



# Women's Deliver Conference June 3-6, 2019

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## **HSA inviting applications for members to participate in International Women Deliver Conference in Vancouver June 3 - 6, 2019**

HSA's Women's Committee is pleased to announce sponsorship for women HSA members to participate in an important international conference this June.

The Women Deliver Conference is the largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights and well-being of girls and women. The Women Deliver 2019 (WD2019) conference will look at the different issues affecting women's lives and will hone in on solutions and drive action in girls' and women's health - including maternal, sexual, and reproductive health and rights, education, environment, political participation, economic employment, human rights, gender-based violence, and access to resources. WD2019 will explore and challenge systems, barriers and opportunities for progress in power relates, including political, economic and social structures

The Women Deliver 2019 Conference - through the lens of "Power. Progress. Change." - will examine power operating at three levels:

The Individual's Power: Examine girls' and women's individual power, self-esteem and agency. And how to strengthen it.

Structural Power: Explore and challenge systems, barriers, and opportunities for progress in power relations, including political, economic, and social structures.

The Power of Movements: Dive into the power of movements, and how we can shape critical consciousness and marshal collective action for change.

The four-day conference will feature a number of international speakers including:

- Tarana J. Burke, founder of the MeToo movement. An activist and advocate for more than 25 years, Burke has worked at the intersection of racial justice and sexual violence.
- Carmen Barroso, PhD, Co-Chair of the Independent Accountability Panel appointed by the UN Secretary General to review the implementation of the Global Strategy on Women, Children and Adolescent's Health, 2016-2030
- Lina Abirafeh from the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW), who brings nearly 20 years of experience addressing gender issues in both development and humanitarian settings.
- Ailbhe Smyth, a long-time activist and campaigner on feminist, LGBTI+ and socialist issues. She lectured at University College Dublin for many years, where she was the founding head of Women's Studies.
- Canada's Minister for Women and Gender Equality Maryam Monsell, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

Additional information about the conference is available online at: <https://womendeliver.org/>

HSA Women's Committee is excited to offer women in the union the opportunity to attend this conference. The deadline for application is April 12, 2019. HSA will cover travel, accommodation, and wage replacement

for actual working days (no banked union leave). Applicants must be willing to attend and participate for the full four days of the conference, and submit a written report of the conference learnings to the HSA Board of Directors.

To apply for an opportunity to participate in this conference, please submit an expression of interest that includes the following:

- Demonstration of some level of activism in the union.
- Clearly identifying what you hope to get out of this conference.
- How you think that this will impact your leadership role in your union, profession, or community.
- Why you want to attend and why you think HSA should support your participation.

If you are an HSA member and woman and would like to participate in the conference, please send your expression of interest by email to Ashley Lopez by email at [alopez@hsabc.org](mailto:alopez@hsabc.org) by Friday April 12, 2019.

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