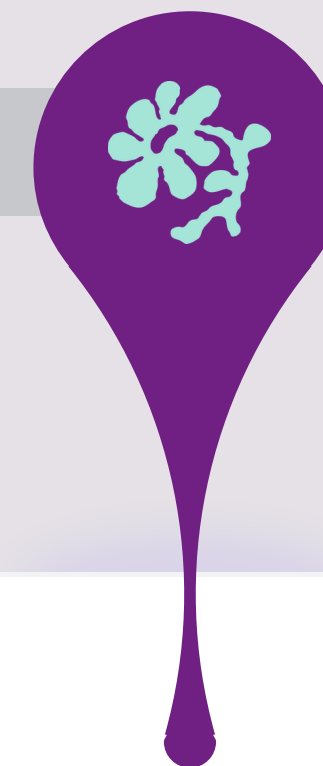
JOIN A PROGRAMME TRACK

In 2026, we have six Women in Leadership tracks, each offering opportunities for experts and partners to make an impact.



DONATE OR SPONSOR

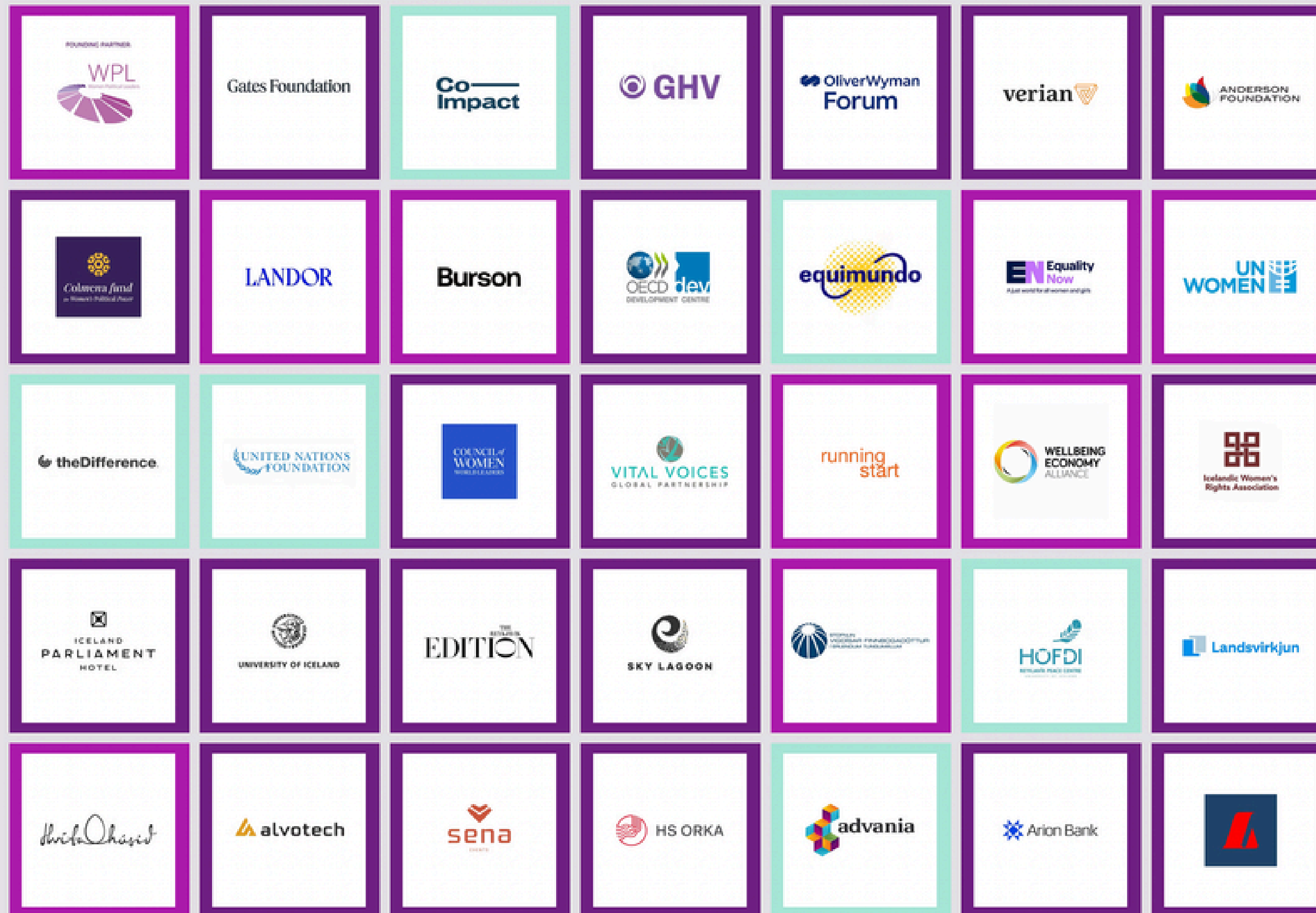
Contribute as a donor or sponsor, connect with our community, and participate in our events.



SUPPORT AN INITIATIVE

Engage with any of our six key initiatives, with opportunities spanning 1–5 years.

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS



POWER, TOGETHER.

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meaningfully, and shape the future across
every sector of society.**



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